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March Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 4.15 million head, down 100,000 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, remained unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 3.89 million head, was up 3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2019 quarter was 10.20, compared to 10.45 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2019 was 74.3 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2018, but down slightly from December 1, 2018. Breeding inventory, at 6.35 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.9 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The December-February 2019 pig crop, at 33.0 million head, was up 3 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, up 2 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.70 for the December-February period, compared to 10.58 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2019 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for June-August 2019, at 3.19 million sows, are down slightly from 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, March 1, 2019

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			United States		
	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	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	6,210	6,349	2
Market	3,790	3,890	3	66,538	67,948	2
Under 50 pounds	965	990	3	20,942	21,456	2
50-119 pounds	1,140	1,100	-4	18,212	18,639	2
120-179 pounds	860	920	7	14,996	15,268	2
180+ pounds	825	880	7	12,387	12,585	2
Total	4,050	4,150	2	72,748	74,296	2
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	130	125	-4	3,034	3,084	2
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.45	10.20	-2	10.58	10.70	1
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	1,359	1,275	-6	32,101	32,999	3
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	115	130	13	3,100	3,119	1
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	125	130	4	3,200	3,191	0

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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