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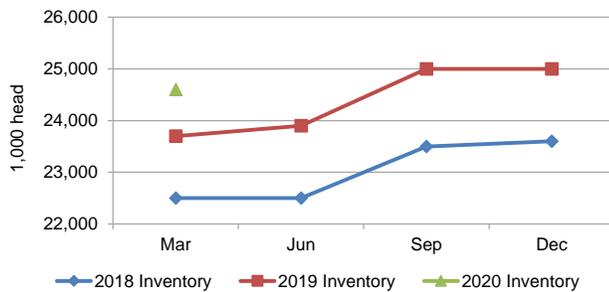
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On March 1, 2020, there were 24.6 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory is up 4 percent from the previous year.

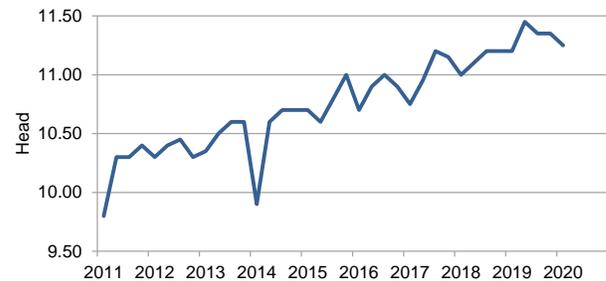
The December-February 2020 quarterly pig crop was 5.85 million head, down 5 percent from the previous quarter and 1 percent below last year. A total of 520,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.25, down 0.10 from the previous quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 510,000 sows and gilts in the March-May 2020 quarter and 510,000 head during the June-August 2020 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2018-2020**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2011-2020**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2019 and 2020** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19	2019	2020	'20 as % of '19
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	560	580	104	4,690	4,820	103	5,250	5,400	103
Iowa	1,030	980	95	22,670	23,620	104	23,700	24,600	104
Minnesota	580	560	97	8,220	8,740	106	8,800	9,300	106
Missouri	470	470	100	3,080	3,280	106	3,550	3,750	106
Nebraska	450	440	98	3,150	3,360	107	3,600	3,800	106
North Carolina	900	870	97	8,100	8,330	103	9,000	9,200	102
United States	6,349	6,375	100	68,313	71,254	104	74,661	77,629	104

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:
March 1, 2019 and 2020** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(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	1,415	1,370	1,555	1,605	1,000	1,045	720	800
Iowa	5,510	5,920	7,510	7,530	5,630	5,640	4,020	4,530
Minnesota	2,590	2,830	2,400	2,560	1,890	2,020	1,340	1,330
Missouri	1,555	1,520	560	670	505	595	460	495
Nebraska	1,060	1,140	880	905	690	710	520	605
North Carolina	3,190	3,210	1,700	1,810	1,590	1,700	1,620	1,610
United States	21,373	22,221	19,168	19,853	15,001	15,581	12,771	13,598

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2020 was 77.6 million head. This was up 4 percent from March 1, 2019, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2019.

Breeding inventory, at 6.38 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 71.3 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2019-February 2020 pig crop, at 34.7 million head, was up 5 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.00 for the December 2019-February 2020 period, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2020 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but up 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2020, at 3.13 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 1 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 49 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2019 through December 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent. A revision of 2.6 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent. A net revision of 3.0 percent was made to the June-August 2019 pig crop.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory - United States: March 1

