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DECEMBER 2023 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, totaled 7.8 million head, down 4% from September 1. Market hogs, at 7.02 million head, are down 6% from last year and down 4% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 780,000 head, down 3% from last year and down 3% from September 1, 2023. The State's pig crop during the September - November 2023 period totaled 4.736 million head, up 1% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 410,000 sows, a 2% decrease from 2022. Pigs saved per litter averaged at 11.55, compared to 11.15 the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 395,000 sows during the December 2023 - February 2024 quarter and 400,000 sows during the March - May 2024 quarter. North Carolina currently ranks 3rd nationally, behind Iowa and Minnesota, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

	December 1 Inventory			September 1 Inventory		
			Percent			Percent
Item	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change
Thousand Head +/- Thousand Head						+1-
	North Carolina					
All Hogs and Pigs	8,300	7,800	-6	8,400	8,100	-4
Breeding Hogs	800	780	-3	820	800	-2
Market Hogs	7,500	7,020	-6	7,580	7,300	-4
Under 50 Lbs.	2,950	2,760	-6	3,080	2,990	-3
50-119 Lbs.	1,700	1,450	-15	1,630	1,570	-4
120-179 Lbs.	1,430	1,370	-4	1,440	1,390	-3
180 Lbs. and Over	1,420	1,440	+1	1,430	1,350	-6
	United States					
All Hogs and Pigs	74,956	74,971	0	74,525	75,323	+1
Breeding Hogs	6,204	5,999	-3	6,252	6,179	-1
Market Hogs	68,752	68,973	0	68,273	69,144	+1

HOG & PIG INVENTORY



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