



News Release

March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was 2.9 million head, up 250,000 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 up 3 percent from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2,710,000 head, was up 10 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December to February quarter was 10.80, unchanged from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2018 was 72.9 million head. This was up 3 percent from March 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2017. Breeding inventory, at 6.20 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.7 million head, was up 3 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December-February 2018 pig crop, at 32.3 million head, was up 4 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.06 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.58 for the December-February period, compared to 10.43 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.08 million sows farrow during the March-May 2018 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for June-August 2018, at 3.16 million sows, are up 1 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Ohio and United States, March 1, 2018

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			U.S.		
	2017	2018	Change	2017	2018	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	185	190	3	6,098	6,200	2
Market	2,465	2,710	10	64,603	66,708	3
Under 50 pounds	690	700	1	20,407	21,047	3
50-119 pounds	730	730	0	17,862	18,422	3
120-179 pounds	625	690	10	14,435	14,874	3
180+ pounds	420	590	40	11,899	12,364	4
Total	2,650	2,900	9	70,701	72,908	3
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	91	91	0	2,986	3,057	2
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.80	10.80	0	10.43	10.58	1
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	983	983	0	31,146	32,341	4
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	97	91	-6	3,014	3,078	2
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	97	98	1	3,121	3,165	1

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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