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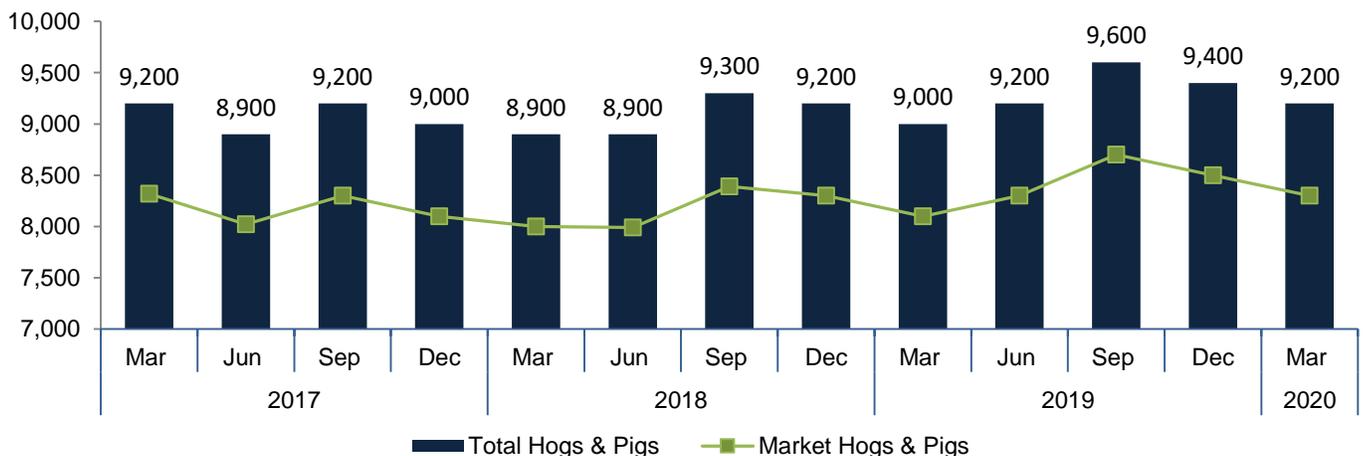
MARCH 2020 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2020 totaled 9.2 million head, down 2% from December 1, 2019. Market hogs, at 8.3 million head, were up 3% from last year and down 2% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 870,000 head, down 3% from both last year and last quarter. The State's pig crop during the December 2019 – February 2020 period totaled 4.73 million head, up 5% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 450,000 sows. Pigs saved per litter averaged 10.5 compared to the 9.9 pigs saved during the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 450,000 sows during both the March–May and June–August 2020 quarters. North Carolina ranks 3rd nationally in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	March 1 Inventory			December 1 Inventory		
	2019	2020	Percent Change	2018	2019	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
North Carolina						
All Hogs and Pigs	9,000	9,200	+2	9,200	9,400	+2
Breeding Hogs	900	870	-3	900	900	0
Market Hogs	8,100	8,330	+3	8,300	8,500	+2
Under 50 Lbs.	3,190	3,210	+1	3,290	3,400	+3
50-119 Lbs.	1,700	1,810	+6	1,780	1,930	+8
120-179 Lbs.	1,590	1,700	+7	1,600	1,610	+1
180 Lbs. and Over	1,620	1,610	-1	1,630	1,560	-4
United States						
All Hogs and Pigs	74,661	77,629	+4	75,070	78,658	+5
Breeding Hogs	6,349	6,375	0	6,326	6,471	+2
Market Hogs	68,313	71,254	+4	68,745	72,187	+5

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)



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