



News Release

September Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on September 1 was estimated at 1.22 million head, down 20,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, remained unchanged from last September. Market hog inventory, at 1.10 million head, was down 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the June to August quarter was 11.40, compared to 11.10 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2020 was 79.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2019, but down 1 percent from June 1, 2020. Breeding inventory, at 6.33 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 72.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2020 pig crop, at 35.1 million head, was down 3 percent from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.18 million head, down 3 percent from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.04 for the June-August period, compared to 11.11 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the September-November 2020 quarter, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for December 2020-February 2021, at 3.11 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, but up slightly from the same period two years earlier.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings – Michigan and United States: September 1, 2019 and 2020

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			United States		
	2019	2020	Change	2019	2020	Change
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Breeding	120	120	0	6,431	6,333	-2
Market	1,120	1,100	-2	72,153	72,766	1
Under 50 pounds	310	320	3	23,376	22,559	-3
50-119 pounds	310	300	-3	21,224	20,490	-3
120-179 pounds	225	230	2	14,654	15,547	6
180+ pounds	275	250	-9	12,899	14,169	10
Total	1,240	1,220	-2	78,583	79,099	1
Sows farrowed, Jun-Aug	55	54	-2	3,275	3,180	-3
Pigs/litter, Jun-Aug	11.10	11.40	3	11.11	11.04	-1
Pig crop, Jun-Aug	611	616	1	36,369	35,115	-3
Sows farrowing, Sept-Nov ¹	56	55	-2	3,265	3,118	-5
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	57	53	-7	3,158	3,111	-1

¹ Intentions.

² February succeeding year.