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Hogs & Pigs Inventory

Iowa: On December 1, there were 18.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, down 500,000 from September 1, 2010, and down 100,000 from a year ago.

The September-November 2010 pig crop was 4.77 million head. A total of 475,000 sows farrowed with an average litter size of 10.05 pigs per sow, the highest average litter size on record for Iowa.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 460,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2010 – February 2011 quarter. Farrowing intentions for the March-May 2011 period were estimated at 470,000 as of December 1, 2010.

United States: United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory By Selected States and United States, December 1, 2009-2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09	2009	2010	'10 as % of '09
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Percent)
Illinois	480	480	100	3,770	3,820	101	4,250	4,300	101
Iowa	1,020	1,020	100	17,980	17,880	99	19,000	18,900	99
Minnesota	560	560	100	6,640	7,140	108	7,200	7,700	107
Missouri	360	355	99	2,740	2,545	93	3,100	2,900	94
Nebraska	370	375	101	2,730	2,725	100	3,100	3,100	100
North Carolina	930	840	90	8,670	7,960	92	9,600	8,800	92
United States	5,850	5,778	99	59,037	58,547	99	64,887	64,325	99

Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, Selected States, and United States, December 1, 2009-2010

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,200	1,230	1,150	1,180	730	730	690	680
Iowa	4,430	4,500	5,700	5,600	4,430	4,330	3,420	3,450
Minnesota	2,350	2,430	2,010	2,160	1,230	1,380	1,050	1,170
Missouri	1,160	1,065	655	605	465	410	460	465
Nebraska	880	910	850	830	600	570	400	415
North Carolina	3,090	2,850	2,200	1,970	1,760	1,660	1,620	1,480
United States	18,705	18,564	16,782	16,519	12,299	12,208	11,252	11,256