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WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2020, was 3,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2019. Of the 3,000 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2019. The breakdown of the remaining 2,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 500 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 4,900 head, 9 percent less than the 2019 pig crop of 5,400 head. Sows farrowing from December 2019 through November 2020 totaled 600 head, down 14 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.17 pigs, up 6 percent from the 2019 average of 7.71 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2020 was 77.5 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2019, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2020.

Breeding inventory, at 6.28 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 71.2 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2020 pig crop, at 35.0 million head, was down 1 percent from 2019. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, down 1 percent from 2019. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.05 for the September-November period, compared to 11.09 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 3.12 million sows farrow during the December 2020-February 2021 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2021, at 3.12 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down slightly 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 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2019 through September 2020 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 2.7 percent was made to the June-August 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.9 percent. A net revision of 0.8 percent was made to the March-May 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.9 percent. A net revision of 2.8 percent was made to the December 2019-February 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2019 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent. A net revision of 1.0 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop.