



# Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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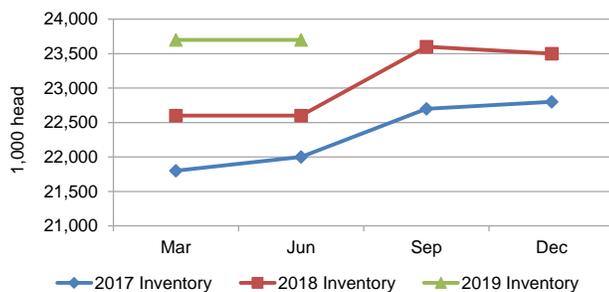
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On June 1, 2019, there were 23.7 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory is up 5 percent from the previous year and is a record high June 1 inventory. It also ties the all-time record set last quarter.

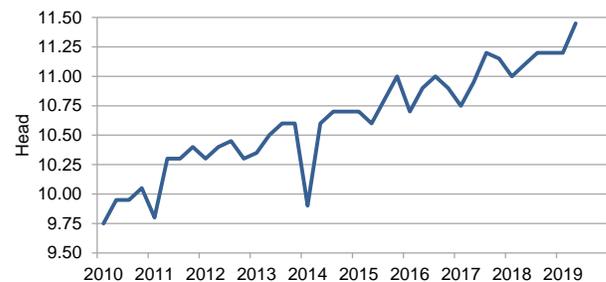
The March-May 2019 quarterly pig crop was 5.95 million head, down 2 percent from the previous quarter and 4 percent below last year. A total of 520,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.45 for the quarter. This is a record high pigs saved per litter for any quarter.

As of June 1, producers planned to farrow 525,000 sows and gilts in the June-August 2019 quarter and 550,000 head during the September-November 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:  
June 1, 2018 and 2019** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2018 (1,000 head)	2019 (1,000 head)	'19 as % of '18 (percent)	2018 (1,000 head)	2019 (1,000 head)	'19 as % of '18 (percent)	2018 (1,000 head)	2019 (1,000 head)	'19 as % of '18 (percent)
Illinois .....	570	590	104	4,780	4,710	99	5,350	5,300	99
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>21,560</b>	<b>22,700</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>22,600</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>105</b>
Minnesota .....	580	570	98	7,920	8,130	103	8,500	8,700	102
Missouri .....	460	480	104	3,040	3,070	101	3,500	3,550	101
Nebraska .....	430	460	107	3,070	3,240	106	3,500	3,700	106
North Carolina .....	910	900	99	7,990	8,300	104	8,900	9,200	103
United States .....	6,320	6,410	101	66,546	69,111	104	72,866	75,520	104

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:  
June 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 (1,000 head)	2019 (1,000 head)						
Illinois .....	1,550	1,435	1,460	1,500	930	950	840	825
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,560</b>	<b>5,850</b>	<b>7,080</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>5,400</b>	<b>3,720</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Minnesota .....	2,610	2,570	2,430	2,530	1,760	1,740	1,120	1,290
Missouri .....	1,505	1,540	590	530	475	500	470	500
Nebraska .....	1,050	1,100	840	860	600	630	580	650
North Carolina .....	3,370	3,370	1,840	1,830	1,450	1,500	1,330	1,600
United States .....	21,327	22,019	19,083	19,606	13,988	14,427	12,147	13,059

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2019 was 75.5 million head. This was up 4 percent from June 1, 2018, and up 1 percent from March 1, 2019. This is the highest June 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs since estimates began in 1964.

Breeding inventory, at 6.41 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 69.1 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter. This is the highest June 1 market hog inventory since estimates began in 1964.

The March-May 2019 pig crop, at 34.2 million head, was up 4 percent from 2018. This is the largest March-May pig crop since estimates began in 1970. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 3.11 million head, up slightly 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 11.00 for the March-May period, compared to 10.63 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.18 million sows farrow during the June-August 2019 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for September-November 2019, at 3.17 million sows, are up slightly from 2018, and up 2 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 June 2018 through March 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the September-November 2018 pig crop. The revision made to the March 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. A revision of 1.3 percent was made to the December 2018-February 2019 pig crop.

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

