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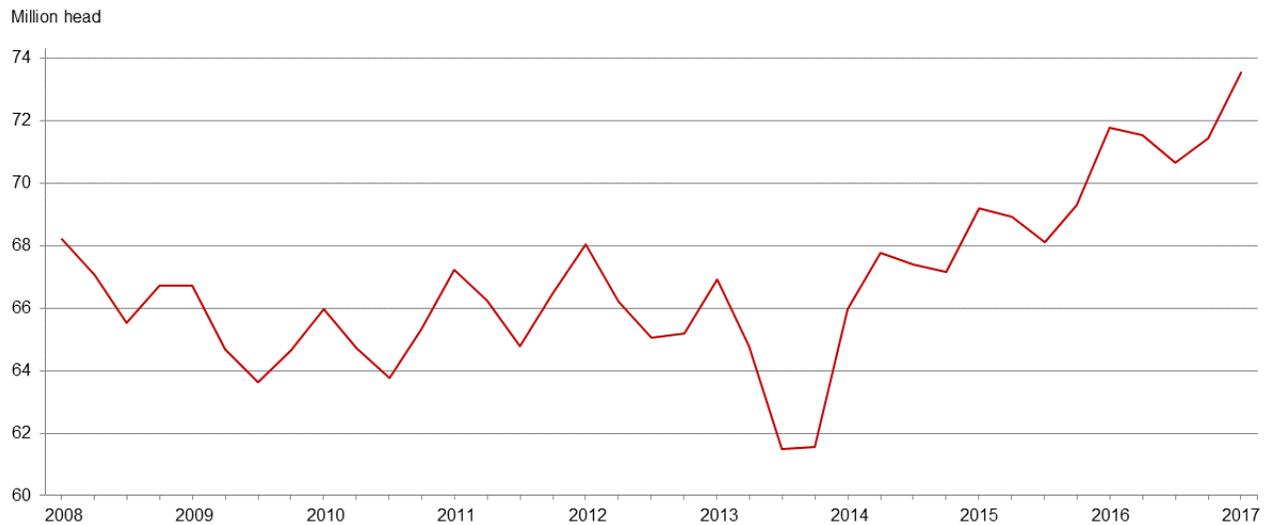
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United States Hog Inventory Up 2 Percent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28, 2017 – As of September 1, there were 73.5 million hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, up 2 percent from September 2016, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2017, according to the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: September 1



Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 73.5 million hogs and pigs, 67.5 million were market hogs, while 6.09 million were kept for breeding.
- Between June 2017 and August 2017, 33.0 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, up 2 percent from the same time period one year earlier.
- From June 2017 through August 2017, U.S. hog and pig producers weaned an average of 10.65 pigs per litter.

- U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow between September and November 2017, and 3.02 million sows farrow between December 2017 and February 2018.
- Iowa hog producers accounted for the largest inventory among the states, at 22.9 million head. North Carolina and Minnesota had the second and third largest inventories with 9.20 million and 8.20 million head, respectively.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the U.S. swine industry, NASS surveyed more than 7,500 operators across the nation during the first half of September. Data were collected by mail, telephone and through face-to-face interviews. All surveyed producers were asked to report their hog and pig inventories as of Sept. 1, 2017. The Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

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