



HOGS & PIGS

Kansas Inventory Up 4 Percent

The December 1 inventory for **hogs and pigs** on Kansas farms totaled 1.78 million head, up 4 percent from December 1, 2004 and 3 percent above September 1, 2005.

Hogs and pigs kept for breeding purposes totaled 160,000 head, up 3 percent from both last year and from September 1, 2005. Breeding stock accounted for 9.0 percent of all hogs and pigs. Market hogs accounted for the remaining 91.0 percent of the total inventory, at 1.62 million head. Market hog inventory was 4 percent above both a year ago and September 1, 2005. Market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds totaled 570,000 head, up 24 percent from a year ago. The 60-119 pound weight group, at 320,000 head, was down 3 percent from 2004. The 120-179 pound weight group totaled 310,000 head, down 9 percent from a year ago. The 180 pound and over weight group, at 420,000 head, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

June-November Pig Crop

The June-November pig crop totaled 1,461,000 head, 2 percent below a year ago. Sows farrowing during this period, at 167,000 head, were 2 percent below a year ago with an average litter rate of 8.75. June-August farrowings of 83,000 sows were 5 percent below a year ago with an average of 8.80 pigs per litter. Farrowings during September-November totaled 84,000 sows, a 1 percent increase from the previous year with a litter rate of 8.70 pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

Kansas farmers intend to farrow 87,000 sows in the December-February quarter, up 9 percent from the preceding year. For the March-May quarter, expected farrowings are estimated at 87,000 sows, up 5 percent from last year.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory, December 1, Seventeen Major States

State	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004	State	2004	2005	2005 % of 2004
	1,000 Head				1,000 Head		
			Percent				Percent
Colorado	800	840	105	Ohio	1,450	1,550	107
Illinois	4,100	4,000	98	Oklahoma	2,390	2,370	99
Indiana	3,200	3,200	100	Pennsylvania	1,080	1,090	101
Iowa	16,300	16,400	101	S.Dakota	1,340	1,480	110
KANSAS	1,710	1,780	104	Texas	990	930	94
Michigan	950	950	100	Virginia	375	490	131
Minnesota	6,500	6,600	102	Wisconsin	430	430	100
Missouri	2,900	2,750	95				
Nebraska	2,850	2,850	100	United States	60,975	61,197	100
N.Carolina	9,900	9,800	99				

U.S. Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2005, was 61.2 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from September 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.01 million head, was up 1 percent from both December 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.2 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 1 percent below last quarter.

2005 Pig Crop

The September-November 2005 **U.S.** pig crop, at 26.1 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004 and up 2 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, unchanged from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 for the September-November 2005 period, compared to 8.96 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

U.S. producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the December 2005-February 2006 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for March-May 2006, at 2.89 million sows, are up slightly from the same period in 2005, and up 1 percent from the same period in 2004.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2004 through September 2005 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one-half of one percent were made to the June 2005 total inventory, September 2005 total inventory, and to the March-May 2005 pig crop.



Farrowings Intentions: Number of Sows, 2005-2006 1/

Period	Kansas			United States		
	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005
Dec. <u>2/</u> -Feb.	80	87	109	2,835	2,877	101
March-May	83	87	105	2,882	2,890	100
December-May	163	174	107	5,716	5,767	101

1/ May not add due to rounding. 2/ December preceding year.

**Hogs and Pigs: Number on Farms, Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop
Kansas and U.S., 2004-2005**

Item	Kansas			United States		
	2004 Number (000)	2005 Number (000)	% of 2004	2004 Number (000)	2005 Number (000)	% of 2004
No. on farms Dec. 1						
All hogs and pigs	1,710	1,780	104	60,975	61,197	100
Kept for breeding	155	160	103	5,969	6,011	101
Market	1,555	1,620	104	55,005	55,186	100
Under 60 pounds	460	570	124	19,980	19,955	100
60-119 pounds	330	320	97	13,439	13,552	101
120-179 pounds	340	310	91	11,186	11,266	101
180 pounds & over	425	420	99	10,401	10,414	100
Sows Farrowing						
December <u>1/</u> -February	84	80	95	2,836	2,835	100
March-May	84	83	99	2,870	2,882	100
December-May <u>2/</u>	168	163	97	5,706	5,716	100
June-August	87	83	95	2,905	2,899	100
September-November	83	84	101	2,888	2,888	100
June-November <u>2/</u>	170	167	98	5,793	5,787	100
Pig Crop						
December <u>1/</u> -February	731	696	95	25,105	25,343	101
March-May	739	730	99	25,633	25,986	101
December-May <u>2/</u>	1,470	1,426	97	50,737	51,330	101
June-August	766	730	95	26,162	26,276	100
September-November	730	731	100	25,881	26,080	101
June-November <u>2/</u>	1,496	1,461	98	52,043	52,355	101
Annual Total	2,966	2,887	97	102,780	103,685	101
Pigs per Litter						
December <u>1/</u> -February	8.70	8.70	100	8.85	8.94	101
March-May	8.80	8.80	100	8.93	9.02	101
December-May	8.75	8.75	100	8.89	8.98	101
June-August	8.80	8.80	100	9.01	9.06	101
September-November	8.80	8.70	99	8.96	9.03	101
June-November	8.80	8.75	99	8.98	9.05	101

1/ December preceding year. 2/ May not add due to rounding.