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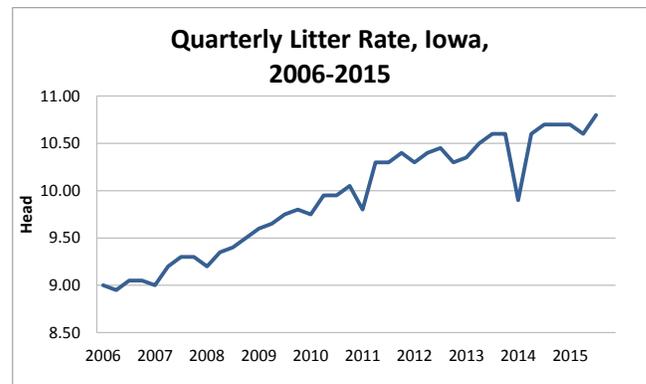
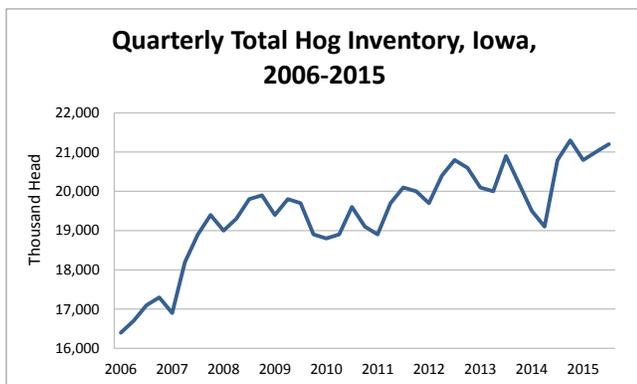
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On September 1, 2015, there were 21.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service *Hogs and Pigs* report. This is the second highest inventory since records began in 1870, behind only December 2014's inventory of 21.3 million. The September 1 inventory was up 1 percent from June and up 2 percent from last September's 20.8 million head.

The June-August quarterly pig crop was 5.40 million head, up 3 percent from the previous quarter, but 5 percent below last year. A total of 500,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.80 for the June-August quarter, a record high.

As of September 1, producers planned to farrow 490,000 head of sows and gilts in the September-November quarter and 485,000 head during the December 2015-February 2016 quarter.



Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: September 1, 2014-2015 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	510	500	98	4,140	4,250	103	4,650	4,750	102
Iowa	1,030	1,000	97	19,770	20,200	102	20,800	21,200	102
Minnesota	550	560	102	7,200	7,390	103	7,750	7,950	103
Missouri	390	400	103	2,460	2,650	108	2,850	3,050	107
Nebraska	390	410	105	2,710	2,790	103	3,100	3,200	103
North Carolina	870	880	101	7,530	7,820	104	8,400	8,700	104
United States	5,920	5,986	101	60,059	62,410	104	65,979	68,395	104

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: September 1, 2014-2015 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois	1,270	1,320	1,280	1,280	830	860	760	790
Iowa	5,510	5,310	6,470	6,530	4,470	4,910	3,320	3,450
Minnesota	2,610	2,550	2,190	2,200	1,400	1,490	1,000	1,150
Missouri	1,270	1,275	470	560	360	400	360	415
Nebraska	940	880	800	790	505	590	465	530
North Carolina	3,110	3,200	1,820	1,960	1,430	1,410	1,170	1,250
United States	20,390	20,291	17,458	17,986	12,112	13,080	10,098	11,053

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2015 was 68.4 million head. This was up 4 percent from September 1, 2014, and up 2 percent from June 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

Breeding inventory, at 5.99 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 62.4 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The June-August 2015 pig crop, at 30.6 million head, was up 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.94 million head, down 2 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.39 for the June-August period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2015 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, but up 5 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for December-February 2016, at 2.87 million sows, are down 1 percent from 2015, but up 4 percent from 2014.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 46 percent last year.

