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March Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 4.1 million head, up 350,000 head from a year ago, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 280,000 head, was up 20,000 hogs from last March. Market hog inventory, at 3.82 million head, was up 9 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter at 10.25 was up 0.05 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2017 was 71.0 million head. This was up 4 percent from March 1, 2016, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2016. Breeding inventory, at 6.07 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 64.9 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2016-February 2017 pig crop, at 31.4 million head, was up 4 percent from 2016. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.01 million head, up 3 percent from 2016. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.43 for the December-February period, compared to 10.30 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.50 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the March-May 2017 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2016, and up 5 percent from 2015. Intended farrowings for June-August 2017, at 3.05 million sows, are down slightly from 2016, but up 1 percent from 2015. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, the same as previous year.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, March 1, 2017

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			U.S.		
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	260	280	8	5,980	6,068	1
Market	3,490	3,820	9	62,144	64,908	4
Under 50 pounds	1,040	1,030	-1	19,897	20,617	4
50-119 pounds	980	1,050	7	17,198	17,902	4
120-179 pounds	730	860	18	13,819	14,570	5
180+ pounds	740	880	19	11,229	11,819	5
Total	3,750	4,100	9	68,124	70,976	4
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	140	145	4	2,927	3,010	3
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.20	10.25	0	10.30	10.43	1
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	1,428	1,486	4	30,139	31,400	4
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	131	145	11	2,968	3,010	1
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	145	140	-3	3,057	3,045	0

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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