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## WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2017, was 5,000 head, up 25 percent from December 1, 2016. Of the 5,000 head, 1,000 were for breeding, unchanged from 2016. The breakdown of the remaining 4,000 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 1,000 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 2,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

**Annual pig crop** totaled 5,700 head, 8 percent more than the 2016 pig crop of 5,300 head. Sows farrowing from December 2016 through November 2017 totaled 700 head, unchanged from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.14 pigs, up 8 percent from the 2016 average of 7.57 pigs per litter.

**United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2017 was 73.2 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2016, but down slightly from September 1, 2017.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.18 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter.

**Market hog inventory**, at 67.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

**The September-November 2017 pig crop**, at 33.4 million head, was up 3 percent from 2016. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.11 million head, up 2 percent from 2016. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.74 for the September-November period, compared to 10.63 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.90 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the December-February 2018 quarter, up 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2017, and up 5 percent from 2016. Intended farrowings for March-May 2018, at 3.08 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2017, and up 4 percent from 2016.

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, unchanged from the previous year.

**Revisions** - All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2016 through September 2017 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the December 2016 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.1 percent. The net revision made to the March 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.4 percent. The net revision made to the June 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.9 percent. A revision of 1.5 percent was made to the March-May 2017 pig crop. A revision of 0.3 percent was made to the September 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory.