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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on September 1, 2019 was 780,000 head, unchanged from June 1, 2019 and unchanged from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 160,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and up 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 620,000 head, was unchanged from last quarter and down 1 percent from last year.

The June-August 2019 **pig crop**, at 835,000 head, was up 10 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 78,000 head, down 3 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.70 for the June-August period, compared with 9.50 last year.

UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on September 1, 2019 was 960,000 head, up 16 percent from June 1, 2019 and up 59 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 880,000 head, was up 17 percent from last quarter and up 68 percent from last year.

The June-August 2019 **pig crop**, at 484,000 head, was up 13 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 44,000 head, up 13 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.00 for the June-August period, compared with 11.00 last year.

UNITED STATES

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2019 was 77.7 million head. This was up 3 percent from September 1, 2018, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2019. This is the highest September 1 inventory of all hogs and pigs since the estimates began in 1988. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.43 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 71.2 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter. This is the highest September 1 market hog inventory the estimates began in 1988.

The June-August 2019 pig crop, at 35.3 million head, was up 3 percent from 2018. This is the largest June-August pig crop since estimates began in 1970. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.18 million head, down 1 percent from 2018. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 11.11 for the June-August period, compared to 10.72 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.16 million sows farrow during the September-November 2019 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, but up 2 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for December 2019-February 2020, at 3.11 million sows, are down slightly from 2019, but up 2 percent from 2018.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2018 through June 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the June 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. The net revision made to the March 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.1 percent. A net revision of 1.0 percent was made to the December 2018-February 2019 pig crop.

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