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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – MARCH 1, 2021

COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2021 was 660,000 head, up 5 percent from December 1, 2020 but down 7 percent from last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Breeding inventory**, at 150,000 head, was down 5,000 head from the previous quarter and down 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 510,000 head, was up 7 percent from last quarter but down 8 percent from last year.

The December 2020-February 2021 **pig crop**, at 762,000 head, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 77,000 head, up 7 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.90 for the December-February period, compared with 10.30 last year.

UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2021 was 970,000 head, down 3 percent from December 1, 2020 but up 2 percent from last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Breeding inventory**, at 85,000 head, was down 5,000 head from the previous quarter but up 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 885,000 head, was down 3 percent from last quarter but up 2 percent from last year.

The December 2020-February 2021 **pig crop**, at 444,000 head, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 44,000 head, up 10 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.10 for the December-February period, compared with 11.00 last year.

UNITED STATES

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2021 was 74.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from March 1, 2020, and down 3 percent from December 1, 2020. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.21 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 68.6 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from last quarter.

The December 2020-February 2021 pig crop, at 33.3 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.94 for the December 2020-February 2021 period, compared to 11.00 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the March-May 2021 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 50 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 1 percent from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2020 through December 2020 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent.

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