



Kansas Inventory Up 2 Percent from Last Year

The March 1 inventory for **hogs and pigs** on Kansas farms totaled 1.72 million head, up 2 percent from March 1, 2005, but down 3 percent from December 1, 2005.

The number of hogs and pigs kept in herds for breeding, at 165,000 head, was up 6 percent from last year and up 3 percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding stock accounted for 10 percent of all hogs and pigs. Market hogs accounted for the remaining 90 percent of the total inventory, at 1.56 million head. The number of market hogs in inventory was up 2 percent from March 1, 2005, but 4 percent below the December 1, 2005 number. Market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds totaled 520,000 head, down 4 percent from a year ago. The 60-119 pound weight group, at 285,000 head, was up 12 percent from a year ago. The 120-179 pound weight group totaled 345,000 head, up 23 percent from a year ago. The over 180 pound weight group totaled 405,000 head, down 10 percent from a year ago.

September-February Pig Crop

The September-February pig crop in Kansas totaled 1,474,000 head, an increase of 3 percent from a year ago. Sows farrowing during this period, at 168,000 head, were up 3 percent from the same period a year ago with an average pig per litter rate of 8.77. September-November farrowings of 84,000 sows were up 1 percent from a year ago, with an average of 8.70 pigs per litter. Farrowings during December-February, at 84,000 sows, were up 5 percent from the previous year, with a litter rate of 8.85 pigs.

Farrowing Intentions

Kansas farmers intend to farrow 87,000 sows in the March-May quarter, up 5 percent from the preceding year. For the June-August quarter, expected farrowings are estimated at 85,000 sows, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Hogs and Pigs Inventory, March 1, Seventeen Major States

State	2005 1,000 Head	2006	2006 % of 2005 Percent	State	2005 1,000 Head	2006	2006 % of 2005 Percent
Arkansas	330	270	82	N.Carolina	9,700	9,500	98
Colorado	810	820	101	Ohio	1,500	1,530	102
Illinois	4,000	4,050	101	Oklahoma	2,380	2,330	98
Indiana	3,000	3,100	103	Pennsylvania	1,100	1,110	101
Iowa	16,100	16,300	101	S.Dakota	1,360	1,440	106
KANSAS	1,680	1,720	102	Texas	910	930	102
Michigan	920	960	104	Wisconsin	430	420	98
Minnesota	6,300	6,400	102	Other States	3,579	3,624	101
Missouri	2,850	2,700	95	U.S.	59,699	60,104	101
Nebraska	2,750	2,900	105				

U.S. Inventory up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006, was 60.1 million head. This was 1 percent above March 1, 2005, but 2 percent below December 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

Pig Crop

The December 2005-February 2006 U.S. pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was 1 percent more than 2005, and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.03 pigs for the December 2005-February

2006 period, compared to 8.94 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. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2004 and 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

REVISIONS: All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2005 through December 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 September 1, 2005 total inventory and the December 1, 2005 total inventory. An adjustment slightly larger than one-half of one percent was made to the June-August pig crop.



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Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number, March 1

Item	Kansas			United States		
	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005
All Hogs & Pigs	1,680	1,720	102	59,699	60,104	101
Breeding	155	165	106	5,941	6,025	101
Market	1,525	1,555	102	53,757	54,079	101
Market Hogs & Pigs by Weight						
Under 60 pounds	540	520	96	19,667	19,838	101
60-119 pounds	255	285	112	13,087	13,114	100
120-179 pounds	280	345	123	11,360	11,317	100
180 pounds & over	450	405	90	9,644	9,811	102

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

Item	Kansas			United States		
	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005	2005 Number (000)	2006 Number (000)	% of 2005
December-February						
Sows Farrowing	80	84	105	2,835	2,840	100
Pig Crop ^{1/}	696	743	107	25,343	25,654	101
Pigs per Litter	8.70	8.85	102	8.94	9.03	101
March-May						
Expected Farrowing	83	87	105	2,882	2,896	101
June-August						
Expected Farrowing	83	85	102	2,918	2,923	100

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

For economic analysis and market implications of this report, please go to www.agmanager.info/livestock/marketing/outlook/newsletters/default.asp and click on the latest Hog Outlook provided by Dr. Jim Mintert, Extension Ag Economist with KSU-Research & Extension Service.