



# News Release

## December Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 1.2 million head, down 10,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 1,060,000 head, was down 1 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 10.50, down 0.4 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018.

United States breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The United States September-November 2018 pig crop, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017.

### Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, December 1, 2018

| Hogs and pigs                          | Michigan          |                   |                | United States     |                   |                |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|  | 2017              | 2018              | Change         | 2017              | 2018              | 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                               | 120               | 120               | 0              | 6,179             | 6,326             | 2              |
| Market                                 | 1,070             | 1,060             | -1             | 66,966            | 68,225            | 2              |
| Under 50 pounds                        | 330               | 320               | -3             | 21,407            | 21,599            | 1              |
| 50-119 pounds                          | 240               | 280               | 17             | 18,544            | 18,932            | 2              |
| 120-179 pounds                         | 245               | 210               | -14            | 13,925            | 14,412            | 3              |
| 180+ pounds                            | 255               | 250               | -2             | 13,089            | 13,282            | 1              |
| Total                                  | 1,190             | 1,180             | -1             | 73,145            | 74,550            | 2              |
| Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov                 | 53                | 54                | 2              | 3,103             | 3,158             | 2              |
| Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov                   | 10.90             | 10.50             | -4             | 10.74             | 10.76             | 0              |
| Pig crop, Sep-Nov                      | 578               | 567               | -2             | 33,328            | 33,978            | 2              |
| Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb <sup>1 2</sup> | 53                | 55                | 4              | 3,034             | 3,110             | 3              |
| Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>1 2</sup> | 53                | 52                | -2             | 3,100             | 3,147             | 2              |

<sup>1</sup> Intentions.

<sup>2</sup> Upcoming year.