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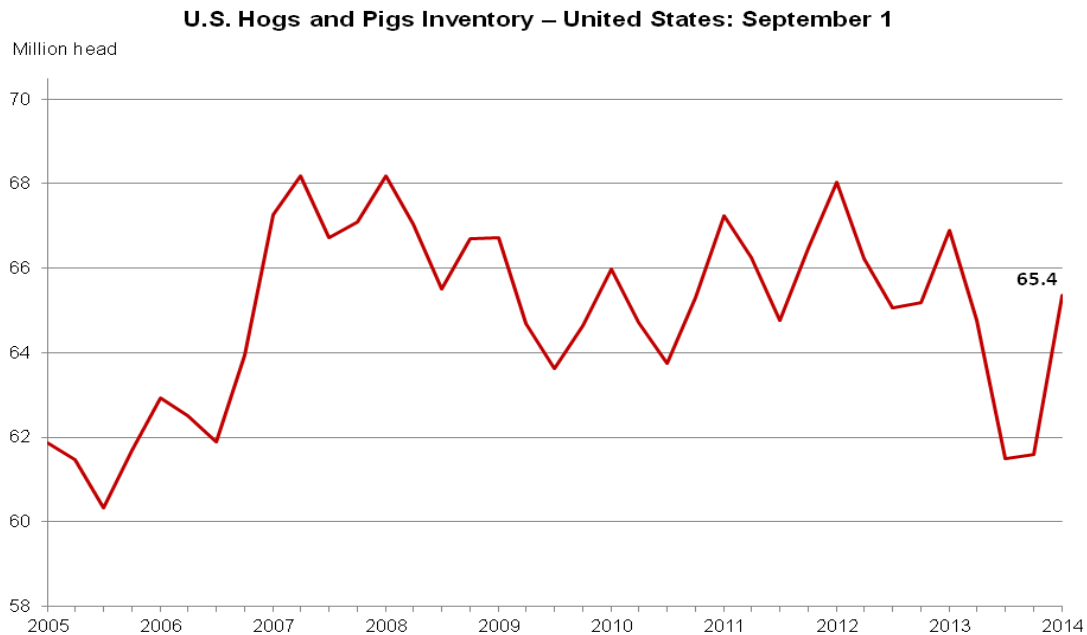
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U.S. Hogs and Pigs Inventory Down 2 Percent

WASHINGTON, September 26, 2014 – As of September 1, there were 65.4 million hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, down 2 percent from September 2013, but up 6 percent from June 1, according to the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).



Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 65.4 million hogs and pigs, 59.4 million were market hogs, while 5.92 million were kept for breeding.
- Between June and August 2014, 29.5 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, down 1 percent from the same time period in 2013.
- U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow between September and November 2014, and 2.87 million sows farrow between December 2014 and February 2015.

- From June through August 2014, U.S. hog and pig producers weaned an average of 10.16 pigs per litter.
- With 20.7 million head, Iowa hog producers had the largest inventory among the states. North Carolina and Minnesota had the second and third largest inventories with 8.4 million and 7.7 million head, respectively.
- While the national hogs and pigs inventory is down from September 2013, growers in Texas and South Dakota have 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 over 7,800 operators across the nation during the first half of September. 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 September 1, 2014.

The quarterly *Hogs and Pigs* report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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