



News Release

March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.6 million head, down 50,000 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, remained unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.41 million head, was down 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2019 quarter was 10.70, compared to 10.80 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2019 was 74.3 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2018, but down slightly from December 1, 2018. Breeding inventory, at 6.35 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.9 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The December-February 2019 pig crop, at 33.0 million head, was up 3 percent from 2018. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, up 2 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.70 for the December-February period, compared to 10.58 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2019 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 3 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for June-August 2019, at 3.19 million sows, are down slightly from 2018, but up 3 percent from 2017.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Ohio and United States, March 1, 2019

| Hogs and pigs | Ohio | | | United States | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | Change | 2018 | 2019 | 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 | 190 | 190 | 0 | 6,210 | 6,349 | 2 |
| Market | 2,460 | 2,410 | -2 | 66,538 | 67,948 | 2 |
| Under 50 pounds | 680 | 700 | 3 | 20,942 | 21,456 | 2 |
| 50-119 pounds | 610 | 610 | 0 | 18,212 | 18,639 | 2 |
| 120-179 pounds | 600 | 520 | -13 | 14,996 | 15,268 | 2 |
| 180+ pounds | 570 | 580 | 2 | 12,387 | 12,585 | 2 |
| Total | 2,650 | 2,600 | -2 | 72,748 | 74,296 | 2 |
| Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹ | 91 | 91 | 0 | 3,034 | 3,084 | 2 |
| Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹ | 10.80 | 10.70 | -1 | 10.58 | 10.70 | 1 |
| Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹ | 983 | 974 | -1 | 32,101 | 32,999 | 3 |
| Sows farrowing, Mar-May ² | 88 | 92 | 5 | 3,100 | 3,119 | 1 |
| Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ² | 89 | 95 | 7 | 3,200 | 3,191 | 0 |

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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