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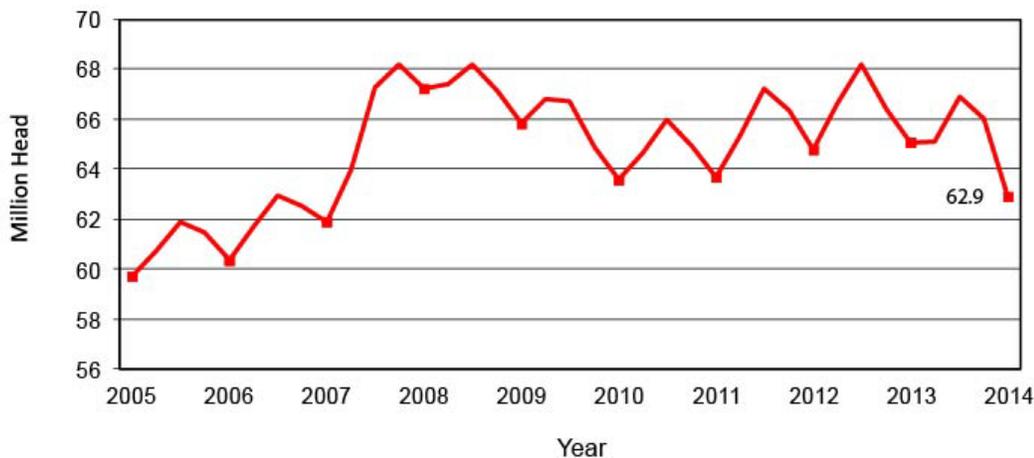
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## U.S. Hog and Pigs Inventory Lowest Since 2007

WASHINGTON, March 28, 2014 – As of March 1, there were 62.9 million head of hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, the lowest inventory since 2007, according to the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).



### U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory March 1, 2014



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Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 62.9 million head of hogs and pigs, 57.0 million were market hogs, while 5.85 million were slated for breeding.
- Between December 2013 and February 2014, 27.3 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, down 3 percent from the same time period in 2013.
- U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow between March and May 2014, and 2.96 million sows farrow between June and August 2014.
- From December 2013 through February 2014 the litter rate was 9.53.

- With 19.8 million head, Iowa hog producers had the largest inventory among the states. North Carolina and Minnesota had the second and third largest inventories with 8 million and 7.8 million head respectively.
- While the national hogs and pigs inventory decreased since March 2013, growers in South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska increased the number of hogs and pigs in their states.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the current state of the U.S. hogs and pigs industry, NASS surveyed nearly 7,800 operators across the nation during the first half of March. NASS interviewers collected the data by mail, telephone and through face-to-face personal interviews. NASS asked all participating producers to report their hogs and pigs inventories as of March 1, 2014.

The quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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