



News Release

December Hogs and Pigs

Indiana's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 4.35 million head, with no change from a year ago according to Nathaniel Warenski, State Statistician of USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 260,000 head, was up 4 percent from last December. Market hog inventory, at 4.09 million head, was down slightly from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 10.90, compared to 11.10 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2022 was 73.1 million head. This was down 2 percent from December 1, 2021, and down 1 percent from September 1, 2022.

Breeding inventory, at 6.15 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 67.0 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, and down 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2022 pig crop, at 33.7 million head, was down 1 percent from 2021. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.00 million head, down 1 percent from 2021. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.22 for the September-November period, compared to 11.19 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2022-February 2023 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and up 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2023, at 2.98 million sows, are up slightly from the same period one year earlier, but down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Hog inventory and farrowings: Indiana and United States, December 1, 2022

Hogs and pigs	Indiana			United States		
	2021	2022	Change	2021	2022	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	250	260	4	6,125	6,154	0
Market	4,100	4,090	0	68,321	66,966	-2
Under 50 pounds	1,040	1,040	0	21,594	21,153	-2
50-119 pounds	1,170	1,190	2	19,005	18,620	-2
120-179 pounds	935	940	1	14,374	14,095	-2
180+ pounds	955	920	-4	13,348	13,098	-2
Total	4,350	4,350	0	74,446	73,119	-2
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	130	130	0	3,049	3,004	-1
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	11.10	10.90	-2	11.19	11.22	0
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	1,443	1,417	-2	34,123	33,691	-1
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb ^{1 2}	120	125	4	2,919	2,947	1
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ^{1 2}	120	130	8	2,967	2,981	0

¹ Intentions.

² Upcoming year.

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