



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 2.70 million head, up 100,000 head from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician, USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 200,000 head, was up 5 percent from last December. Market hog inventory, at 2.50 million head, was up 4 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 11.60, compared to 11.20 from the same period last year.

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.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings: Ohio and United States, December 1, 2024

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2023	2024	Change	2023	2024	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	190	200	5	5,999	6,004	0
Market	2,410	2,500	4	69,463	69,841	1
Under 50 pounds	710	730	3	21,571	21,834	1
50-119 pounds	550	630	15	19,154	19,426	1
120-179 pounds	520	550	6	14,908	14,824	-1
180+ pounds	630	590	-6	13,829	13,757	-1
Total	2,600	2,700	4	75,461	75,845	1
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	98	98	0	2,962	2,955	0
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	11.20	11.60	4	11.66	11.92	2
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	1,098	1,137	4	34,537	35,238	2
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	91	98	8	2,929	2,930	0
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	92	96	4	2,913	2,953	1

¹ Intentions.

² Upcoming year.

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