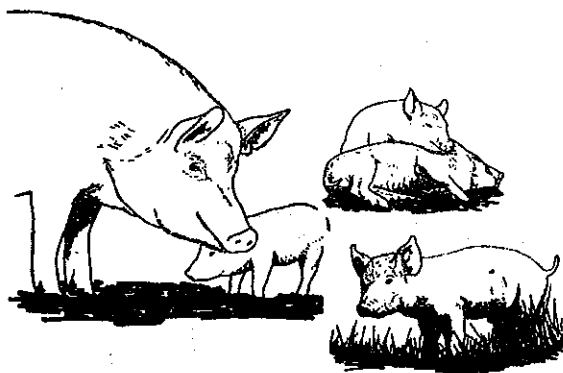


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1998 HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM YEAR AGO

According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, the total number of hogs and pigs on Hawaii farms on December 1, 1998 was 29,000 head unchanged from a year earlier but 1,000 head above two years ago. The inventory breakdown has the breeding hog category at 5,000 head and the market hog herd at 24,000 head.

Their were no major changes to any island's inventory. The only increase occurred on Maui county with a 200 head increase, while the county of Kauai registered no change in inventory. The islands of Hawaii and Oahu each recorded a decline of 100 head in their inventory.

The 1998 pig crop totaled 39,000 pigs, unchanged from 1997, but 6,000 less than during 1996. Farmers project farrowing 2,700 sows during the next 6-month period covering December 1, 1998 to May 30, 1999. This is unchanged from the previous 6 months (June 1, 1998 to November 30, 1998) but 100 above the same 6 month period a year earlier.

December 1, Inventory, State of Hawaii, 1996-98

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs				
			Total	Under 60 pounds	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds
1996	28.0	5.0	23.0	10.0	6.0	5.0	2.0
1997	29.0	5.0	24.0	11.0	6.0	5.0	2.0
1998	29.0	5.0	24.0	10.0	7.0	4.0	3.0

December 1, Total Hogs, by Island, State of Hawaii, 1996-98

Year	STATE	Hawaii	Kauai	Maui/Molokai/Lanai	Oahu
1996	28.0	2.6	4.0	5.9	15.5
1997	29.0	2.2	3.5	4.9	18.4
1998	29.0	2.1	3.5	5.1	18.3

Sows farrowing and pig crop, State of Hawaii, 1996-99

Year	Sows farrowing		Pig Crop		Pigs per litter	
	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November	December - May ¹	June - November
1996	3.6	4.2	24	21	6.8	6.5
1997	2.7	2.9	17	22	6.3	7.6
1998	2.6	2.7	19	20	7.4	7.4
1999	2.7					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 1996 - May 1997.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 1998, was 62.2 million head. This was 2 percent above December 1997, but 2 percent below September 1, 1998.

- Breeding inventory, at 6.67 million head, was down 4 percent from December 1, 1997.
- Market hog inventory, at 55.5 million head was 2 percent above last year.

The September-November 1998 U.S. pig crop at 25.9 million head was 2 percent more than 1997 and 11 percent more than 1996.

- Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.99 million head, 2 percent above last year.
- The average pigs per litter fell to an average of 8.65 pigs saved per litter for the September - November period.

U.S. producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the December 1998 - February 1999 quarter, 1 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1998, but 8 percent above 1997. Intended farrowings for March - May 1999 at 2.88 million sows, are 7 percent below the same period last year and 1 percent below 1997.

The number of operations with hogs totaled 114,380 during 1998, down 6 percent from last year and 20 percent below 1996. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 6 percent of the operations and 64 percent of the inventory. This is the third time operations with inventories over 2,000 head have controlled over 50 percent of the total inventory. Operations with over 5,000 head of inventory accounted for 42 percent of the total inventory.

December 1 Inventory, United States, 1996-98

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs					
			Total	Under 60 pounds	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds	
				1,000 head				
1996	56,124	6,578	49,546	18,503	12,193	10,209	8,641	
1997	61,158	6,957	54,200	20,237	13,319	11,188	9,457	
1998	62,156	6,672	55,483	20,000	13,641	11,640	10,203	

Sows farrowing and pig crop, United State, 1996-99

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	
1996	5,665	5,449	47,888	46,571	8.45	8.55
1997	5,595	5,884	48,394	51,190	8.65	8.70
1998	6,014	6,044	52,469	52,511	8.72	8.69
1999 ²	5,776					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 1998 - May 1999.

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