

# hogs and pigs



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Hogs and pigs on farms March 1 in the 10 Corn Belt States are estimated at 42.7 million head - 2 percent more than a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Hogs for breeding at 6.8 million are up 5 percent while market hogs at 35.9 million are up 2 percent from March 1972. The 10 Corn Belt States include Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.

The December 1972-February 1973 pig crop, estimated at 14.1 million, is 6 percent above last year. A 9 percent increase in sows farrowing was partially offset by a 3 percent decrease in average litter rate.

Hog producers in the 10 States currently intend to farrow 5 percent more hogs during March-May and 4 percent more in the June-August quarter than a year earlier.

## INVENTORY UP 2 PERCENT

The March 1 inventory in the 10 States is estimated at 42,711,000, up 2 percent from last year, with all States up except Iowa and Missouri, which were virtually unchanged from 1972, and Ohio which had a 5 percent decrease. Increases range from 3 percent in Nebraska to 10 percent in Minnesota. Hogs kept for breeding, at 6,795,000, were up 5 percent.

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The quarterly Hogs and Pigs Report has been expanded to include 4 additional States--North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Texas. The expansion to 14 States provides information from States that held about 85 percent of the country's hogs and pigs on December 1, 1972. Totals for the 10 Quarterly States and the four new States will be carried separately in the report for the first year.

Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, sows farrowing and pig crop,  
10 States, 1971-1973

Item	1971	1972	1973	1973 as
				percent of 1972
				Percent
1,000 head				
<u>Number on Farms-March 1:</u>				
All hogs and pigs	44,441	41,676	42,711	102
Kept for breeding	6,973	6,449	6,795	105
Market	37,468	35,227	35,916	102
<u>Market hogs and pigs</u>				
<u>by weight groups</u>				
Under 60 pounds	13,144	12,373	13,241	107
60-119 pounds	8,119	7,803	8,134	104
120-179 pounds	9,495	8,785	8,599	98
180-219 pounds	5,612	5,243	5,021	96
220 pounds and over	1,098	1,023	921	90
<u>Sows farrowing</u>				
December 1/-February	2,058	1,827	1,994	109
March-May	3,354	3,083	2/ 3,245	105
December 1/-May	5,412	4,910	3/ 5,239	107
June-August	2,330	2,339	2/ 2,431	104
September-November	2,420	2,493		
June-November	4,750	4,832		
<u>Pig crop</u>				
December 1/-February	14,430	13,334	14,132	106
March-May	24,338	22,503		
December 1/-May	38,768	35,837		
June-August	16,890	17,050		
September-November	17,554	17,707		
June-November	34,444	34,757		
<u>Pigs per litter</u>				
Number				
December 1/-February	7.01	7.30	7.09	97
March-May	7.26	7.30		
June-August	7.25	7.29		
September-November	7.25	7.10		

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Intentions. 3/ Intentions for March-May.

Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, pig crop, inshipments, death loss and  
marketings, December 1 1/-March 1, 1972 and 1973, 10 States

Item	1972	1973	
		Number	As % of 1972
1,000 head			
Hogs and Pigs on hand December 1 1/	46,354	45,948	99
Pig Crop Dec. 1/-Feb.	13,334	14,132	106
Inshipments 2/ Dec. 1/-Feb.	290	240	83
Slaughter 3/ Dec. 1/-Feb.	17,252	16,449	95
Death Loss Dec. 1/-Feb.	1,050	1,160	110
Hogs and Pigs on hand March 1	41,676	42,711	102

1/ December preceding year. 2/ Includes only those shipped in from States outside the 10 States. 3/ Includes farm slaughter, and feeder pig outshipments to States other than the 10 States.

Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, sows farrowing and pig crop  
14 States, 1971-1973 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	1971	1972	1973	1973 as percent of 1972
	1,000 head			Percent
<u>Number on Farms-March 1</u>				
All hogs and pigs			49,125	
Kept for breeding			7,857	
Market			41,268	
<u>Market hogs and pigs</u>				
<u>by weight groups</u>				
Under 60 pounds			15,556	
60-119 pounds			9,434	
120-179 pounds			9,603	
180-219 pounds			5,594	
220 pounds and over			1,081	
<u>Sows farrowing</u>				
December <sup>2/</sup> -February	2,483	2,186	2,363	108
March-May	3,762	3,432	<sup>3/</sup> 3,628	106
December <sup>2/</sup> -May	6,245	5,618	<sup>4/</sup> 5,991	107
June-August	2,683	2,659	<sup>3/</sup> 2,781	105
September-November	2,699	2,768		
June-November	5,382	5,427		
<u>Pig Crop</u>				
December <sup>2/</sup> -February			16,719	
		Number		
<u>Pigs per litter</u>				
December <sup>2/</sup> -February			7.08	

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2/ December preceding year.  
3/ Intentions.  
4/ Intentions for March-May.

Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, breeding, market and total, December 1, 1971  
and 1972, selected States

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1971	1972		1971	1972		1971	1972	
		Number	As % of		Number	As % of		Number	As % of
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	
Ohio	313	324	104	2,298	2,078	90	2,611	2,402	92
Indiana	577	644	112	4,443	4,306	97	5,020	4,950	99
Illinois	924	1,015	110	5,676	5,985	105	6,600	7,000	106
Wisconsin	275	251	91	1,502	1,224	81	1,777	1,475	83
Minnesota	514	584	114	3,030	3,066	101	3,544	3,650	103
Iowa	1,975	2,096	106	12,878	12,460	97	14,853	14,556	98
Missouri	652	700	107	4,007	3,800	95	4,659	4,500	97
S. Dakota	262	279	106	1,606	1,581	98	1,868	1,860	100
Nebraska	432	490	113	2,890	2,865	99	3,322	3,355	101
Kansas	273	308	113	1,827	1,892	104	2,100	2,200	105
Total 10 States	6,197	6,691	108	40,157	39,257	98	46,354	45,948	99
N. Carolina	259	272	105	1,591	1,508	95	1,850	1,780	96
Georgia	294	310	105	1,668	1,672	100	1,962	1,982	101
Kentucky	202	203	100	1,192	1,149	96	1,394	1,352	97
Texas	197	190	96	1,208	1,074	89	1,405	1,264	90
Total 14 States	7,149	7,666	107	45,816	44,660	97	52,965	52,326	99

Market Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, by weight groups, December 1, 1971  
and 1972, selected States

State	Under 60-lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180-219 lbs.		220 lbs. and over	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
	1,000 head									
Ohio	896	831	655	540	460	436	234	229	53	42
Indiana	1,377	1,507	1,333	1,206	1,022	1,033	595	495	116	65
Illinois	2,134	2,334	1,510	1,616	1,135	1,257	692	598	205	180
Wisconsin	601	490	391	323	293	235	180	147	37	29
Minnesota	1,030	1,196	879	843	606	549	406	377	109	101
Iowa	4,688	4,672	3,297	3,220	2,614	2,562	1,764	1,570	515	436
Missouri	1,703	1,580	930	1,010	813	685	417	415	144	110
S. Dakota	578	584	386	387	321	334	241	210	80	66
Nebraska	1,041	1,088	751	759	621	602	361	344	116	72
Kansas	740	757	493	501	311	341	219	227	64	66
Total 10 States	14,788	15,039	10,625	10,405	8,196	8,034	5,109	4,612	1,439	1,167
N. Carolina	539	596	453	377	312	327	165	136	122	72
Georgia	600	602	550	501	300	350	133	134	85	85
Kentucky	453	483	310	299	238	207	137	109	54	51
Texas	483	406	307	303	272	217	116	118	30	30
Total 14 States	16,863	17,126	12,245	11,885	9,318	9,135	5,660	5,109	1,730	1,405

Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, breeding, market and total  
March 1, 1972 and 1973, selected States 1/

State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1972	1973		1972	1973		1972	1973	
		Number	As % of 1972		Number	As % of 1972		Number	As % of 1972
	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	Percent			
Ohio	334	317	95	1,966	1,868	95	2,300	2,185	95
Indiana	650	700	108	4,130	4,300	104	4,780	5,000	105
Illinois	1,000	1,074	107	5,450	5,726	105	6,450	6,800	105
Wisconsin	259	265	102	1,179	1,231	104	1,438	1,496	104
Minnesota	474	560	118	2,626	2,860	109	3,100	3,420	110
Iowa	2,045	2,122	104	10,933	10,818	99	12,978	12,940	100
Missouri	650	700	108	3,550	3,500	99	4,200	4,200	100
S. Dakota	289	306	106	1,317	1,394	106	1,606	1,700	106
Nebraska	482	465	96	2,442	2,535	104	2,924	3,000	103
Kansas	266	286	108	1,634	1,684	103	1,900	1,970	104
Total 10 States	6,449	6,795	105	35,227	35,916	102	41,676	42,711	102
N. Carolina		326			1,649			1,975	
Georgia		338			1,651			1,989	
Kentucky		214			1,086			1,300	
Texas		184			966			1,150	
Total 14 States		7,857			41,268			49,125	

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Market Hogs and Pigs: Number on farms, by weight groups,  
March 1, 1972 and 1973, selected States 1/

State	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180-219 lbs.		220 lbs. and over	
	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973	1972	1973
	1,000 head									
Ohio	688	691	456	448	472	448	305	243	45	38
Indiana	1,560	1,656	890	946	970	1,032	610	580	100	86
Illinois	2,071	2,205	1,155	1,317	1,362	1,374	709	687	153	143
Wisconsin	450	471	255	270	273	282	170	177	31	31
Minnesota	932	1,150	565	600	656	661	397	392	76	57
Iowa	3,433	3,516	2,307	2,380	2,952	2,823	1,891	1,774	350	325
Missouri	1,340	1,400	830	810	860	750	410	445	110	95
South Dakota	448	544	317	327	319	314	197	174	36	35
Nebraska	830	951	635	646	562	545	342	330	73	63
Kansas	621	657	393	390	359	370	212	219	49	48
Total 10 States	12,373	13,241	7,803	8,134	8,785	8,599	5,243	5,021	1,023	921
N. Carolina		800		404		272		132		41
Georgia		660		462		330		149		50
Kentucky		483		206		217		152		28
Texas		372		228		185		140		41
Total 14 States		15,556		9,434		9,603		5,594		1,081

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Farrowings: Number of sows, pigs per litter and pig crop,  
December 1/-February 1971-73, selected States 2/

State	Sows farrowing				Pig per litter		Pig crop 3/		
	1971	1972	1973		1972	1973	1972	1973	
			Number	As % of 1972				Number	As % of 1972
	1,000 head		Percent		Number		1,000 head		Percent
Ohio	125	105	110	105	7.30	7.00	766	770	101
Indiana	246	230	244	106	7.39	7.30	1,700	1,781	105
Illinois	343	310	350	113	7.10	7.00	2,201	2,450	111
Wisconsin	82	72	77	107	7.42	7.35	534	566	106
Minnesota	159	146	175	120	7.35	7.45	1,073	1,304	122
Iowa	540	462	500	108	7.45	7.00	3,442	3,500	102
Missouri	222	210	210	100	7.16	6.74	1,504	1,415	94
South Dakota	77	65	75	115	7.27	7.20	473	540	114
Nebraska	161	130	150	115	7.10	7.20	923	1,080	117
Kansas	103	97	103	106	7.40	7.05	718	726	101
Total 10 States	2,058	1,827	1,994	109	7.30	7.09	13,334	14,132	106
N. Carolina	141	120	125	104		7.20		900	
Georgia	113	109	115	106		6.60		759	
Kentucky	85	68	72	106		7.20		518	
Texas	86	62	57	92		7.20		410	
Total 14 States	2,483	2,186	2,363	108		7.08		16,719	

1/ December preceding year.

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3/ Number of pigs born December through February, that were on hand March 1, or had been sold.

Farrowings: Number of sows, pigs per litter and pig crop,  
March-May 1971-73, selected States 1/

State	Sows farrowing				Pigs per litter	Pig crop 3/
	1971	1972	1973 2/			
			Number	As % of 1972	1972	1972
	1,000 head		Percent		Number	
Ohio	147	139	135	97	7.30	1,015
Indiana	264	256	260	102	7.33	1,876
Illinois	489	495	520	105	7.10	3,515
Wisconsin	149	122	120	98	7.40	903
Minnesota	280	236	276	117	7.55	1,782
Iowa	1,123	1,020	1,070	105	7.30	7,446
Missouri	317	285	310	109	7.22	2,058
South Dakota	197	165	174	105	7.25	1,196
Nebraska	260	240	250	104	7.20	1,728
Kansas	128	125	130	104	7.87	984
Total 10 States	3,354	3,083	3,245	105	7.30	22,503
N. Carolina	132	116	128	110		
Georgia	104	89	100	112		
Kentucky	93	87	93	107		
Texas	79	57	62	109		
Total 14 States	3,762	3,432	3,628	106		

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2/ Intentions.

3/ Number of pigs born March through May, that were on hand June 1, or had been sold.

Farrowings: Number of sows, pigs per litter and pig crop,  
June-August 1971-73, selected States 1/

State	Sows farrowing				Pigs per litter	Pig crop 3/ 1972
	1971	1972	1973 2/			
			Number	As % of 1972		
	1,000 head		Percent	Number	1,000 head	
Ohio	142	125	118	94	7.70	963
Indiana	244	251	258	103	7.56	1,898
Illinois	395	435	450	103	6.80	2,958
Wisconsin	104	101	101	100	7.40	747
Minnesota	198	190	205	108	7.35	1,397
Iowa	647	665	710	107	7.40	4,921
Missouri	270	250	250	100	7.19	1,798
South Dakota	77	75	85	113	7.20	540
Nebraska	165	157	150	96	7.20	1,130
Kansas	88	90	104	116	7.75	698
Total 10 States	2,330	2,339	2,431	104	7.29	17,050
N. Carolina	99	90	104	116		
Georgia	97	89	100	112		
Kentucky	82	73	78	107		
Texas	75	68	68	100		
Total 14 States	2,683	2,659	2,781	105		

1/ Data not available for periods blank.

2/ Intentions.

3/ Number of pigs born June through August, that were on hand September 1, or had been sold.

Market hogs are estimated at 35,916,000, an increase of 2 percent from last year. By weight groups the March 1, 1973 number on hand and changes from last year are as follows: Under 60 pounds--13,241,000, up 868,000; 60-119 pounds--8,134,000, up 331,000; 120-179 pounds--8,599,000, down 186,000; 180-219 pounds, 5,021,000, down 222,000; 220 pounds and over--921,000, down 102,000 head.

The number of hogs and pigs on farms March 1 in the 14 States are estimated at 49,125,000 head. Hogs kept for breeding are placed at 7,857,000 head and market hogs at 41,268,000 head.

#### DECEMBER-FEBRUARY PIG CROP UP 6 PERCENT

Sows farrowing during December 1972-February 1973 in the 10 States totaled 1,994,000, 9 percent above a year earlier. The average litter rate was 7.09 compared to 7.30 in 1972 and 7.01 in 1971. All 10 States farrowed more sows than a year ago except Missouri which was unchanged. Minnesota had the largest increase, up 20 percent. The pig crop at 14,132,000 head was 6 percent above a year earlier.

Sows farrowing in the 14 States during December-February totaled 2,363,000, up 8 percent from last year. The average litter size in the 14 States was 7.08 producing 16,719,000 pigs.

#### MARCH-MAY INTENTIONS UP 5 PERCENT

Hog producers in the 10 States intend to farrow 3,245,000 sows during March-May, 5 percent more than last year. All States show advances except Ohio and Wisconsin which indicate declines. Iowa, the Nation's leading hog producing State, is up 5 percent.

Hog producers in the 14 States intend to farrow 3,628,000 sows during March-May 1973. If realized, this would be 6 percent greater than in 1972.

#### JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS UP 4 PERCENT

The first intentions estimate of sows to farrow June-August in the 10 States is 2,431,000 head, 4 percent above 1972. Six States show increases while Wisconsin and Missouri remain unchanged and Ohio and Nebraska expect declines from the previous year.

Intentions to farrow in the 14 States during June-August totaled 2,781,000, up 5 percent from last year.

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