

U.S. Hog Inventory Down 2 Percent

Wisconsin's hog and pig inventory was 340,000 on September 1, 2009. This is down 40,000 from September 2008 and 20,000 from June 2009. Breeding hog inventory, at 45,000, was unchanged from both last year and last quarter. Market hog numbers declined by 40,000 from last year to 295,000 head.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 was 66.6 million head. This was down 2 percent from September 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from June 1, 2009. Breeding Inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

During June-August, Wisconsin's pig crop was 210,000 head, a 4 percent decrease from the same time a year ago. Sows farrowing during the quarter totaled 23,000. These farrowings are down 1,000 from a year ago but same as last quarter. Pigs per litter averaged 9.15, compared to 9.10 last year and 9.10 last quarter.

The June-August 2009 U.S. pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008 and down 1 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2008 and down 5 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.70 for the June-August 2009 period, compared to 9.51 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Hogs and Pigs on Farms, September 1

Selected states	Breeding 2009	Change 2009/08	Market 2009	Change 2009/08	Total hogs 2009	Change 2009/08
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
WI	45	n.c.	295	-12	340	-11
IL	470	n.c.	3,780	-4	4,250	-3
IN	280	n.c.	3,320	n.c.	3,600	n.c.
IA	1,010	-6	18,590	-1	19,600	-1
MI	110	+10	940	-1	1,050	n.c.
MN	560	-2	6,740	-4	7,300	-4
NC	980	-2	9,020	-3	10,000	-3
US	5,874	-3	60,752	-2	66,626	-2

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Sows Farrowing and Pig Crop, June-August

Selected states	Sows farrowing 2009	Change 2009/08	Litter rate 2009	Pig crop 2009	Change 2009/08
	1,000 head	Percent	Number	1,000 head	Percent
WI	23	-4	9.15	210	-4
IL	245	+2	9.50	2,328	+3
IN	140	-3	9.50	1,330	-1
IA	475	-7	9.75	4,631	-3
MI	57	+8	9.60	547	+12
MN	275	-4	10.00	2,750	-2
NC	530	-5	9.70	5,141	-5
US	2,966	-4	9.70	28,772	-2

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO

Farrowing Intentions

Selected states	Sept. - Nov. 2009	Change 2009/08	Dec. 2009-Feb. 2010	Change 2009/2008
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent
WI	22	-4	23	-4
IL	245	-4	245	-4
IN	145	n.c.	145	+4
IA	480	-4	480	-5
MI	56	+6	56	+6
MN	285	n.c.	285	n.c.
NC	530	+2	520	-2
US	2,935	-3	2,930	-3

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO