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INVENTORY DOWN 3 PERCENT

Inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 1986, in the 10 States conducting quarterly hog surveys is estimated at 38.6 million head, 3 percent below last March 1, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 4 percent below March 1, 1984 and the lowest March 1 inventory since 1976.

- Breeding inventory, at 4.99 million head, is 4 percent less than last year and 8 percent less than March 1, 1984. This is the lowest March 1 breeding herd inventory since 1973, when estimates for these comparable 10 States became available.
- Market hog inventory, at 33.6 million head, is 2 percent below a year earlier, 3 percent below two years ago and the lowest March 1 market hog inventory since 1977.

PIG CROP

The December 1985-February 1986 pig crop was 14.9 million head, 1 percent above the corresponding period last year and 4 percent above two years ago. There were 1.94 million sows that farrowed during the quarter, a decrease of 1 percent from the comparable quarter both last year and two years ago.

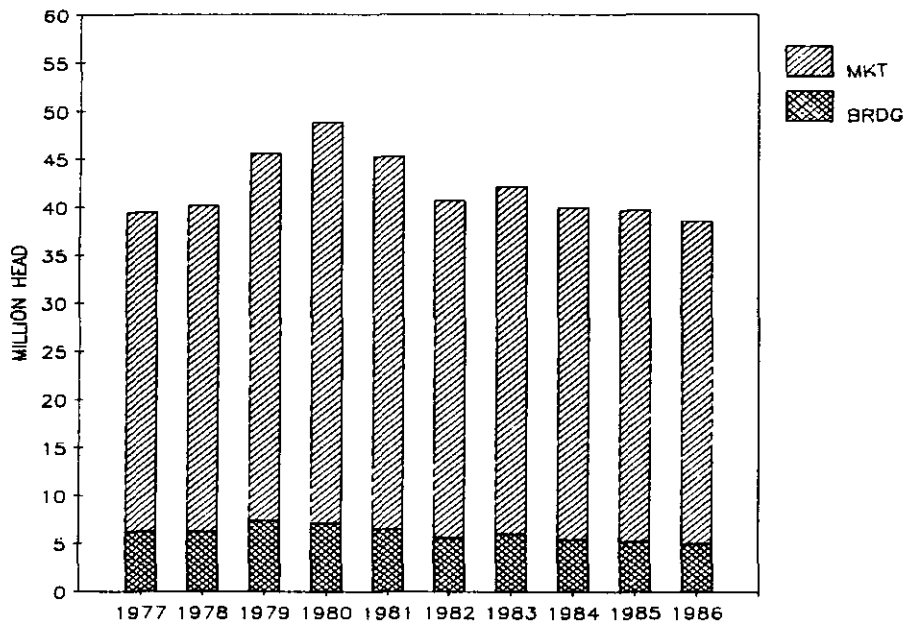
Sow farrowings averaged 7.67 pigs per litter compared with 7.51 last year and 7.27 two years ago. The litter rate is the highest of record for a December-February quarter.

FARROWING INTENTIONS

Hog producers in the 10 quarterly States intend to have 2.32 million sows farrow during March-May of this year. If these intentions are realized, farrowings would total 4 percent less than the actual number for the comparable period of 1985 and 6 percent less than the 1984 quarter. Farrowing intentions for June-August are 2.18 million head, slightly below actual farrowings for the same period last year and 3 percent less than two years ago.

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MARCH 1 HOGS AND PIGS INVENTORY 10 MAJOR PRODUCING STATES



RELIABILITY AND ESTIMATING PROCEDURES: Primary data used in setting these hog estimates were obtained from a sample of farmers across the 10 States using probability surveys. Information was collected by mail, telephone, and personal interviews. Since all operations raising hogs were not included in the sample, survey estimates are subject to sampling variability. This variability, as measured by the relative standard error, is about two and one-half percent at the 10 State level for hog inventory. This means that chances are approximately 95 out of 100 that survey estimates will be within five percent of the complete coverage value if the same procedures were used to survey all producers. Survey estimates are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions, duplications, and mistakes in reporting, recording and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but they are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

The sampling variability of survey estimates on intended farrowings is slightly larger than for inventories. More important, actual farrowings may differ significantly from reported intentions due to unexpected economic and environmental conditions. For March-May second intentions these differences have exceeded four percent in two of the last ten years. For June-August first intentions as of March 1, these differences have exceeded five percent in four of the quarterly pig crops during the past ten years.

In setting the inventory estimates, the Crop Reporting Board constructed a balance sheet using estimates on births, deaths and check data on slaughter. This balance sheet provided an additional check on survey inventory estimates.

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HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBER, SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP
1984-86, 10 STATES 1/

ITEM	1984	1985	1986	1986 AS % OF	
				1984	1985
	1000 HEAD			PERCENT	
MARCH 1 INVENTORY					
ALL HOGS AND PIGS	40070	39680	38600	96	97
KEPT FOR BREEDING	5446	5220	4988	92	96
MARKET	34624	34460	33612	97	98
MARKET HOGS AND PIGS					
BY WEIGHT GROUPS:					
UNDER 60 POUNDS	12437	12701	12663	102	100
60-119 POUNDS	8561	8427	8013	94	95
120-179 POUNDS	7769	7580	7276	94	96
180 POUNDS AND OVER	5857	5752	5660	97	98
SOWS FARROWING:					
DECEMBER 2/-FEBRUARY	1964	1955	1940	99	99
MARCH-MAY	2481	2420	3/ 2320	94	96
DECEMBER 2/-MAY	4445	4375	4/ 4260	96	97
JUNE-AUGUST	2259	2191	3/ 2182	97	100
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER	2316	2265			
JUNE-NOVEMBER	4575	4456			
PIG CROP:					
DECEMBER 2/-FEBRUARY	14288	14690	14880	104	101
MARCH-MAY	18814	18762			
DECEMBER 2/-MAY	33102	33452			
JUNE-AUGUST	17158	16941			
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER	17420	17255			
JUNE-NOVEMBER	34578	34196			
PIGS PER LITTER:		NUMBER			
DECEMBER 2/-FEBRUARY	7.27	7.51	7.67	106	102
MARCH-MAY	7.58	7.75			
DECEMBER 2/-MAY	7.45	7.65			
JUNE-AUGUST	7.60	7.73			
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER	7.52	7.62			
JUNE-NOVEMBER	7.56	7.67			

1/ GEORGIA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, IOWA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA, MISSOURI
NEBRASKA, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO

2/ DECEMBER PRECEDING YEAR

3/ INTENTIONS.

4/ INTENTIONS FOR MARCH-MAY.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, BREEDING, MARKET AND TOTAL,
MARCH 1, 1985-86 , 10 STATES

STATE	BREEDING			MARKET			TOTAL		
	1985	1986	AS % OF	1985	1986	AS % OF	1985	1986	AS % OF
	NUMBER:	NUMBER:	1985	NUMBER:	NUMBER:	1985	NUMBER:	NUMBER:	1985
	1000 HEAD	PERCENT		1000 HEAD	PERCENT		1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	160	145	91	990	910	92	1150	1055	92
ILL	680	635	93	4320	4065	94	5000	4700	94
IND	520	530	102	3430	3470	101	3950	4000	101
IOWA	1740	1575	91	11460	11225	98	13200	12800	97
KANS	194	193	99	1336	1337	100	1530	1530	100
MINN	521	490	94	3679	3410	93	4200	3900	93
MO	450	415	92	2550	2435	95	3000	2850	95
NEBR	450	480	107	3150	3170	101	3600	3650	101
N C	280	280	100	1970	1945	99	2250	2225	99
OHIO	225	245	109	1575	1645	104	1800	1890	105
TOTAL									
10 STS.	5220	4988	96	34460	33612	98	39680	38600	97

MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBER BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
MARCH 1, 1985-86 , 10 STATES

STATE	UNDER 60 LBS.		60-119 LBS.		120-179 LBS.		180 LBS AND OVER	
	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986	1985	1986
	1000 HEAD							
GA	401	365	271	249	204	187	114	109
ILL	1538	1470	1022	950	960	920	800	725
IND	1275	1340	845	860	765	725	545	545
IOWA	4076	4065	2749	2570	2610	2530	2025	2060
KANS	521	523	330	329	290	289	195	196
MINN	1380	1315	890	840	831	690	578	565
MO	975	940	640	595	535	530	400	370
NEBR	1165	1250	820	800	675	650	490	470
N C	790	770	480	470	385	385	315	320
OHIO	580	625	380	350	325	370	290	300
TOTAL								
10 STS.	12701	12663	8427	8013	7580	7276	5752	5660

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS, BREEDING, MARKET AND TOTAL,
DECEMBER 1, 1984-85 , 10 STATES

STATE	BREEDING			MARKET			TOTAL		
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	
	: AS % OF :		: AS % OF :		: AS % OF :		: AS % OF :		
	NUMBER:	1984 :	NUMBER:	1984 :	NUMBER:	1984 :	NUMBER:	1984 :	
	1000 HEAD	PERCENT	1000 HEAD	PERCENT	1000 HEAD	PERCENT	1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	163	165	101	1037	985	95	1200	1150	96
ILL	680	685	101	4720	4715	100	5400	5400	100
IND	570	560	98	3730	3590	96	4300	4150	97
IOWA	1730	1650	95	12470	11850	95	14200	13500	95
KANS	200	188	94	1400	1332	95	1600	1520	95
MINN	540	525	97	3760	3575	95	4300	4100	95
MO	470	430	91	2980	2620	88	3450	3050	88
NEBR	445	470	106	3255	3430	105	3700	3900	105
N C	300	310	103	2000	2040	102	2300	2350	102
OHIO	250	275	110	1720	1705	99	1970	1980	101
TOTAL									
10 STS.:	5348	5258	98	37072	35842	97	42420	41100	97

MARKET HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBER BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
DECEMBER 1, 1984-85 , 10 STATES

STATE	UNDER 60 LBS.		60-119 LBS.		120-179 LBS.		180 LBS AND OVER	
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985	1984	1985
	1000 HEAD							
GA	442	420	285	265	193	190	117	110
ILL	1713	1705	1185	1200	1020	997	802	813
IND	1355	1285	980	980	835	770	560	555
IOWA	4726	4340	3242	3200	2569	2460	1933	1850
KANS	540	506	350	340	290	280	220	206
MINN	1448	1380	996	890	771	805	545	500
MO	1273	1130	730	660	554	470	423	360
NEBR	1254	1370	814	820	634	660	553	580
N C	780	800	490	475	410	415	320	350
OHIO	700	705	430	410	330	320	260	270
TOTAL								
10 STS.:	14231	13641	9502	9240	7606	7367	5733	5594

FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP,
SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1984-85 , 10 STATES

STATE	SOWS FARROWING			PIGS PER LITTER		PIG CROP 1/		
	1984	1985	AS % OF	1984	1985	1984	1985	AS % OF
	NUMBER	NUMBER	1984	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	1984
	1000 HEAD	PERCENT		NUMBER		1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	68	63	93	7.10	7.30	483	460	95
ILL	320	325	102	7.20	7.40	2304	2405	104
IND	205	205	100	7.60	7.80	1558	1599	103
IOWA	760	730	96	7.50	7.45	5700	5439	95
KANS	90	82	91	7.40	7.60	666	623	94
MINN	235	220	94	7.80	7.90	1833	1738	95
MO	220	200	91	7.45	7.40	1639	1480	90
NEBR	200	215	108	7.60	7.90	1520	1699	112
N C	115	120	104	7.95	8.10	914	972	106
OHIO	103	105	102	7.80	8.00	803	840	105
TOTAL								
10 STS.	2316	2265	98	7.52	7.62	17420	17255	99

1/ NUMBER OF PIGS BORN SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER,
THAT WERE ON HAND DECEMBER 1, OR HAD BEEN SOLD.

FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP,
DECEMBER 1/-FEBRUARY 1985-86 , 10 STATES

STATE	SOWS FARROWING			PIGS PER LITTER		PIG CROP 2/		
	1985	1986	AS % OF	1985	1986	1985	1986	AS % OF
	NUMBER	NUMBER	1985	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	1985
	1000 HEAD	PERCENT		NUMBER		1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	60	54	90	7.20	7.45	432	402	93
ILL	250	235	94	7.11	7.40	1778	1739	98
IND	205	210	102	7.40	7.70	1517	1617	107
IOWA	620	620	100	7.60	7.60	4712	4712	100
KANS	80	81	101	7.50	7.75	600	628	105
MINN	210	200	95	7.75	7.85	1628	1570	96
MO	160	150	94	7.30	7.50	1168	1125	96
NEBR	165	180	109	7.70	7.90	1271	1422	112
N C	115	115	100	7.75	7.95	891	914	103
OHIO	90	95	106	7.70	7.90	693	751	108
TOTAL								
10 STS.	1955	1940	99	7.51	7.67	14690	14880	101

1/ DECEMBER PRECEDING YEAR.

2/ 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 1984-86, 10 STATES

STATE	SOWS FARROWING				PIGS PER LITTER		PIG CROP 1/		
	1984	1985	1986 2/	AS % OF	1984	1985	1984	AS % OF	1985
	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	1985	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER
							1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	77	70	60	86	7.20	7.40	554	518	94
ILL	415	380	345	91	7.10	7.50	2947	2850	97
IND	220	225	235	104	7.90	7.80	1738	1755	101
IOWA	810	810	750	93	7.60	7.75	6156	6278	102
KANS	89	90	90	100	7.45	7.50	663	675	102
MINN	235	225	210	93	7.90	8.05	1857	1811	98
MO	225	200	180	90	7.55	7.70	1699	1540	91
NEBR	190	195	210	108	7.80	7.90	1482	1541	104
N C	120	125	130	104	7.90	7.95	948	994	105
OHIO	100	100	110	110	7.70	8.00	770	800	104
TOTAL									
10 STS.	2481	2420	2320	96	7.58	7.75	18814	18762	100

1/ NUMBER OF PIGS BORN MARCH THROUGH MAY,
THAT WERE ON HAND JUNE 1, OR HAD BEEN SOLD.
2/ INTENTIONS.

FARROWINGS: NUMBER OF SOWS, PIGS PER LITTER AND PIG CROP,
JUNE-AUGUST 1984-86, 10 STATES

STATE	SOWS FARROWING				PIGS PER LITTER		PIG CROP 1/		
	1984	1985	1986 2/	AS % OF	1984	1985	1984	AS % OF	1985
	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	1985	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER	NUMBER
							1000 HEAD	PERCENT	
GA	72	66	62	94	7.10	7.30	511	482	94
ILL	335	310	285	92	7.45	7.50	2496	2325	93
IND	235	225	235	104	7.60	7.60	1786	1710	96
IOWA	725	700	685	98	7.60	7.80	5510	5460	99
KANS	82	77	85	110	7.75	7.65	636	589	93
MINN	210	230	225	98	7.70	8.00	1617	1840	114
MO	200	175	170	97	7.40	7.55	1480	1321	89
NEBR	170	175	195	111	7.75	7.70	1318	1348	102
N C	130	125	125	100	7.80	8.10	1014	1013	100
OHIO	100	108	115	106	7.90	7.90	790	853	108
TOTAL									
10 STS.	2259	2191	2182	100	7.60	7.73	17158	16941	99

1/ NUMBER OF PIGS BORN JUNE THROUGH AUGUST,
THAT WERE ON HAND SEPTEMBER 1, OR HAD BEEN SOLD.
2/ INTENTIONS.



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