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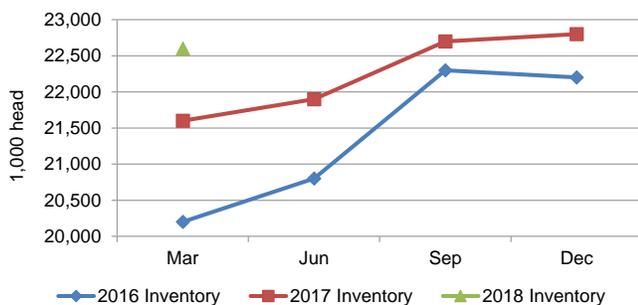
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On March 1, 2018, there were 22.6 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory is up 5 percent from the previous year.

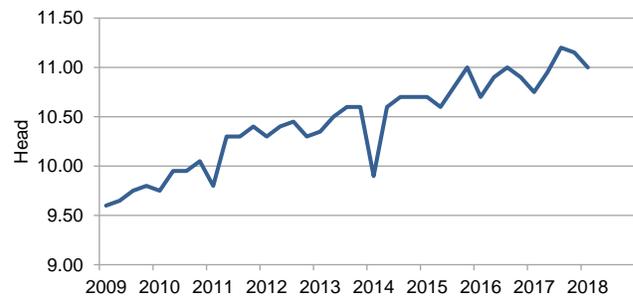
The December 2017-February 2018 quarterly pig crop was 6.16 million head, up 27,000 head from the previous quarter and 12 percent above last year. A total of 560,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.0, down slightly from last quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 550,000 sows and gilts in the March-May quarter and 560,000 head during the June-August quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2016-2018**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2009-2018**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2017 and 2018** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17	2017	2018	'18 as % of '17
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	540	540	100	4,710	4,760	101	5,250	5,300	101
Iowa	1,000	1,020	102	20,600	21,580	105	21,600	22,600	105
Minnesota	560	570	102	7,840	7,930	101	8,400	8,500	101
Missouri	445	455	102	2,655	2,995	113	3,100	3,450	111
Nebraska	415	420	101	2,885	3,030	105	3,300	3,450	105
North Carolina	880	900	102	8,320	8,000	96	9,200	8,900	97
United States	6,098	6,200	102	64,603	66,708	103	70,701	72,908	103

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2017 and 2018** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(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	1,530	1,465	1,460	1,465	920	990	800	840
Iowa	5,300	5,590	6,440	6,720	5,270	5,340	3,590	3,930
Minnesota	2,590	2,620	2,380	2,400	1,650	1,760	1,220	1,150
Missouri	1,350	1,455	515	560	400	530	390	450
Nebraska	920	1,040	735	775	650	670	580	545
North Carolina	3,140	3,250	1,860	1,720	1,800	1,690	1,520	1,340
United States	20,407	21,047	17,862	18,422	14,435	14,874	11,899	12,364

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2018 was 72.9 million head. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2017.

Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 66.7 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December-February 2018 pig crop, at 32.3 million head, was up 4 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.06 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.58 for the December-February period, compared to 10.43 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.08 million sows farrow during the March-May 2018 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for June-August 2018, at 3.16 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 48 percent the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through December 2017 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. The net revision made to the September 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was less than 0.1 percent. A revision of 0.6 percent was made to the June-August 2017 pig crop.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1

Million head

