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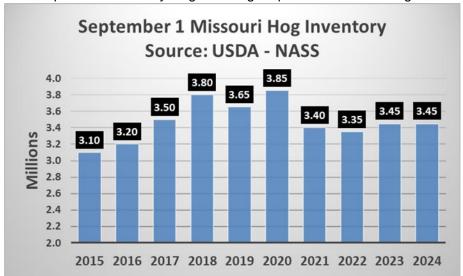
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USDA TO CONDUCT QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS SURVEY

Saint Louis, Missouri – November 2024 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey. Each quarter this survey provides comprehensive information on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in the US.

"The September Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report showed total hogs in Missouri at 3.45 million,



unchanged from
September 2023," said
Brad Summa, director of
the NASS Heartland
Regional Field Office. "I
encourage all surveyed
producers to respond to
the December survey to
ensure Missouri hog
inventory continues to be
accurately counted."
The data gathered in the
survey will allow NASS
to accurately measure
and report conditions

and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the last three months. The information is used by all sectors of the industry, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will mail the questionnaires to selected hog producers in November. Farmers are encouraged to respond online at <u>agcounts.usda.gov</u>, or by mail. Alternatively, NASS representatives will contact those who have not responded to arrange telephone interviews to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law. NASS will publish the survey results in the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report on December 23, available online at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

For assistance with the survey, or for more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014 or nassfohlr@usda.gov.