



Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs



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On March 1, 2019, there were 23.5 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 4 percent from the previous year.

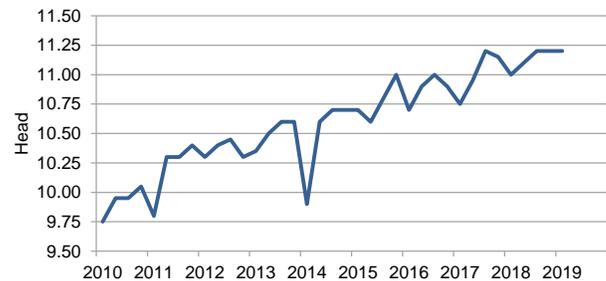
The December-February 2019 quarterly pig crop was 5.94 million head, down 5 percent from the previous quarter and 2 percent below last year. A total of 530,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.20, equal to last quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 530,000 sows and gilts in the March-May 2019 quarter and 560,000 head during the June-August 2019 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2017-2019**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2010-2019**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2018 and 2019** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18	2018	2019	'19 as % of '18
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	550	560	102	4,750	4,640	98	5,300	5,200	98
Iowa	1,020	1,030	101	21,580	22,470	104	22,600	23,500	104
Minnesota	570	580	102	7,930	8,120	102	8,500	8,700	102
Missouri	455	470	103	2,995	3,030	101	3,450	3,500	101
Nebraska	420	450	107	3,030	3,100	102	3,450	3,550	103
North Carolina	900	900	100	8,000	8,000	100	8,900	8,900	100
United States	6,210	6,349	102	66,538	67,948	102	72,748	74,296	102

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2018 and 2019** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	(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	1,465	1,435	1,465	1,515	980	1,000	840	690
Iowa	5,490	5,610	6,670	7,210	5,460	5,780	3,960	3,870
Minnesota	2,630	2,590	2,360	2,300	1,790	1,950	1,150	1,280
Missouri	1,455	1,525	560	540	530	505	450	460
Nebraska	1,040	1,060	775	850	670	670	545	520
North Carolina	3,240	3,190	1,720	1,650	1,710	1,590	1,330	1,570
United States	20,942	21,456	18,212	18,639	14,996	15,268	12,387	12,585

United States Hogs and Pigs

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.

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, unchanged from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2018 through December 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the June-August 2018 pig crop.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1

Million head

