U.S. Hog Inventory Up 1 Percent

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006 was 62.7 million head. This was up 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from June 1, 2006.

Breeding inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2006 pig crop, at 26.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.92 million head, up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.14 for the June-August 2006 period, compared to 9.06 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.
U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings in both 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 2.90 million sows, are up 2 percent from both 2006 and 2005.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2005 through June 2006 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, a small adjustment of less than one-half of one percent was made to the March 2006 inventory along with an adjustment of slightly larger than one-half of one percent to the June 2006 total inventory.

This report was approved on September 29, 2006.

Secretary of Agriculture
Mike Johanns

Agricultural Statistics Board
Chairperson
Carol C. House
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2 December preceding year.
3 Intentions for 2007.
5 Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

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2 Individual State estimates not available for the 33 Other States.

U.S. Hog Inventory & Market Hogs
March 1

Million Head

Inventory
Market

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs 5
September 2006
Agricultural Statistics Board
NASS, USDA
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### U.S. Hog Inventory & Market Hogs

**June 1**

**Million Head**

[Graph showing hog inventory and market hogs from 1997 to 2006]
Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group, State, and United States, June 1, 2005-2006

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### Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
by State and United States, September 1, 2005-2006

| State | Breeding | | | | Market | | | | | | | | Total | | | |
|-------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|       | 1,000 Head | 1,000 Head | Percent | 1,000 Head | 1,000 Head | Percent | 1,000 Head | 1,000 Head | Percent |
| AR    | 85       | 85        | 100    | 200      | 195       | 98     | 285      | 280       | 98      |
| CO    | 145      | 155       | 107    | 715      | 695       | 97     | 860      | 850       | 99      |
| IL    | 420      | 440       | 105    | 3,630    | 3,910     | 108    | 4,050    | 4,350     | 107     |
| IN    | 300      | 330       | 110    | 2,800    | 3,020     | 108    | 3,100    | 3,350     | 108     |
| IA    | 1,080    | 1,080     | 100    | 15,520   | 15,820    | 102    | 16,600   | 16,900    | 102     |
| KS    | 155      | 165       | 106    | 1,565    | 1,745     | 112    | 1,720    | 1,910     | 111     |
| MI    | 100      | 100       | 100    | 830      | 870       | 105    | 930      | 970       | 104     |
| MN    | 600      | 590       | 98     | 6,200    | 6,310     | 102    | 6,800    | 6,900     | 101     |
| MO    | 340      | 355       | 104    | 2,510    | 2,395     | 95     | 2,850    | 2,750     | 96      |
| NE    | 350      | 350       | 100    | 2,450    | 2,550     | 104    | 2,800    | 2,900     | 104     |
| NC    | 1,020    | 1,010     | 99     | 9,080    | 8,690     | 96     | 10,100   | 9,700     | 96      |
| OH    | 160      | 170       | 106    | 1,400    | 1,490     | 106    | 1,560    | 1,660     | 106     |
| OK    | 360      | 360       | 100    | 2,060    | 2,030     | 99     | 2,420    | 2,390     | 99      |
| PA    | 95       | 105       | 111    | 985      | 1,045     | 106    | 1,080    | 1,150     | 106     |
| SD    | 140      | 155       | 111    | 1,240    | 1,325     | 107    | 1,380    | 1,480     | 107     |
| TX    | 100      | 100       | 100    | 890      | 880       | 99     | 990      | 980       | 99      |
| WI    | 50       | 55        | 110    | 370      | 375       | 101    | 420      | 430       | 102     |
| Oth Sts 2 | 472 | 474 | 100 | 3,428 | 3,280 | 96 | 3,901 | 3,754 | 96 |
| US    | 5,972    | 6,079     | 102    | 55,873   | 56,625    | 101    | 61,846   | 62,704    | 101     |

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### U.S. Hog Inventory & Market Hogs
September 1

![Graph showing hog inventory and market trends from 1997 to 2006](image-url)
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Agricultural Statistics Board  
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### Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop by State and United States, June-August 2005-2006

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1. December preceding year.
2. Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.
Reliability of September 1 Hogs and Pigs Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of roughly 10,000 U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all hog and pig producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of September data were collected from about 8,000 operations, 80 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of September 1.

Estimation Procedures: These hogs and pigs estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each field office. National and State survey data were reviewed for reasonableness with each other and with estimates from past years using a balance sheet. The balance sheet begins with the previous inventory estimate, adds the estimates of births and imports, and subtracts the estimates of slaughter, exports, and deaths. This indicated ending inventory level is compared to the Agricultural Statistics Board estimate for reasonableness.

Revision Policy: Revisions to previous estimates are made to improve quarter to quarter relationships. Estimates for the previous four quarters are subject to revision when current estimates are made. In December, estimates for all quarters of the current and previous year are reviewed. The reviews are primarily based on hog check-off receipts and slaughter. Estimates will also be reviewed after data from the Department of Agriculture five-year census of agriculture are available. No revisions will be made after that date.

Reliability: Since all operations raising hogs are not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. The affects of these errors cannot be measured directly. They are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and through a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

To assist users in evaluating the reliability of the estimates in this report, the "Root Mean Square Error" is shown for selected items in the following table. The "Root Mean Square Error" is a statistical measure based on past performance and is computed using the difference between first and final estimates. The "Root Mean Square Error" for hog inventory estimates over the past 20 quarters is 1.0 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 62.7 million head by more than 1.0 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.7 percent.
Reliability of September 1 Hog Estimates ¹

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