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WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia – Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014, was 4,000 head, down 20 percent from December 1, 2013. Of the 4,000 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2013. The breakdown of the remaining 3,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 500 head were under 50 pounds; 1,000 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 5,000 head, 32 percent below the 2013 pig crop of 7,300 head. Sows farrowing from December 2013 through November 2014 totaled 600 head, down 25 percent from the previous year total of 800 head. Pigs per litter averaged 8.33 pigs, down 9 percent from the 2013 average of 9.13 pigs per litter.

United States – Inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014 was 66.1 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2013, and up 1 percent from September 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The September - November 2014 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 4 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.23 for the September-November period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.10 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December-February 2015 quarter, up 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for March-May 2015, at 2.90 million sows, are up 3 percent from 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 48 percent last year.

Revisions - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2013 through September 2014 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. A revision of 0.4 percent was made to the September 2014 all hogs and pigs inventory. The net revision to the June 2014 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.9 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the March-May 2014 pig crop.