



# Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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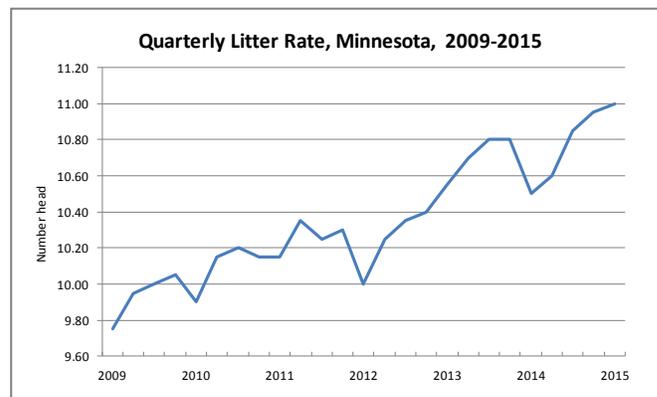
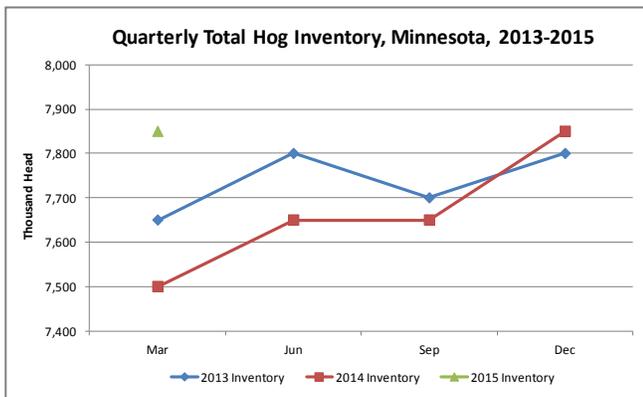
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On March 1, 2015 there were 7.85 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory was down 1 percent from December 2014 but up 5 percent from last March's 7.50 million head.

The December 2014-February 2015 pig crop was 3.03 million head, down 1 percent from the previous quarter. A total of 275,000 sows farrowed, down 5,000 head from the previous quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.00 for the quarter, the third consecutive quarter a record has been set.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 285,000 head of sows and gilts in the March-May quarter. Farrowing intentions for the June-August period were estimated at 290,000 as of March 1.



## Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States: March 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	3,750	4,160	111	4,250	4,650	109
Iowa .....	1,010	1,030	102	18,490	19,370	105	19,500	20,400	105
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>7,280</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,850</b>	<b>105</b>
Missouri .....	355	400	113	1,995	2,400	120	2,350	2,800	119
Nebraska .....	400	420	105	2,600	2,630	101	3,000	3,050	102
North Carolina .....	870	890	102	6,930	7,510	108	7,800	8,400	108
United States .....	5,851	5,982	102	55,643	59,953	108	61,494	65,934	107

## Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States: March 1, 2014-2015

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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 .....	1,070	1,290	1,100	1,200	810	890	770	780
Iowa .....	4,570	4,930	5,780	6,260	4,850	4,810	3,290	3,370
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>1,230</b>
Missouri .....	920	1,220	385	435	320	380	370	365
Nebraska .....	820	850	730	750	545	565	505	465
North Carolina .....	2,630	2,740	1,650	1,710	1,540	1,640	1,110	1,420
United States .....	17,336	18,959	15,487	16,509	12,538	13,290	10,281	11,195

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2015 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2014, but down slightly from December 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 8 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The December 2014-February 2015 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up 9 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, up 2 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 10.17 for the December-February period, compared to 9.53 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.90 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the March-May 2015 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 2 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for June-August 2015, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2014, but up 1 percent from 2013.

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, down from 48 percent last year.

