



# NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture  
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE  
NORTH CAROLINA FIELD OFFICE



Cooperating with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
PO Box 27767 - Raleigh, NC 27611  
E-mail: [ncagstat@ncagr.gov](mailto:ncagstat@ncagr.gov)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
April 2, 2024

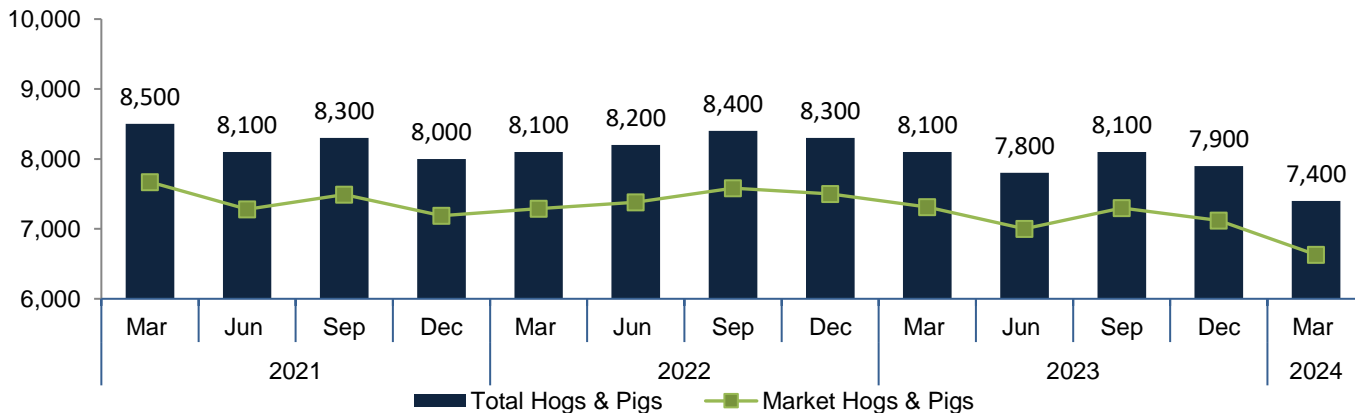
## MARCH 2024 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on March 1, 2024, totaled 7.4 million head, down 6% from last quarter and down 9% from last year. Market hogs, at 6.63 million head, were down 9% from the same quarter last year and down 7% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 770,000 head, down 3% from last year and down 1% from last quarter. The State's pig crop during the December 2023 – February 2024 period totaled 4.29 million head, down 2% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 385,000 sows. Pigs saved per litter averaged 11.15 up 4% from the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 390,000 sows during the March – May 2024 quarter and 395,000 sows during the June – August 2024 quarter. NC currently ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally, behind Iowa and Minnesota, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

### HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	March 1 Inventory			December 1 Inventory		
	2023	2024	Percent Change	2022	2023	Percent Change
<i>Thousand Head</i> +/- <i>Thousand Head</i> +/-						
<b>North Carolina</b>						
All Hogs and Pigs	8,100	7,400	-9	8,300	7,900	-5
Breeding Hogs	790	770	-3	800	780	-2
Market Hogs	7,310	6,630	-9	7,500	7,120	-5
Under 50 Lbs.	2,730	2,600	-5	2,950	2,760	-6
50-119 Lbs.	1,580	1,450	-8	1,700	1,520	-11
120-179 Lbs.	1,570	1,350	-14	1,430	1,370	-4
180 Lbs. and Over	1,430	1,230	-14	1,420	1,470	+4
<b>United States</b>						
All Hogs and Pigs	74,136	74,571	+1	74,956	75,816	+1
Breeding Hogs	6,146	6,016	-2	6,204	5,999	-3
Market Hogs	67,990	68,556	+1	68,752	69,818	+2

### NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)



NASS provides accurate, timely, and useful statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). Both national and state specific reports are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov) and click on "National" or "State" in upper right corner above "search" box to create an account and select the reports you would like to receive. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800) 727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET, or e-mail: [nass@usda.gov](mailto:nass@usda.gov)