

U.S. Hog Inventory Up 2 Percent

Wisconsin's hog and pig inventory was 390,000 on September 1, 2008. This is down 30,000 from September 2007 and 10,000 from June 2008. Breeding hog inventory dropped 10 percent, or 5,000 head, from last year. The current breeding herd in the state is estimated at 45,000 head. Market hog numbers declined by 25,000 from last year to 345,000 head.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up 2 percent from September 1, 2007 and up 1 percent from June 1, 2008. Breeding Inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

During June-August, Wisconsin's pig crop was 218,000 head, a 6 percent decrease from the same time a year ago. Sows farrowing during the quarter totaled 24,000. These farrowings are down 2,000 from both a year ago and last quarter. Pigs per litter averaged 9.10, compared to 8.90 last year and 9.10 last quarter.

The June-August 2008 U.S. pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2007 and up 10 percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down 2 percent from 2007, but up 6 percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.51 for the June-August 2008 period, compared to 9.29 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, September 1

Selected states	Breeding 2008	Change 2008/07	Market 2008	Change 2008/07	Total hogs 2008	Change 2008/07
WI	1,000 head 45	Percent -10	1,000 head 345	Percent -7	1,000 head 390	Percent -7
IL	450	n.c.	3,950	5	4,400	+5
IN	300	-3	3,400	7	3,700	+6
IA	1,070	n.c.	18,730	5	19,800	+5
MI	100	n.c.	960	-3	1,060	-3
MN	570	-7	7,130	7	7,700	+5
NC	1,000	-3	9,300	-1	10,300	-1
US	6,049	-3	62,607	3	68,657	+2

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, June - August

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2008	Change 2008/07	Litter rate 2008	Pig crop 2008	Change 2008/07
WI	1,000 head 24	Percent -8	Number 9.10	1,000 head 218	Percent -6
IL	240	-2	9.45	2,268	+1
IN	145	-3	9.25	1,341	-2
IA	510	+6	9.40	4,794	+7
MI	53	-4	9.25	490	-3
MN	285	-3	9.80	2,793	n.c.
NC	560	-3	9.65	5,404	+2
US	3,076	-2	9.51	29,251	+1

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Farrowing Intentions

Selected states	Sept. - Nov. 2008	Change 2008/2007	Dec. 2008 - Feb. 2009	Change 2009/2008
WI	1,000 head 23	Percent -12	1,000 head 23	Percent -12
IL	240	-2	240	n.c.
IN	140	-10	145	-3
IA	510	-6	490	-4
MI	52	-2	53	+2
MN	275	-7	275	-4
NC	540	-5	540	-2
US	3,006	-5	2,983	-3

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO