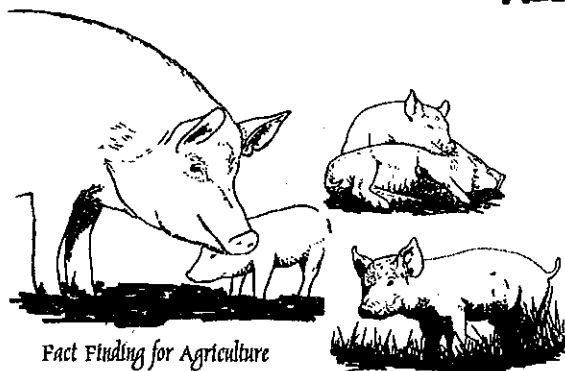


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1999 HOG INVENTORY DOWN 1,000 FROM YEAR AGO

According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics Service*, the total number of hogs and pigs on Hawaii farms on December 1, 1999 was 28,000 head, down 1,000 from both a year ago and two years earlier, respectively. The inventory breakdown has the breeding hog category at 5,000 head and the market hog herd at 23,000 head.

Declines in inventory occurred in two counties, with the largest decline occurring in the county of Kauai with 900 fewer hogs. The county of Maui recorded a decrease of 300 head from a year earlier. Increases of 100 head were registered in the counties of Hawaii and Honolulu.

The 1999 pig crop totaled 39,000 pigs, unchanged for the past two years. Farmers project farrowing 3,000 sows during the next 6-month period covering December 1, 1999 to May 30, 2000. This is an increase of 500 sows from the previous 6 months (June 1, 1999 to November 30, 1999) and 400 above the same 6-month period a year earlier.

December 1, Inventory, State of Hawaii, 1997-99

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs				
			Total	Under 60 pounds	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds
			1,000 head				
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
1999	28.0	5.0	23.0	9.0	7.0	4.0	3.0

December 1, Total Hogs, by Island, State of Hawaii, 1997-99

Year	STATE	Hawaii	Kauai	Maui/Molokai/Lanai	Honolulu
			1,000 head		
1997	29.0	2.2	3.5	4.9	18.4
1998	29.0	2.1	3.5	5.1	18.3
1999	28.0	2.2	2.6	4.8	18.4

Sows farrowing and pig crop, State of Hawaii, 1997-00

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	
1997	2.7	2.9	17	22	6.3	7.6
1998	2.6	2.7	19	20	7.4	7.4
1999	2.6	2.5	20	19	7.6	7.7
2000 ²	3.0					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 1999 - May 2000.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 4 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 1999, was 59.4 million head. This was 4 percent below December 1998, and 2 percent below September 1, 1999.

- Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was down 7 percent from December 1, 1998.
- Market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head was 4 percent below last year.

The September-November 1999 U.S. pig crop at 25.2 million head was 3 percent less than 1998 and 1 percent less than 1997.

- Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, 4 percent below last year.
- The average pigs per litter rose to an average of 8.78 pigs saved per litter for the September - November period.

U.S. producers intend to have 2.81 million sows farrow during the December 1999 - February 2000 quarter, 3 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, and 4 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for March - May 2000 at 2.83 million sows, are 5 percent below the same period last year and 8 percent below 1998.

The number of operations with hogs totaled 98,460 during 1999, down 14 percent from last year and 19 percent below 1997. Places with 2,000 or more hogs on hand accounted for 7 percent of the operations and 69 percent of the inventory. This is the fourth 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 46.5 percent of the total inventory.

December 1 Inventory, United States, 1997-99

Year	Total	Breeding	Market Hogs and Pigs				
			Total	Under 60 pounds 1,000 head	60 - 119 pounds	120 - 179 pounds	Over 180 pounds
1997	61,158	6,957	54,200	20,237	13,319	11,188	9,457
1998	62,206	6,682	55,523	20,140	13,631	11,585	10,168
1999	59,407	6,244	53,164	19,298	13,106	11,073	9,687

Sows farrowing and pig crop, United State, 1997-00

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	
1997	5,595	5,884	48,394	51,190	8.65	8.70
1998	6,014	6,047	52,469	52,535	8.72	8.69
1999	5,877	5,789	51,517	51,052	8.77	8.82
2000 ²	5,642					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 1999 - May 2000.

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