



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 4.2 million head, up 200,000 head from a year ago according to Greg Matli, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 260,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 3,940,000 head, was up 5 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 10.60, up 0.25 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

United States breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The United States September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, December 1, 2018

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			United States		
	2017	2018	Change	2017	2018	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	260	0	6,179	6,326	2
Market	3,740	3,940	5	66,966	68,225	2
Under 50 pounds	980	1,010	3	21,407	21,599	1
50-119 pounds	1,040	1,200	15	18,544	18,932	2
120-179 pounds	775	820	6	13,925	14,412	3
180+ pounds	945	910	-4	13,089	13,282	1
Total	4,000	4,200	5	73,145	74,550	2
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	135	120	-11	3,103	3,158	2
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.35	10.60	2	10.74	10.76	0
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	1,397	1,272	-9	33,328	33,978	2
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	130	135	4	3,034	3,110	3
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	115	130	13	3,100	3,147	2

¹ Intentions.

² Upcoming year.

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