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March Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 4.15 million head, down 150,000 head from a year ago, according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of USDA NASS, Indiana Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 250,000 head, was down 10,000 from last March. Market hog inventory, at 3.90 million head, was down 3 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2022 quarter was 10.40, compared to 10.70 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2022 was 72.2 million head. This was down 2 percent from March 1, 2021, and down 3 percent from December 1, 2021. Breeding inventory, at 6.10 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from last quarter.

The December 2021-February 2022 pig crop, at 31.7 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.95 for the December 2021-February 2022 period, compared to 10.94 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.99 million sows farrow during the March-May 2022 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 5 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2022, at 3.03 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 7 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, March 1, 2022

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			United States		
	2021	2022	Change	2021	2022	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	260	250	-4	6,215	6,098	-2
Market	4,040	3,900	-3	67,718	66,111	-2
Under 50 pounds	960	970	1	20,238	20,045	-1
50-119 pounds	1,230	1,100	-11	19,138	18,765	-2
120-179 pounds	940	965	3	15,375	14,833	-4
180+ pounds	910	865	-5	12,966	12,468	-4
Total	4,300	4,150	-3	73,933	72,209	-2
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	120	120	0	2,929	2,901	-1
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	10.70	10.40	-3	10.94	10.95	0
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	1,284	1,248	-3	32,059	31,750	-1
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	125	120	-4	3,034	2,988	-2
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	130	125	-4	3,050	3,031	-1

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.

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