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Kansas Inventory up 17 Percent from Last Year

The March 1 inventory for **hogs and pigs** on Kansas farms totaled 1.72 million head, up 17 percent from March 1, 2003, and up 4 percent from December 1, 2003.

The number of hogs and pigs kept in herds for breeding, at 170,000 head, was up 6 percent from both last year and from December 1, 2003. Breeding stock accounted for 10 percent of all hogs and pigs. Market hogs accounted for the remaining 90 percent of the total inventory, at 1.55 million head. The number of market hogs in inventory was 18 percent higher than a year ago, and 4 percent above the December 1, 2003 number. Market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds totaled 530,000 head, up 23 percent from a year ago. The 60-119 pound weight group, at 285,000 head, was up 14 percent from a year ago. The 120-179 pound weight group totaled 310,000 head, up 24 percent from a year ago. The over 180 pound weight group totaled 425,000 head, up 12 percent from a year ago.

September-February Pig Crop

The September-February pig crop in Kansas totaled 1,436,000 head, an increase of 8 percent from a year ago. Sows farrowing during this period, at 165,000 head, were up 6 percent from the same period a year ago with an average pig per litter rate of 8.70. September-November farrowings of 81,000 sows were up 3 percent from a year ago, with an average of 8.70 pigs per litter. Farrowings during December-February, at 84,000 sows, were up 11 percent from the previous year, with a litter rate of 8.70 pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

Kansas farmers intend to farrow 85,000 sows in the March-May quarter, up 2 percent from the preceding year. For the June-August quarter, expected farrowings are estimated at 86,000 sows, up 8 percent from the previous year.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory, March 1, Seventeen Major States

State	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003	State	2003	2004	2004 % of 2003
	1,000 Head		Percent		1,000 Head		Percent
Arkansas	275	315	115	N.Carolina	9,600	9,900	103
Colorado	720	640	89	Ohio	1,440	1,520	106
Illinois	3,950	3,850	97	Oklahoma	2,370	2,350	99
Indiana	3,100	3,100	100	Pennsylvania	1,070	1,030	96
Iowa	15,000	15,500	103	S.Dakota	1,300	1,240	95
KANSAS	**1,470**	**1,720**	**117**	Texas	890	920	103
Michigan	870	930	107	Wisconsin	500	450	90
Minnesota	6,100	6,400	105				
Missouri	2,950	2,900	98	Other States	3,678	3,700	101
Nebraska	2,900	2,850	98	U.S.	58,183	59,315	102

U.S. Inventory up 2 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2004, was 59.3 million head. This was 2 percent above March 1, 2003, but 2 percent below December 1, 2003. Breeding inventory, at 5.92 million head, was down 2 percent from March 1, 2003, and 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 53.4 million head, was 2 percent above last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

Pig Crop

The December 2003-February 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent more than 2003, and up slightly from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.81 million head, 2 percent above last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.85 pigs for the December 2003-February 2004 period, compared to 8.81 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2004 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003, and 3 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings for June-August 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 2 percent below the same period in 2003 and 1 percent below 2002. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 35 percent last year.

REVISIONS: All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2003 through December 2003 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, adjustments of less than one half of one percent were made to the March 2003 and June 2003 total inventories. An adjustment of one percent was made to the September 2003 and December 2003 total inventories. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2002-February 2003 pig crop, March-May 2003 pig crop, and September-November 2003 pig crop. The June-August 2003 pig crop was adjusted 3 percent.

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Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number, March 1

	Kansas			United States		
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
Item	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003
All Hogs & Pigs	1,470	1,720	117	58,183	59,315	102
Breeding	160	170	106	6,017	5,915	98
Market	1,310	1,550	118	52,166	53,399	102
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight Group:						
Under 60 pounds	430	530	123	19,086	19,679	103
60-119 pounds	250	285	114	12,649	12,993	103
120-179 pounds	250	310	124	10,915	11,088	102
180 pounds & over	380	425	112	9,516	9,641	101

Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop

	Kansas			United States		
	2003	2004		2003	2004	
Item	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003	Number (000)	Number (000)	% of 2003
December-February						
Sows Farrowing	76	84	111	2,769	2,814	102
Pig Crop 1/	646	731	113	24,399	24,895	102
Pigs per Litter	8.50	8.70	102	8.81	8.85	100
March-May						
Expected Farrowing	83	85	102	2,885	2,852	99
June-August						
Expected Farrowing	80	86	108	2,906	2,851	98

1/ Number of pigs born December-February that were still on hand March 1 or had been sold.

For a detailed report on livestock market implications from Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist at Kansas State University, visit www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing.

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