



# Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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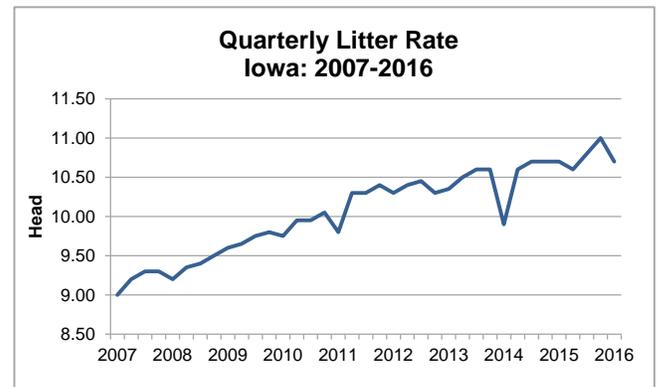
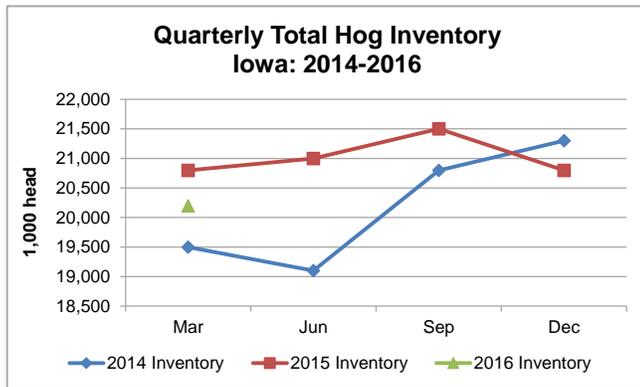
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On March 1, 2016, there were 20.2 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory was down 3 percent from both the previous quarter and the previous year.

The December 2015-February 2016 quarterly pig crop was 5.24 million head, down 7 percent from the previous quarter and 4 percent below last year. A total of 490,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.70 for the December-February quarter, down from 11.00 the previous quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 490,000 sows and gilts in the March-May quarter and 490,000 head during the June-August quarter.



## Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: March 1, 2015 and 2016 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15	2015	2016	'16 as % of '15
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois .....	490	500	102	4,260	4,600	108	4,750	5,100	107
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>19,770</b>	<b>19,220</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>20,800</b>	<b>20,200</b>	<b>97</b>
Minnesota .....	570	560	98	7,430	7,390	99	8,000	7,950	99
Missouri .....	400	385	96	2,500	2,565	103	2,900	2,950	102
Nebraska .....	420	420	100	2,730	2,930	107	3,150	3,350	106
North Carolina .....	890	880	99	7,710	7,820	101	8,600	8,700	101
United States .....	5,982	5,980	100	61,418	61,664	100	67,399	67,644	100

## Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: March 1, 2015 and 2016 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois .....	1,330	1,450	1,260	1,370	890	920	780	860
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>6,410</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,820</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>3,580</b>
Minnesota .....	2,600	2,500	2,050	2,280	1,550	1,530	1,230	1,080
Missouri .....	1,250	1,200	505	535	380	420	365	410
Nebraska .....	870	930	780	800	615	660	465	540
North Carolina .....	2,800	3,080	1,810	1,730	1,640	1,710	1,460	1,300
United States .....	19,454	19,382	17,129	17,263	13,580	13,744	11,255	11,274

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2016 was 67.6 million head. This was up slightly from March 1, 2015, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2015.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2015-February 2016 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was down slightly from 2015. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.30 for the December-February period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2016 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for June-August 2016, at 2.91 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2015, and down 3 percent from 2014.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

### Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1

Million head

