On March 1, 2022, there were 8.60 million hogs and pigs on Minnesota farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service - Hogs and Pigs report. Inventory was down 3 percent from the previous quarter and down 1 percent from the previous year.

The December 2021–February 2022 quarterly pig crop was 3.04 million head, down 9 percent from the previous quarter but up 3 percent from last year. A total of 260,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.70 for the quarter.

As of March 1, producers planned to farrow 280,000 sows and gilts in the March–May 2022 quarter and 275,000 head during the June–August 2022 quarter.
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United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2022, was 72.2 million head. This was down 2 percent from March 1, 2021, and down 3 percent from December 1, 2021.

Breeding inventory, at 6.10 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 66.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from last quarter.

The December 2021-February 2022 pig crop, at 31.7 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.95 for the December 2021-February 2022 period, compared to 10.94 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.99 million sows farrow during the March-May 2022 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2022, at 3.03 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 7 percent 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 49 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2021 through December 2021 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.1 percent. The net revision made to the September 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.6 percent. A net revision of 0.1 percent was made to the June-August 2021 pig crop.