



News Release

March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.8 million head, up 150,000 head from a year ago, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 200,000 head, was up 10,000 from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.6 million head, was up 6 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2020 quarter was 11.00, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2020 was 77.6 million head. This was up 4 percent from March 1, 2019, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2019. Breeding inventory, at 6.38 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 71.3 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2019-February 2020 pig crop, at 34.7 million head, was up 5 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.00 for the December 2019-February 2020 period, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the March-May 2020 quarter, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but up 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2020, at 3.13 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Ohio and United States, March 1, 2020

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2019	2020	Change	2019	2020	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	200	5	6,349	6,375	0
Market	2,460	2,600	6	68,313	71,254	4
Under 50 pounds	720	750	4	21,373	22,221	4
50-119 pounds	640	690	8	19,168	19,853	4
120-179 pounds	520	580	12	15,001	15,581	4
180+ pounds	580	580	0	12,771	13,598	6
Total	2,650	2,800	6	74,661	77,629	4
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	93	100	8	3,099	3,158	2
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.70	11.00	3	10.70	11.00	2
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	995	1,100	11	33,163	34,734	5
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	98	103	5	3,133	3,119	0
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	102	100	-2	3,275	3,134	-4

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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