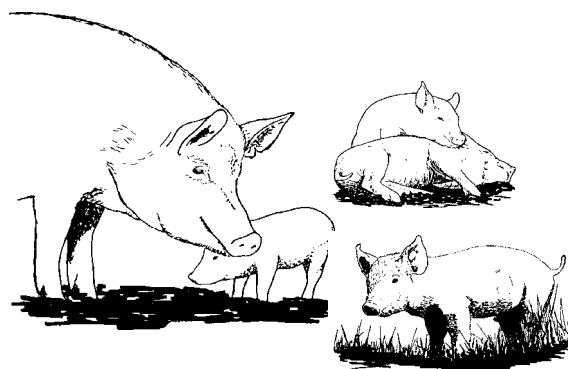


HAWAII HOGS December 1



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2003 HOG INVENTORY 4 PERCENT BELOW YEAR AGO

According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, the total number of hogs and pigs on Hawaii farms on December 1, 2003 was **23,000** head, down 1,000 and 4,000 head from a year ago and two years earlier, respectively. The inventory breakdown pegged the breeding hog category at 5,000 head and the market hog herd at 18,000 head.

The 2003 pig crop totaled 31,000 pigs, 1,000 and 6,000 fewer than 2002 and 2001, respectively. Farmers project farrowing 2,100 sows during the next 6-month period covering December 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. This is a decrease of 100 sows from the previous 6 months (June 1, 2003 to November 30, 2003) and unchanged from the same 6-month period a year earlier.

December 1, Inventory, State of Hawaii, 1999-2003

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs				
			Total	Under 60 pounds	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds
1999	28.0	5.0	23.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	3.0
2000	26.0	5.0	21.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	2.0
2001	27.0	6.0	21.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
2002	24.0	5.0	19.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	2.0
2003	23.0	5.0	18.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	2.0

Sows farrowing and pig crop, State of Hawaii, 1999-2004

Year	Sows farrowing		Pig Crop		Pigs per litter	
	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November
1999	2.6	2.5	18	18	7.2	7.4
2000	2.6	2.5	18	18	7.2	7.4
2001	2.4	2.5	18	19	7.4	7.7
2002	2.3	2.2	16	16	7.1	7.3
2003	2.1	2.2	15	16	7.0	7.2
2004 ²	2.1					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 2003 - May 2004.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2003, was 60.0 million head. This was 1 percent above December 1, 2002, but slightly below September 1, 2003.

- Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2002.
- Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was 1 percent above last year.

The September-November 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 25.3 million head, was 2 percent more than 2002.

- Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, 1 percent above last year.
- The average pigs saved per litter was 8.93 for the September-November period, compared to 8.83 pigs last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 2003-February 2004 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2003, but 1 percent below 2002. Intended farrowings for March-May 2004, at 2.85 million sows, are 1 percent below the same period in 2003 and 3 percent below 2002.

December 1 Inventory, United States, 2001-2003

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs				
			Total	Under 60 pounds	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds
			1,000 head				
2001	59,804	6,209	53,594	19,908	12,924	10,744	10,018
2002	59,513	6,012	53,501	19,461	13,054	10,881	10,105
2003	60,040	5,966	54,074	19,821	13,250	10,839	10,164

Sows farrowing and pig crop, United States, 2001-2004

Year	Sows farrowing		Pig Crop		Pigs per litter	
	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November
	1,000 head				Average number	
2001	5,619	5,767	49,472	51,031	8.81	8.85
2002	5,779	5,704	50,752	50,592	8.78	8.87
2003	5,645	5,660	49,942	50,464	8.85	8.92
2004 ²	5,652					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 2003 - May 2004.

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