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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – MARCH 1, 2019

COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2019 was 790,000 head, up 5 percent from December 1, 2018 and up 1 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 155,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 635,000 head, was up 7 percent from last quarter and up 2 percent from last year.

The December 2018-February 2019 **pig crop**, at 718,000 head, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 78,000 head, up 8 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.20 for the December-February period, compared with 9.70 last year.

UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2019 was 750,000 head, up 49 percent from December 1, 2018 and up 6 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and up 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 670,000 head, was up 6 percent from last quarter and up 56 percent from last year.

The December 2018-February 2019 **pig crop**, at 368,000 head, was up 33 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 40,000 head, up 11 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.20 for the December-February period, compared with 7.70 last year.

UNITED STATES

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. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2018 through December 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the June-August 2018 pig crop.

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