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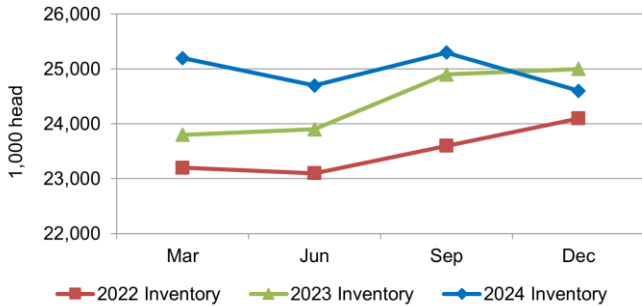
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On December 1, 2024, there were 24.6 million hogs and pigs on Iowa farms, according to the latest USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Hogs and Pigs* report. Inventory was down 3 percent from the previous quarter and down 2 percent from the previous year.

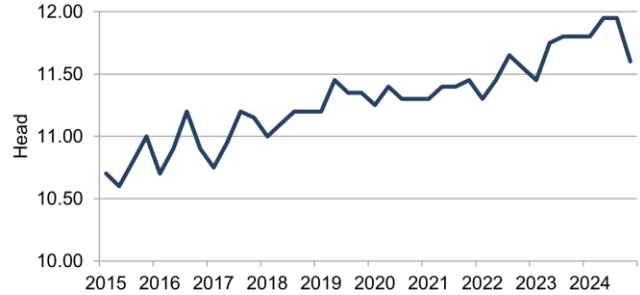
The September-November 2024 quarterly pig crop was 5.57 million head, down 1 percent from the previous quarter but up 4 percent from last year. A total of 480,000 sows farrowed during this quarter. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.60 for the quarter.

As of December 1, producers planned to farrow 475,000 sows and gilts in the December 2024-February 2025 quarter and 475,000 head during the March-May 2025 quarter.

**Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory
Iowa: 2022-2024**



**Quarterly Litter Rate
Iowa: 2015-2024**



**Hogs and Pigs, Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory – Selected States and United States:
December 1, 2023 and 2024 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]**

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23	2023	2024	'24 as % of '23
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Illinois	630	630	100	4,870	4,970	102	5,500	5,600	102
Iowa	750	830	111	24,250	23,770	98	25,000	24,600	98
Minnesota	510	480	94	8,790	9,020	103	9,300	9,500	102
Missouri	430	440	102	2,670	3,060	115	3,100	3,500	113
Nebraska	400	430	108	3,400	3,220	95	3,800	3,650	96
North Carolina	780	770	99	7,120	7,430	104	7,900	8,200	104
United States	5,999	6,004	100	69,463	69,841	101	75,461	75,845	101

**Hogs and Pigs, Market Inventory by Weight Group – Selected States, and United States:
December 1, 2023 and 2024 [Data may not add to totals due to rounding.]**

State	Under 50 lbs.		50-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
	(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	1,455	1,450	1,530	1,600	1,070	1,140	815	780
Iowa	6,310	6,150	7,480	7,340	5,700	5,470	4,760	4,810
Minnesota	2,890	2,940	2,660	2,850	1,730	1,750	1,510	1,480
Missouri	1,160	1,350	490	580	630	670	390	460
Nebraska	1,130	1,050	890	830	770	750	610	590
North Carolina	2,760	2,820	1,520	1,620	1,370	1,420	1,470	1,570
United States	21,571	21,834	19,154	19,426	14,908	14,824	13,829	13,757

United States Hogs and Pigs

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2024, was 75.8 million head. This was up 1 percent from December 1, 2023, but down slightly from September 1, 2024.

Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 69.8 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2024 pig crop, at 35.2 million head, was up 2 percent from 2023. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.96 million head, down slightly from 2023. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.92 for the September-November period, compared to 11.66 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the December 2024-February 2025 quarter, up slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, but down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2025, at 2.95 million sows, are up 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and up slightly 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 50 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2022 through September 2024 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2024 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.5 percent. A revision of 1.2 percent was made to the June-August 2024 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2024 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.4 percent. A net revision of 1.1 percent was made to the March-May 2024 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.2 percent. A net revision of 2.6 percent was made to the June-August 2023 pig crop.

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

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory - United States: December 1

