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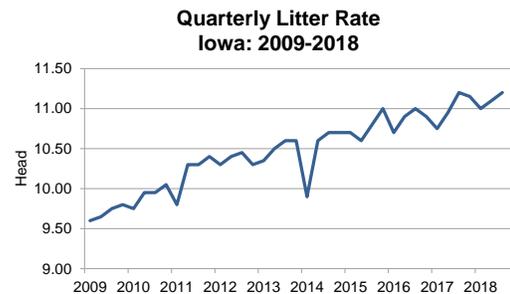
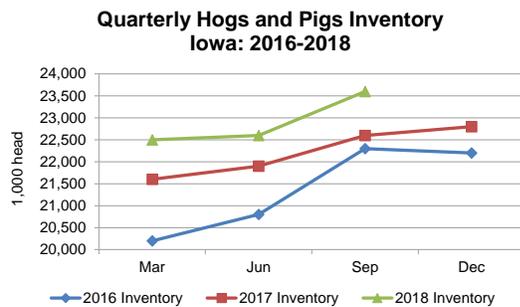
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On September 1, 2018, there were 23.6 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. This is the highest inventory on record, up 4 percent from the previous year.

The June-August 2018 quarterly pig crop was 6.38 million head, up 57,000 head from the previous quarter and 10 percent above last year. A total of 570,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.20 for the June-August quarter, unchanged from last year.

As of September 1, producers planned to farrow 560,000 sows and gilts in the September-November quarter and 540,000 head during the December 2018-February 2019 quarter.



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

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017	2017	2018	2018 as % of 2017
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	540	570	106	4,860	4,880	100	5,400	5,450	101
Iowa	980	1,040	106	21,620	22,560	104	22,600	23,600	104
Minnesota	550	580	105	7,750	8,020	103	8,300	8,600	104
Missouri	440	465	106	3,060	3,285	107	3,500	3,750	107
Nebraska	410	430	105	3,040	3,020	99	3,450	3,450	100
North Carolina	900	910	101	8,400	8,490	101	9,300	9,400	101
United States	6,117	6,330	103	67,192	69,156	103	73,309	75,486	103

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States: September 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	1,505	1,570	1,620	1,560	930	900	805	850
Iowa	5,640	5,850	7,210	7,650	5,070	5,260	3,700	3,800
Minnesota	2,630	2,690	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,730	1,120	1,100
Missouri	1,485	1,605	640	640	460	530	475	510
Nebraska	1,015	1,010	835	865	600	570	590	575
North Carolina	3,400	3,450	1,950	2,000	1,550	1,580	1,500	1,460
United States	21,533	22,092	19,757	20,262	13,874	14,356	12,028	12,445

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2018 was 75.5 million head. This was up 3 percent from September 1, 2017, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2018.

Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 69.2 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, and up 4 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2018 pig crop, at 34.2 million head, was up 3 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.19 million head, up 3 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 10.72 for the June-August period, compared to 10.65 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.16 million sows farrow during the September-November 2018 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for December-February 2019, at 3.12 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

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, up from 47 percent the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2017 through June 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.4 percent. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.1 percent. A revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of 0.2 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop. The net revision made to September 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the June-August 2017 pig crop.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: September 1

