



# Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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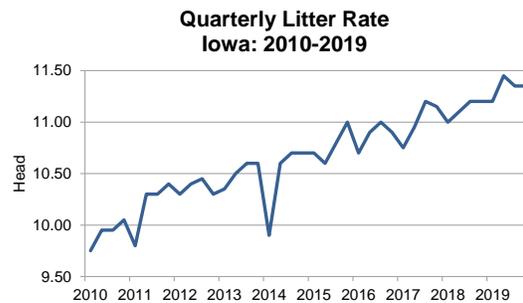
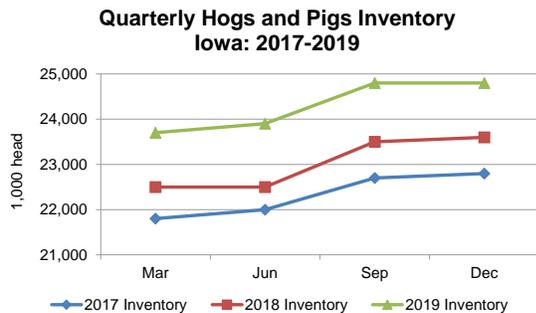
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On December 1, 2019, there were 24.8 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory is up 5 percent from the previous year, and is a record December 1 inventory.

The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.02 million head, down 113,000 head from the previous quarter and 6 percent below last year. A total of 530,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.35, equal to last quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 520,000 sows and gilts in the December 2019-February 2020 quarter and 520,000 head during the March-May 2020 quarter.



## Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 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 .....	560	590	105	4,840	4,760	98	5,400	5,350	99
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>22,580</b>	<b>23,790</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>23,600</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>105</b>
Minnesota .....	570	570	100	8,530	8,630	101	9,100	9,200	101
Missouri .....	470	490	104	3,180	2,760	87	3,650	3,250	89
Nebraska .....	440	440	100	3,110	3,310	106	3,550	3,750	106
North Carolina .....	900	900	100	8,300	8,300	100	9,200	9,200	100
United States .....	6,326	6,461	102	68,745	70,877	103	75,070	77,338	103

## Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States: December 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 .....	1,555	1,445	1,525	1,550	910	925	850	840
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>5,960</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>7,550</b>	<b>5,260</b>	<b>5,680</b>	<b>4,220</b>	<b>4,600</b>
Minnesota .....	2,880	2,780	2,510	2,580	1,830	1,800	1,310	1,470
Missouri .....	1,625	1,250	575	500	510	520	470	490
Nebraska .....	1,065	1,160	805	825	610	640	630	685
North Carolina .....	3,290	3,300	1,780	1,830	1,600	1,590	1,630	1,580
United States .....	21,858	22,128	19,369	19,696	14,323	14,976	13,195	14,076

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2019 was 77.3 million head. This was up 3 percent from December 1, 2018, but down slightly from September 1, 2019.

Breeding inventory, at 6.46 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 70.9 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2019 pig crop, at 35.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.17 million head, down 1 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 11.09 for the September-November period, compared to 10.76 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.13 million sows farrow during the December 2019-February 2020 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2020, at 3.15 million sows, are up slightly from the same period one year earlier, and up 3 percent from the same period two years earlier.

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, unchanged from the previous year.

### Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2018 through September 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.1 percent. The net revision made to the June 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the March-May 2019 pig crop. The net revision to the March 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent and 0.5 to the December 2018-February 2019 pig crop. The net revision to the December 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent and 1.5 percent to the September-November 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent and 0.4 percent to the June-August 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent and 1.8 percent to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent and 2.6 percent to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop.

### Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory - United States: December 1

