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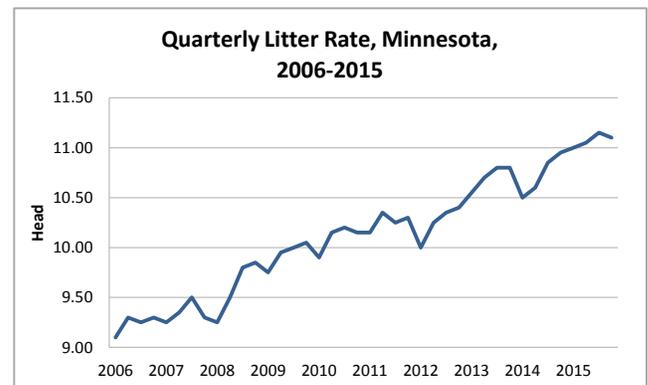
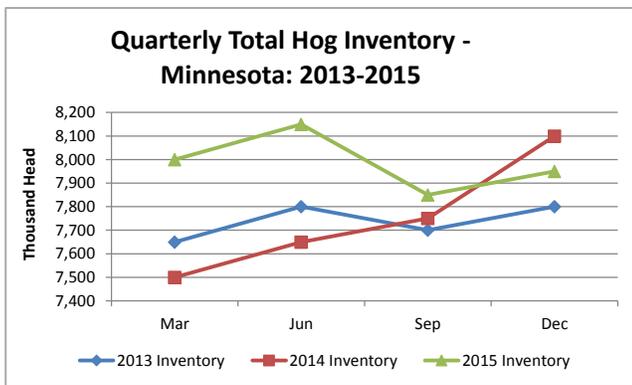
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On December 1, 2015, there were 7.95 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The December 1 inventory was up 1 percent from September but down 2 percent from last December's 8.10 million head.

The September-November pig crop was 3.11 million head, down 6 percent from the previous quarter. A total of 280,000 sows farrowed, down 5 percent from the previous quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.10 for the quarter, down slightly from September's record high 11.15 pigs saved per litter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 275,000 head of sows and gilts in the December 2015-February 2016 quarter and 275,000 head during the March-May 2016 quarter.



Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: December 1, 2014-2015 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14	2014	2015	'15 as % of '14
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	500	490	98	4,200	4,560	109	4,700	5,050	107
Iowa	1,010	1,030	102	20,290	19,770	97	21,300	20,800	98
Minnesota	560	560	100	7,540	7,390	98	8,100	7,950	98
Missouri	400	395	99	2,450	2,605	106	2,850	3,000	105
Nebraska	400	420	105	2,800	2,880	103	3,200	3,300	103
North Carolina	880	870	99	7,920	7,930	100	8,800	8,800	100
United States	5,939	6,002	101	61,838	62,297	101	67,776	68,299	101

Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: December 1, 2014-2015 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Illinois	1,360	1,390	1,180	1,330	800	910	860	930
Iowa	5,310	5,100	6,500	6,300	4,740	4,660	3,740	3,710
Minnesota	2,650	2,560	2,200	2,200	1,520	1,420	1,170	1,210
Missouri	1,170	1,240	470	525	380	400	430	440
Nebraska	950	950	840	750	535	580	475	600
North Carolina	3,010	2,950	1,830	1,880	1,580	1,590	1,500	1,510
United States	19,801	19,508	17,366	17,282	13,000	13,210	11,671	12,296

United States Hogs and Pigs

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.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

