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## QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – MARCH 1, 2020

### COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2020 was 740,000 head, down 3 percent from December 1, 2019 and down 8 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 155,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and unchanged from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 585,000 head, was down 3 percent from last quarter and down 9 percent from last year.

The December 2019-February 2020 **pig crop**, at 742,000 head, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 72,000 head, down 8 percent from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.30 for the December-February period, compared with 9.20 last year.

### UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2020 was 950,000 head, down 1 percent from December 1, 2019 but up 27 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 80,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter and unchanged from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 870,000 head, was down 1 percent from last quarter but up 30 percent from last year.

The December 2019-February 2020 **pig crop**, at 440,000 head, was up 20 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 40,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.00 for the December-February period, compared with 9.20 last year.

### UNITED STATES

**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. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 49 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 2 percent from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2019 through December 2019 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent. A revision of 2.6 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent. A net revision of 3.0 percent was made to the June-August 2019 pig crop.

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