



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 1.11 million head, down 60,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 1,000,000 head, was down 5.7 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter at 10.7 was up 0.5 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015 was 68.3 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2014, and up slightly from September 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988. Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.3 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The September-November 2015 pig crop, at 30.3 million head, was down 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 4 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 10.53 for the September-November period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.20 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the December-February 2016 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 3 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for March-May 2016, at 2.85 million sows, are down slightly from 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, December 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	5,939	6,002	1
Market	1,060	1,000	-6	61,838	62,297	1
Under 50 pounds	310	275	-11	19,801	19,508	-1
50-119 pounds	245	250	2	17,366	17,282	0
120-179 pounds	250	230	-8	13,000	13,210	2
180+ pounds	255	245	-4	11,671	12,296	5
Total	1,170	1,110	-5	67,776	68,299	1
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	53	50	-6	2,994	2,875	-4
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.20	10.70	5	10.23	10.53	3
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	541	535	-1	30,633	30,271	-1
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	52	49	-6	2,895	2,840	-2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	50	49	-2	2,854	2,850	0

¹ Intentions.

² Upcoming year.