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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – DECEMBER 1, 2024

COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2024, was 540,000 head, down 10 percent from September 1, 2024, and down 10 percent from a year ago, according to the December 1 Hog Report conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Breeding inventory**, at 145,000 head, was up 5,000 head, or 4 percent, from the previous quarter and from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 395,000 head, was down 65,000 head, or 14 percent, from last quarter and from last year.

The September 2024-November 2024 **pig crop**, at 728,000 head, was up 12 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 65,000 head, up 3,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.20 for the September-November period, compared with 10.50 last year.

The December 2023-November 2024 **annual pig crop**, at 2.85 million head, was up 12 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowed during this period totaled 268,000 head, up 21,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.62 for the December 2023-November 2024 period, compared with 10.30 the previous year.

UNITED STATES

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.

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.

For a full copy of the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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