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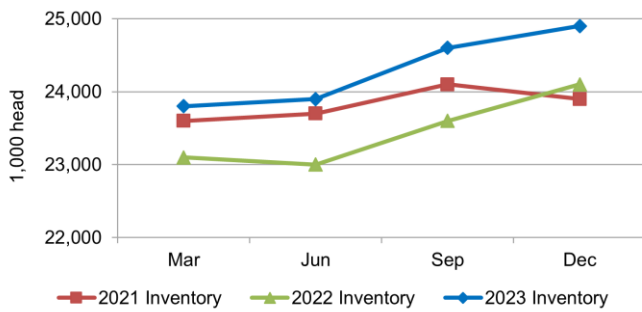
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On December 1, 2023, there were 24.9 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory was up 1 percent from the previous quarter and up 3 percent from the previous year.

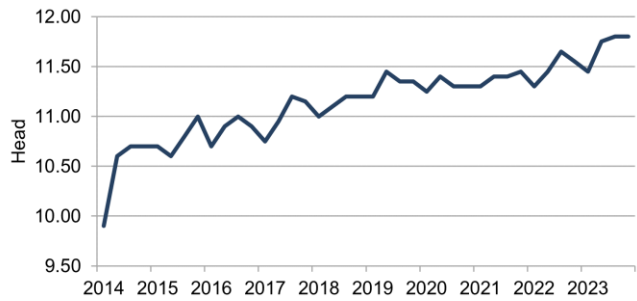
The September-November 2023 quarterly pig crop was 5.37 million head, down 3 percent from the previous quarter and down 13 percent from last year. A total of 455,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.80 for the quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 470,000 sows and gilts in the December 2023-February 2024 quarter and 470,000 head during the March-May 2024 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2021-2023**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2014-2023**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:
December 1, 2022 and 2023 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22	2022	2023	'23 as % of '22
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	650	630	97	4,850	4,870	100	5,500	5,500	100
Iowa	930	870	94	23,170	24,030	104	24,100	24,900	103
Minnesota	490	510	104	8,510	8,590	101	9,000	9,100	101
Missouri	440	440	100	2,910	2,710	93	3,350	3,150	94
Nebraska	410	400	98	3,190	3,400	107	3,600	3,800	106
North Carolina	800	780	98	7,500	7,020	94	8,300	7,800	94
United States	6,204	5,999	97	68,752	68,973	100	74,956	74,971	100

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States:
December 1, 2022 and 2023 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]**

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)
Illinois	1,380	1,455	1,630	1,530	1,015	1,070	825	815
Iowa	6,110	6,330	7,130	7,440	5,580	5,700	4,350	4,560
Minnesota	2,910	2,890	2,530	2,580	1,660	1,730	1,410	1,390
Missouri	1,300	1,180	560	510	640	630	410	390
Nebraska	1,060	1,130	880	890	730	770	520	610
North Carolina	2,950	2,760	1,700	1,450	1,430	1,370	1,420	1,440
United States	21,788	21,681	19,134	19,039	14,801	14,908	13,029	13,344

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2023, was 75.0 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2022, but down slightly from September 1, 2023.

Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 69.0 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2023 pig crop, at 34.6 million head, was down slightly from 2022. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2022. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.66 for the September-November period, compared to 11.22 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2023-February 2024 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2024, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 2 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 51 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2021 through September 2023 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent. A revision of 1.1 percent was made to the June-August 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.6 percent. A net revision of 1.6 percent was made to the March-May 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent. The net revision made to the December 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. The revision made to the September 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. A revision of 2.2 percent was made to the June-August 2022 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. The net revision made to the March 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent.

The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

