



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 2.90 million head, up 200,000 head from a year ago, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 5 percent from last December. Market hog inventory, at 2,710,000 head, was up 8 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 10.80, up 0.30 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2017 was 73.2 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2016, but down slightly from September 1, 2017.

United States breeding inventory, at 6.18 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The United States September-November 2017 pig crop, at 33.4 million head, was up 3 percent from 2016. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.11 million head, up 2 percent from 2016. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.74 for the September-November period, compared to 10.63 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.90 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the December-February 2018 quarter, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 5 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for March-May 2018, at 3.08 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Ohio and United States, December 1, 2017

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			U.S.		
	2016	2017	Change	2016	2017	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	200	190	-5	6,110	6,179	1
Market	2,500	2,710	8	65,435	67,051	2
Under 50 pounds	750	760	1	20,887	21,447	3
50-119 pounds	660	760	15	18,102	18,549	2
120-179 pounds	600	660	10	13,786	14,105	2
180+ pounds	490	530	8	12,660	12,949	2
Total	2,700	2,900	7	71,545	73,230	2
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	96	100	4	3,046	3,109	2
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.50	10.80	3	10.63	10.74	1
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	1,008	1,080	7	32,372	33,399	3
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	91	93	2	2,986	3,070	3
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	97	94	-3	3,014	3,083	2

¹ Intentions

² Upcoming year

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