



# Minnesota Ag News – Hogs & Pigs

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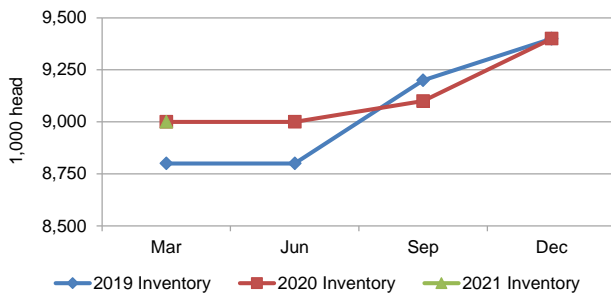
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On March 1, 2021, there were 9.00 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. The March 1 inventory is down 4% from the previous quarter but equal to last March.

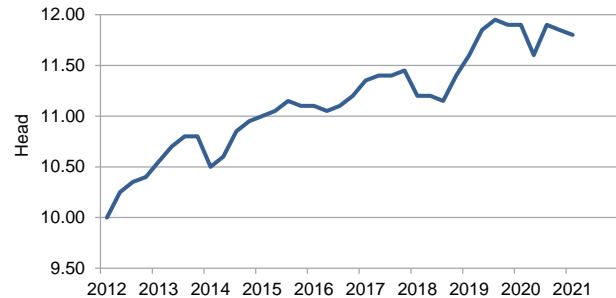
The December-February 2021 quarterly pig crop was 3.07 million head, down 11% from the previous quarter and down 5% from last year. A total of 260,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.80 for the quarter, down 0.05 from the previous quarter.

As of March 1, Minnesota producers planned to farrow 270,000 sows and gilts in the March-May quarter and 270,000 head during the June-August quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory  
Minnesota: 2019-2021**



**Quarterly Litter Rate  
Minnesota: 2012-2021**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:  
March 1, 2020 and 2021** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20	2020	2021	'21 as % of '20
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois .....	580	580	100	4,570	4,670	102	5,150	5,250	102
Iowa .....	980	940	96	23,420	22,860	98	24,400	23,800	98
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8,440</b>	<b>8,470</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>100</b>
Missouri .....	470	430	91	3,130	3,070	98	3,600	3,500	97
Nebraska .....	440	440	100	3,310	3,210	97	3,750	3,650	97
North Carolina .....	870	830	95	8,230	7,670	93	9,100	8,500	93
United States .....	6,375	6,215	97	69,804	68,558	98	76,179	74,773	98

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States and United States:  
March 1, 2020 and 2021** [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]

State	Under 50 pounds		50-119 pounds		120-179 pounds		180 pounds and over	
	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021
	(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 .....	1,260	1,305	1,515	1,530	995	1,060	800	775
Iowa .....	5,830	5,640	7,460	7,210	5,500	5,500	4,630	4,510
<b>Minnesota .....</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,420</b>
Missouri .....	1,440	1,480	630	565	565	595	495	430
Nebraska .....	1,130	1,100	885	850	690	710	605	550
North Carolina .....	3,150	2,990	1,780	1,660	1,690	1,520	1,610	1,500
United States .....	21,571	21,288	19,353	19,118	15,086	14,705	13,793	13,446

## United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2021 was 74.8 million head. This was down 2% from March 1, 2020, and down 3% from December 1, 2020.

Breeding inventory, at 6.21 million head, was down 3% from last year, and down 1% from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 68.6 million head, was down 2% from last year, and down 3% from last quarter.

The December 2020-February 2021 pig crop, at 33.3 million head, was down 1% from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.04 million head, down 1% from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48% of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.94 for the December 2020-February 2021 period, compared to 11.00 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the March-May 2021 quarter, down 3% from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 2% from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 4% from the same period one year earlier, and down 5% from the same period two years earlier.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 50% of the total United States hog inventory, up 1% from the previous year.

### Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2020 through December 2020 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2%.

### Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory - United States: March 1

