



# News Release

## March Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 1.1 million head, up 100,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 990,000 head, was up 11 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter at 10.50 was up 1.30 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2015 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2014, but down slightly from December 1, 2014. Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 8 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The December 2014-February 2015 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up 9 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.17 for the December-February period, compared to 9.53 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.90 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the March-May 2015 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 2 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for June-August 2015, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2014, but up 1 percent from 2013.

### Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, March 1, 2015

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	110	110	0	5,851	5,982	2
Market	890	990	11	55,643	59,953	8
Under 50 pounds	275	280	2	17,336	18,959	9
50-119 pounds	190	210	11	15,487	16,509	7
120-179 pounds	225	260	16	12,538	13,290	6
180+ pounds	200	240	20	10,281	11,195	9
Total	1,000	1,100	10	61,494	65,934	7
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup>	49	51	4	2,763	2,829	2
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup>	9.20	10.50	14	9.53	10.17	7
Pig crop, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup>	451	536	19	26,326	28,758	9
Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>2</sup>	52	52	0	2,810	2,870	2
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug <sup>2</sup>	51	51	0	2,991	2,927	-2

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions.