



News Release

March Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 1.22 million head, down 20,000 head from a year ago, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Regional Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Region. Breeding hog inventory, at 115,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 1.11 million head, was down 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2024 quarter was 11.40, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2024 was 74.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2023, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2023. Breeding inventory, at 6.02 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2023-February 2024 pig crop, at 33.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 3 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.53 for the December 2023-February 2024 period, compared to 11.02 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the March-May 2024 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2024, at 2.99 million sows, are down 2 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings: Michigan and United States, March 1, 2024

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			United States		
	2023	2024	Change	2023	2024	Change
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(Percent)
Breeding	115	115	0	6,146	6,016	-2
Market	1,125	1,105	-2	67,990	68,556	1
Under 50 pounds	330	330	0	20,444	20,749	1
50-119 pounds	305	295	-3	19,049	19,333	1
120-179 pounds	250	240	-4	15,749	15,804	0
180+ pounds	240	240	0	12,748	12,670	-1
Total	1,240	1,220	-2	74,136	74,571	1
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	55	53	-4	2,952	2,875	-3
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.70	11.40	7	11.02	11.53	5
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	589	604	3	32,537	33,148	2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	54	54	0	2,941	2,915	-1
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	55	52	-5	3,040	2,987	-2

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.