



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 2.47 million head, up 240,000 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 up 20,000 from last December. Market hog inventory, at 2,280,000 head, was up 10.7 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter at 10.5 was up 0.15 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2015 was 68.3 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2014, and up slightly from September 1, 2015. This is the highest inventory of all hogs and pigs since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988. Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 62.3 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up slightly from last quarter. This is the highest market hog inventory since quarterly United States estimates began in 1988.

The September-November 2015 pig crop, at 30.3 million head, was down 1 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 4 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.53 for the September-November period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.20 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the December-February 2016 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 3 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for March-May 2016, at 2.85 million sows, are down slightly from 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Ohio and United States, December 1, 2015

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			U.S.		
	2014	2015	Change	2014	2015	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	170	190	12	5,939	6,002	1
Market	2,060	2,280	11	61,838	62,297	1
Under 50 pounds	590	610	3	19,801	19,508	-1
50-119 pounds	600	620	3	17,366	17,282	0
120-179 pounds	530	600	13	13,000	13,210	2
180+ pounds	340	450	32	11,671	12,296	5
Total	2,230	2,470	11	67,776	68,299	1
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	92	90	-2	2,994	2,875	-4
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.35	10.50	1	10.23	10.53	3
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	952	945	-1	30,633	30,271	-1
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	88	86	-2	2,895	2,840	-2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	89	85	-4	2,854	2,850	0

¹ Intentions

² Upcoming year

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