



2008 March Hog Survey Results

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Dear Producer,

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Thank you for those who participated in the March Hog Survey, a nation wide survey of hog producers. These results have been sent to you courtesy of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Utah Field Office. For further results go to our website at www.usda.gov/nass/ or call us (800) 747-8522.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2008 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2007, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2007.

Breeding inventory, at 6.14 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.8 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

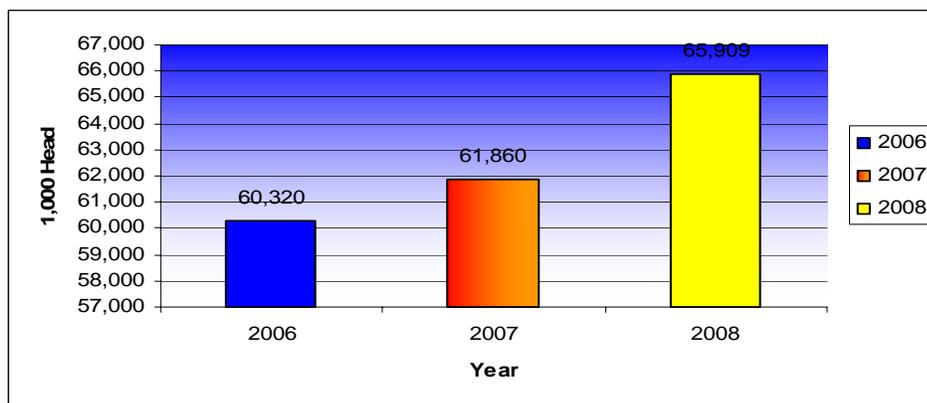
U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.05 million sows farrow during the March-May 2008 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, and up 4 percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for June-August 2008, at 3.04 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2007 but up 4 percent from 2006.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 40 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 39 percent last year.

Hogs and Pigs: Inventory by Class and Quarter, United States

	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Total Inventory	67,019	66,963	65,909
Kept for Breeding	6,149	6,161	6,138
Market	60,869	60,801	59,770

All Hogs & Pigs: Total Inventory-March 1st 2006, 2007, 2008



Sows Farrowed & Pig Crop, United States, 2006, 2007 and 2008

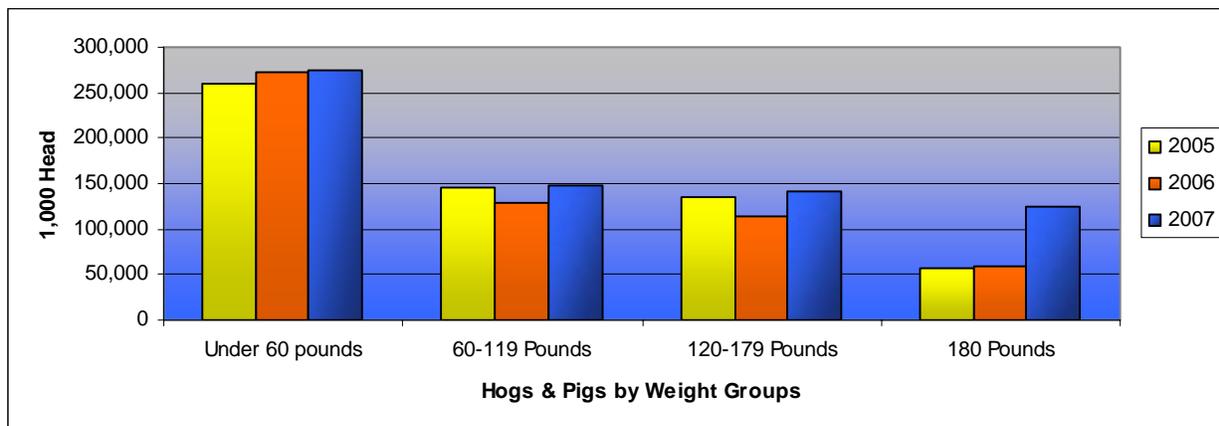
The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year.

	Sows Farrowed (1,000 head)			Pig Crop (1,000 head)			Pigs per Litter		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Dec-Feb ²	2,841	2,905	3,051 ²	25,662	26,396	28,094	9.03	9.09	9.21
Mar-May ³	2,927	3,033	3,047 ³	26,580	27,896		9.08	9.20	
Jun-Aug ³	2,912	3,114	3,037 ³	26,519	28,875		9.11	9.27	

2/ Preceding Year
3/Intentions for 2008

Hogs & Pigs by Weight Groups, United States, March 1st

The average pigs saved per litter was 9.21 for the December 2007-February 2008 period, compared to 9.09 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.



Pigs per Litter on Different Size Operations, United States, 2007-2008 ¹

Pigs per Litter on Operations Having						
	1-99	100-499	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+
	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head	Head
Dec 07 Feb-08 ^{2/}	7.50	8.20	8.40	8.70	9.10	9.30
Sep 07-Nov-07	7.50	8.20	8.60	8.90	9.20	9.30

1/ Pigs per litter rounded to the nearest tenth
2/ December preceding year