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Hogs & Pigs Report

On December 1, there were 16.4 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms. The December 1 inventory was up 100,000 from a year ago, but down 100,000 from September 1, 2005.

The September-November 2005 pig crop was 4.1 million head. A total of 455,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.0 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 440,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2005 – February 2006 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2006 period were estimated at 440,000 as of December 1, 2005. If realized, this would be equivalent to the sows farrowed during the same period in 2005.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04	2004	2005	'05 as % of '04
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	420	430	102	3,680	3,570	97	4,100	4,000	98
IA	1,070	1,070	100	15,230	15,330	101	16,300	16,400	101
MN	600	590	98	5,900	6,010	102	6,500	6,600	102
MO	340	345	101	2,560	2,405	94	2,900	2,750	95
NE	355	350	99	2,495	2,500	100	2,850	2,850	100
NC	1,020	1,010	99	8,880	8,790	99	9,900	9,800	99
US	5,969	6,011	101	55,005	55,186	100	60,975	61,197	100

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2004-2005 ¹

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>							
IL	1,410	1,300	830	860	770	740	670	670
IA	4,580	4,530	4,130	4,160	3,340	3,500	3,180	3,140
MN	2,250	2,320	1,420	1,460	1,250	1,200	980	1,030
MO	1,200	1,155	530	480	480	450	350	320
NE	970	980	650	660	470	470	405	390
NC	3,520	3,450	2,150	2,130	1,700	1,720	1,510	1,490
US	19,980	19,955	13,439	13,552	11,186	11,266	10,401	10,414

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

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