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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On December 1, there were 19.3 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, down 400,000 from September 1, 2009, and down 600,000 from a year ago.

The September-November 2009 pig crop was 4.90 million head. A total of 500,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 9.80 pigs per sow.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 500,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2009 – February 2010 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2010 period were estimated at 500,000 as of December 1, 2009.

United States: U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2008 and down 2 percent from September 1, 2009.

Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. The litter rate equaled the record for pigs saved per litter set during the June-August 2009 period. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for March-May 2010, at 2.94 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2008-2009 ¹

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08	2008	2009	'09 as % of '08
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
IL	490	480	98	3,860	3,870	100	4,350	4,350	100
IA	1,070	1,020	95	18,830	18,280	97	19,900	19,300	97
MN	580	560	97	6,920	6,840	99	7,500	7,400	99
MO	370	360	97	2,780	2,740	99	3,150	3,100	98
NE	380	370	97	2,970	2,780	94	3,350	3,150	94
NC	980	930	95	8,720	8,770	101	9,700	9,700	100
US	6,062	5,850	97	61,087	59,957	98	67,148	65,807	98

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2008-2009 ¹

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
IL	1,270	1,230	1,140	1,190	800	760	650	690
IA	4,730	4,530	5,880	5,800	4,500	4,530	3,720	3,420
MN	2,420	2,410	2,050	2,080	1,360	1,300	1,090	1,050
MO	1,200	1,160	700	655	490	465	390	460
NE	1,010	930	880	850	630	590	450	410
NC	3,020	3,150	2,290	2,200	1,770	1,770	1,640	1,650
US	19,428	19,085	17,396	17,062	12,731	12,529	11,533	11,282

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

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