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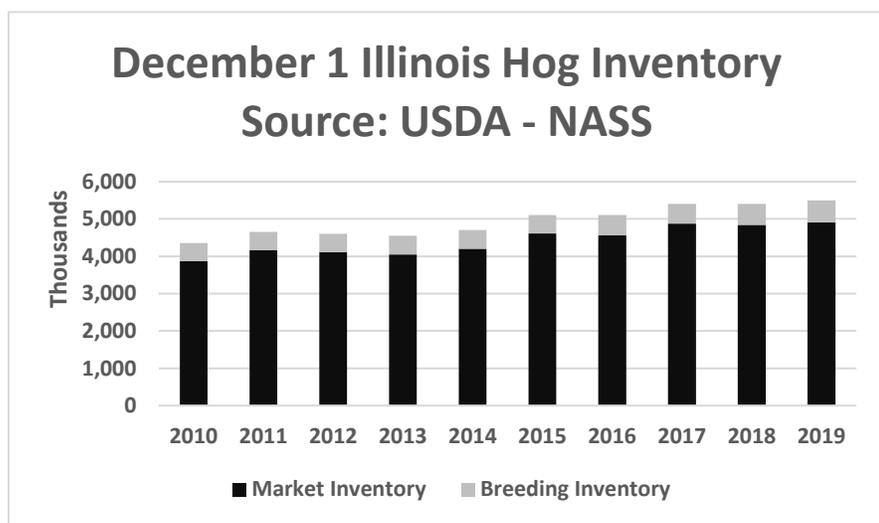


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USDA TO CONDUCT SURVEY ON HOG INVENTORY

[Springfield, Illinois] – In late November, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin surveying farmers in Illinois and across the U.S. to estimate hog and pig inventory. The survey will determine inventories as of December 1, the size of the pig crop over the last three months, and future farrowing intentions.



“NASS will mail questionnaires to farmers near the end of November. Farmers may return the survey by mail or online,” said Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. The USDA encourages farmers to respond online at the website www.agcounts.usda.gov, as it is secure, efficient and saves costs. “This quarterly survey provides valuable information about hog production to farmers and rural communities,” added

Schleusener. Farmers may be contacted by phone during December if they have not returned their survey by mail or online. “The survey shows that hog inventories in Illinois have been rising since 2013,” Schleusener explained.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. Results will be published in the **Hogs and Pigs Report**, to be released December 23, 2020, available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014.

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