



# Iowa Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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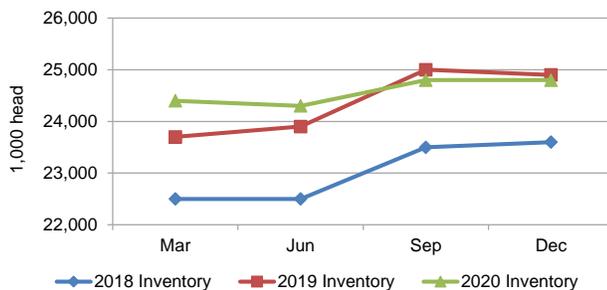
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On December 1, 2020, there were 24.8 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory is down 100,000 head from the previous year.

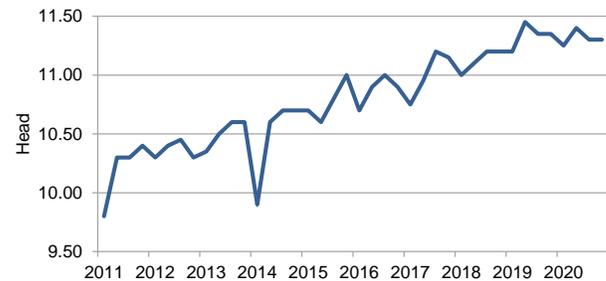
The September-November quarterly pig crop was 6.33 million head, equal to the previous quarter but 9% above last year. A total of 560,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.30, equal to last quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 530,000 sows and gilts in the December 2020-February 2021 quarter and 530,000 head during the March-May 2021 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:  
December 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 .....	590	570	97	4,860	4,880	100	5,450	5,450	100
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>23,890</b>	<b>23,820</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>24,800</b>	<b>100</b>
Minnesota .....	570	540	95	8,830	8,860	100	9,400	9,400	100
Missouri .....	490	450	92	2,860	3,300	115	3,350	3,750	112
Nebraska .....	440	430	98	3,360	3,220	96	3,800	3,650	96
North Carolina .....	900	840	93	8,500	8,160	96	9,400	9,000	96
United States .....	6,471	6,276	97	71,757	71,226	99	78,228	77,502	99

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:  
December 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 .....	1,455	1,440	1,630	1,550	965	1,040	810	850
<b>Iowa .....</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>5,800</b>	<b>7,720</b>	<b>7,620</b>	<b>5,750</b>	<b>5,790</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4,610</b>
Minnesota .....	2,750	2,840	2,770	2,760	1,860	1,840	1,450	1,420
Missouri .....	1,250	1,540	620	640	520	640	470	480
Nebraska .....	1,180	1,100	875	860	640	710	665	550
North Carolina .....	3,350	2,985	2,030	1,915	1,610	1,570	1,510	1,690
United States .....	22,048	21,739	20,636	20,260	15,256	15,246	13,816	13,980

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2020 was 77.5 million head. This was down 1% from December 1, 2019, and down 1% from September 1, 2020.

Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head, was down 3% from last year, and down 1% from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 71.2 million head, was down 1% from last year, and down 1% from last quarter.

The September-November 2020 pig crop, at 35.0 million head, was down 1% from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, down 1% from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50% of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.05 for the September-November period, compared to 11.09 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the December 2020-February 2021 quarter, up 2% from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1% from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 1% from the same period one year earlier, and down slightly 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% of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

### Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2019 through September 2020 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8%. A revision of 2.7% was made to the June-August 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.9%. A net revision of 0.8% was made to the March-May 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.9%. A net revision of 2.8% was made to the December 2019-February 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2%. A net revision of 1.0% was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop.

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

