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## HOGS AND PIGS – DECEMBER 1, 2018

### ARIZONA

Arizona inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 170,000 head, up 6 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 17,000 head, was unchanged from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 153,000 head, was up 7 percent from last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 302,000 head, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 30,000 head, down 1,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.07 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 9.42 the previous year.

### COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 750,000 head, down 4 percent from September 1, 2018 but unchanged from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 155,000 head, was unchanged from the previous quarter but up 5,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 595,000 head, was down 5 percent from last quarter and down 1 percent from last year.

The September-November 2018 **quarterly pig crop**, at 720,000 head, was down 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 75,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.60 for the September-November 2018 period, compared with 10.20 last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 2.90 million head, was down 8 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 302,000 head, down 2,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.60 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 10.35 the previous year.

### MONTANA

Montana inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 192,000 head, up 7 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 33,000 head, was up 8,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 159,000 head, was up 3 percent from last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 581,000 head, was up 11 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 53,000 head, up 5,500 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.96 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 10.99 the previous year.

### NEW MEXICO

New Mexico inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 1,300 head, down 19 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 600 head, was up 100 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 700 head, was down 36 percent from last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 3,100 head, was unchanged from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 400 head, unchanged from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 7.75 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 7.75 the previous year.

## UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 710,000 head, up 17 percent from September 1, 2018 and up 29 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 630,000 head, was up 20 percent from last quarter and up 34 percent from last year.

The September-November 2018 **quarterly pig crop**, at 370,000 head, was up 17 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 37,000 head, up 2,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.00 for the September-November 2018 period, compared with 9.00 last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 1.33 million head, was up less than one-half percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 146,000 head, down 3,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 8.92 the previous year.

## WYOMING

Wyoming inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2018 was 88,000 head, down 2 percent from last year. **Breeding inventory**, at 33,000 head, was up 1,000 head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 55,000 head, was down 5 percent from last year.

The December 2017-November 2018 **annual pig crop**, at 672,000 head, was down 6 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 72,500 head, up 500 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.27 for the December 2017-November 2018 period, compared with 9.94 the previous year.

## UNITED STATES

**United States inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2018 was 74.6 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2017, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2018. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.33 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 68.2 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The **September-November 2018 pig crop**, at 34.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2017. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.16 million head, up 2 percent from 2017. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high of 10.76 for the September-November period, compared to 10.74 last year.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 3.11 million sows farrow during the December-February 2019 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. Intended farrowings for March-May 2019, at 3.15 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2018, and up 4 percent from 2017. 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.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2017 through September 2018 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.7 percent. The net revision made to the June 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.8 percent. A revision of 0.7 percent was made to the March-May 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2018 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. A net revision of 0.7 percent was made to the December 2017-February 2018 pig crop. The net revision made to December 2017 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.3 percent. A net revision of less than 0.1 percent was made to the September-November 2017 pig crop.

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