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United States Hog Inventory Down 1%

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 2020 – As of Dec. 1, there were 77.5 million hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, down 1% from December 2019 and down 1% from Sept. 1, 2020, 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: December 1



Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 77.5 million hogs and pigs, 71.2 million were market hogs, while 6.28 million were kept for breeding.
- Between September and November 2020, 35.0 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, down 1% from the same time period last year.
- From September through November 2020, U.S. hog and pig producers weaned an average of 11.05 pigs per litter.

- U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow between December 2020 and February 2021, and 3.12 million sows farrow between March and May 2021.
- Iowa hog producers accounted for the largest inventory among the states at 24.8 million head. Minnesota had the second largest inventory at 9.40 million head. North Carolina was third with 9.00 million head.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the U.S. swine industry, NASS surveyed over 6,000 operators across the nation during the first half of December. The data collected were received by electronic data recording, mail, and telephone interviews. All surveyed producers were asked to report their hog and pig inventories as of Dec. 1, 2020.

In addition to ongoing quarterly hogs and pigs reports, NASS will conduct additional swine-related surveys in 2021. The Agricultural Resource Management Survey of costs and returns will reach a sample of swine producers by January. In the summer, the National Animal Health Monitoring System small and large swine operation study and a survey to monitor damage to livestock operations by feral swine will be conducted with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Hog and pig producers are encouraged to complete these surveys to help fellow producers and policymakers better understand the challenges facing the swine industry.

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

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