



News Release

September Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on September 1 was estimated at 2.60 million head, down 100,000 head from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was unchanged from last September. Market hog inventory, at 2.41 million head, was down 4 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the June to August quarter was 11.50, compared to 11.40 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2023 was 74.3 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2022, and up 2 percent from June 1, 2023. Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.2 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2023 pig crop, at 34.2 million head, was up slightly from 2022. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.95 million head, down 4 percent from 2022. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.61 for the June-August period, compared to 11.13 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the September-November 2023 quarter, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 4 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for December 2023-February 2024, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down slightly from the same period two years earlier.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings – Ohio and United States: September 1, 2022 and 2023

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	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	6,152	6,079	-1
Market	2,510	2,410	-4	67,973	68,241	0
Under 50 pounds	790	740	-6	21,893	21,913	0
50-119 pounds	640	610	-5	19,677	19,756	0
120-179 pounds	510	500	-2	14,013	14,110	1
180+ pounds	570	560	-2	12,390	12,463	1
Total	2,700	2,600	-4	74,125	74,319	0
Sows farrowed, Jun-Aug	95	95	0	3,062	2,949	-4
Pigs/litter, Jun-Aug	11.40	11.50	1	11.13	11.61	4
Pig crop, Jun-Aug	1,083	1,093	1	34,096	34,229	0
Sows farrowing, Sept-Nov ¹	95	99	4	3,092	2,930	-5
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	90	95	6	2,952	2,912	-1

¹ Intentions.

² February succeeding year.

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