WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2021, was 3,500 head, an increase of 500 head from December 1, 2020. Of the 3,500 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2020. The breakdown of the remaining 2,500 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 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

Annual pig crop totaled 5,800 head, 18 percent more than the 2020 pig crop of 4,900 head. Sows farrowing from December 2020 through November 2021 totaled 700 head, up 17 percent from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.29 pigs, up 1 percent from the 2020 average of 8.17 pigs per litter.

United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2021 was 74.2 million head. This was down 4 percent from December 1, 2020, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2021. Breeding inventory, at 6.18 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 68.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2021 pig crop, at 33.7 million head, was down 4 percent from 2020. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.01 million head, down 5 percent from 2020. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.19 for the September-November period, compared to 11.05 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the December 2021-February 2022 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but down 8 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2022, at 3.01 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 4 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 47 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2019 through September 2021 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. The net revision made to the June 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 3.3 percent. A net revision of 1.0 percent was made to the March-May 2021 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2021 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.1 percent. A net revision of 3.6 percent was made to the December 2020-February 2021 pig crop. The net revision made to the December 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision slightly upward was made to the September-November 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.3 percent. The net revision made to the June 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. A net revision of 0.9 percent was made to the March-May 2020 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2020 all hogs and pigs inventory was 3.2 percent. A net revision of 0.8 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 0.7 percent. A net revision of 4.3 percent was made to the September-November 2019 pig crop.