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U.S. Hog Inventory Down 1 Percent

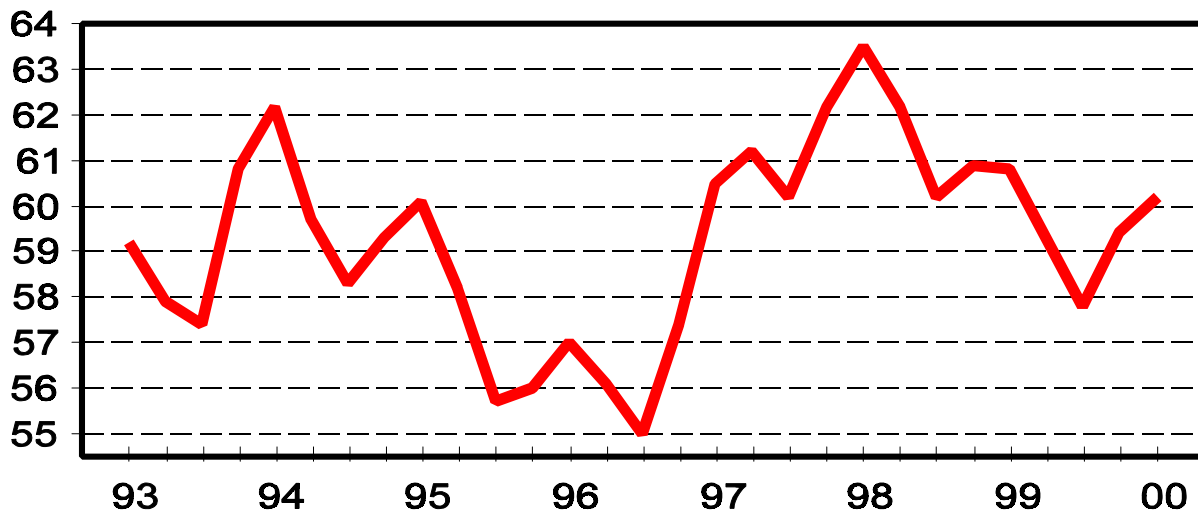
U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2000, was 60.2 million head. This was 1 percent below September 1999, but 1 percent above June 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.27 million head, was down 1 percent from September 1, 1999, but up 1 percent from June 1, 2000. **Market hog inventory**, at 53.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last quarter.

The June-August 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was 1 percent less than 1999, and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.90 million head, 1 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.85 pigs saved per litter for the June-August period, compared to 8.86 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory September 1

Million Head



U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2000 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, but 4 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for December 2000-February 2001, at 2.89 million sows, are 3 percent above the same period in 2000 and up slightly from 1999.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 33 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 31 percent last year.

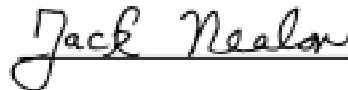
Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 1999 through June 2000 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, import, and export data in U.S. level balance sheets. Based on the findings of this review, small adjustments of less than one percent were made to the inventory level for March 1 and one percent to the December 1999-February 2000 pig crop.

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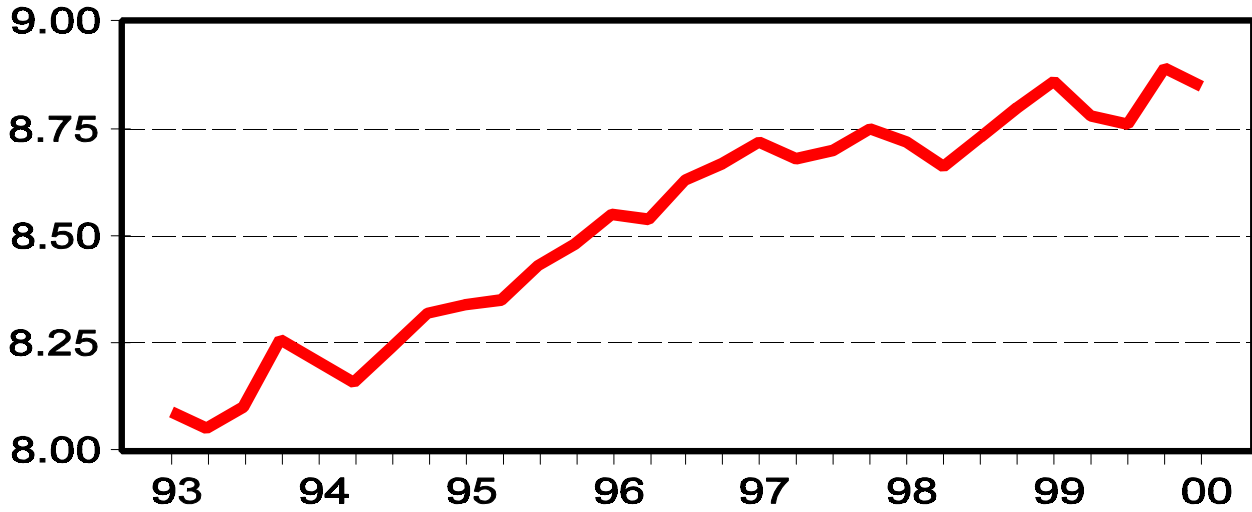
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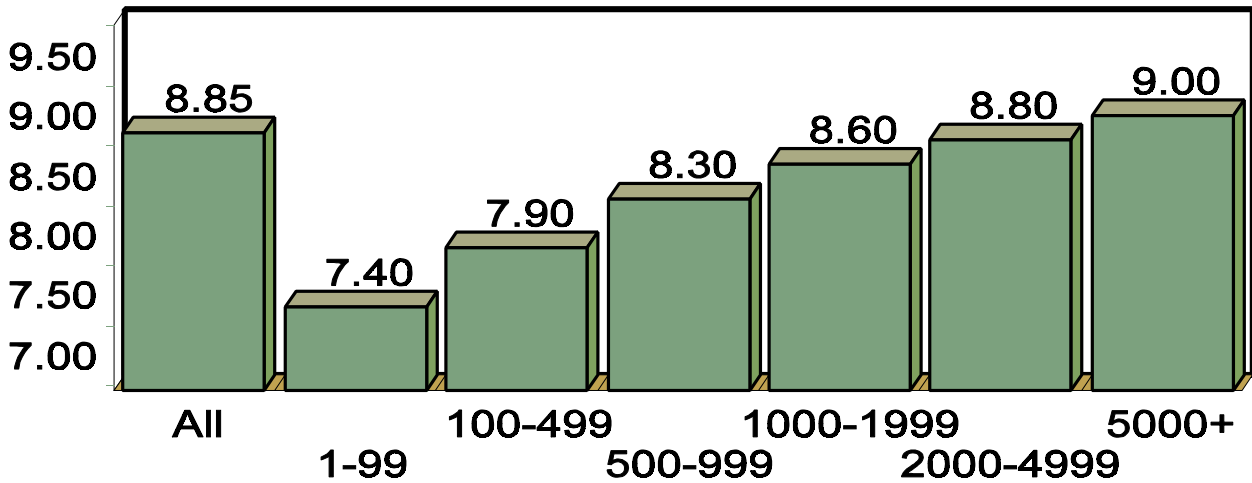
U.S. Litter Rate June - August

Number Head



U.S. Pigs per Litter By Size of Operation, June-August 2000

Number Head



**Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Class, Weight Group,
and Quarter, United States, 1998-2000¹**

Item	1998	1999	2000	2000 as % of	
				1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
March 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	60,163	60,191	57,777	96	96
Kept for Breeding	6,942	6,527	6,200	89	95
Market	53,220	53,663	51,578	97	96
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	20,192	19,978	19,203	95	96
60-119 Pounds	12,791	12,899	12,409	97	96
120-179 Pounds	10,774	10,995	10,552	98	96
180 Pounds and Over	9,464	9,792	9,414	99	96
June 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	62,213	60,896	59,397	95	98
Kept for Breeding	6,958	6,515	6,234	90	96
Market	55,254	54,380	53,164	96	98
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	21,482	20,532	20,128	94	98
60-119 Pounds	13,711	13,501	13,287	97	98
120-179 Pounds	11,084	11,076	10,720	97	97
180 Pounds and Over	8,978	9,272	9,029	101	97
September 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	63,488	60,776	60,185	95	99
Kept for Breeding	6,875	6,301	6,266	91	99
Market	56,612	54,474	53,920	95	99
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	21,189	20,243	20,041	95	99
60-119 Pounds	14,032	13,414	13,275	95	99
120-179 Pounds	11,555	11,129	11,047	96	99
180 Pounds and Over	9,837	9,689	9,557	97	99
December 1 Inventory					
All Hogs and Pigs	62,206	59,337			
Kept for Breeding	6,682	6,244			
Market	55,523	53,094			
Market Hogs and Pigs by Weight Groups					
Under 60 Pounds	20,140	19,228			
60-119 Pounds	13,631	13,106			
120-179 Pounds	11,585	11,073			
180 Pounds and Over	10,168	9,687			

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**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pig Crop, and Pigs Per Litter,
United States, 1998-2001 ¹**

Item	1998	1999	2000	2001	2000 as % of		2001 as % of 2000
					1998	1999	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sows Farrowing							
Dec-Feb ^{2 3}	2,929	2,891	2,798	2,894	96	97	103
Mar-May	3,086	2,986	2,900		94	97	
Dec-May ²	6,014	5,877	5,698		95	97	
Jun-Aug	3,054	2,920	2,903		95	99	
Sep-Nov ⁴	2,993	2,844	2,883		96	101	
Jun-Nov ⁵	6,047	5,764	5,786		96	100	
Pig Crop							
Dec-Feb ²	25,480	25,247	24,522		96	97	
Mar-May	26,989	26,270	25,786		96	98	
Dec-May ²	52,469	51,517	50,309		96	98	
Jun-Aug	26,634	25,860	25,681		96	99	
Sep-Nov	25,902	24,972					
Jun-Nov	52,535	50,832					
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Pigs per Litter							
Dec-Feb ²	8.70	8.73	8.76		101	100	
Mar-May	8.75	8.80	8.89		102	101	
Dec-May ²	8.72	8.77	8.83		101	101	
Jun-Aug	8.72	8.86	8.85		101	100	
Sep-Nov	8.66	8.78					
Jun-Nov	8.69	8.82					

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² December preceding year.

³ Intentions for 2001.

⁴ Intentions for 2000.

⁵ Actual farrowings for June-August plus intentions for September-November.

Pigs per Litter: By Size of Operation, United States, 1999-2000

Pig Crop	Pigs per Litter on Operations Having					
	1-99 Head	100-499 Head	500-999 Head	1,000-1,999 Head	2,000-4,999 Head	5,000+ Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
1999						
Dec-Feb ¹	7.60	8.10	8.20	8.40	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	7.80	8.10	8.30	8.70	8.70	9.00
Jun-Aug	7.80	7.90	8.30	8.50	8.90	9.00
Sep-Nov	7.40	8.40	8.40	8.70	8.80	8.90
2000						
Dec-Feb ¹	7.50	7.90	8.20	8.50	8.70	8.90
Mar-May	7.80	8.00	8.40	8.60	8.80	9.00
Jun-Aug	7.40	7.90	8.30	8.60	8.80	9.00

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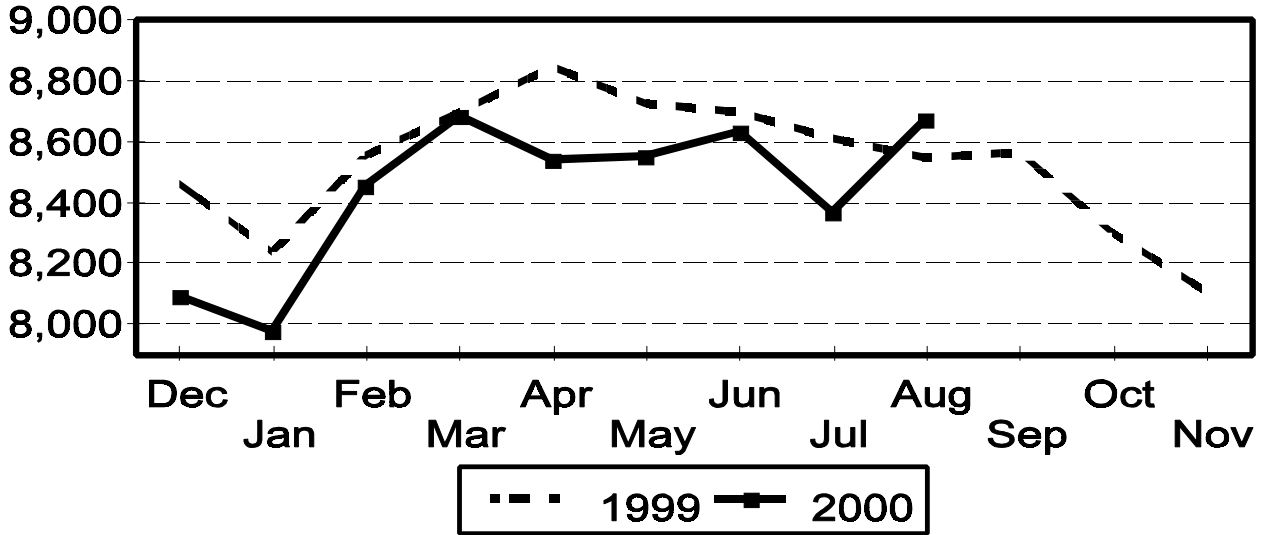
**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States December-November 1999-2000 ¹**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ¹	960	922	8.81	8.78	8,460	8,091
Jan	954	911	8.63	8.76	8,236	7,977
Feb	977	965	8.75	8.76	8,551	8,454
Mar	991	976	8.78	8.90	8,700	8,685
Apr	1,005	962	8.80	8.88	8,846	8,545
May	990	962	8.81	8.89	8,724	8,556
Jun	980	977	8.88	8.84	8,700	8,632
Jul	973	946	8.85	8.85	8,610	8,372
Aug	967	980	8.84	8.85	8,550	8,677
Sep	970		8.83		8,563	
Oct	950		8.74		8,303	
Nov	924		8.77		8,106	
Total	11,641		8.79		102,349	

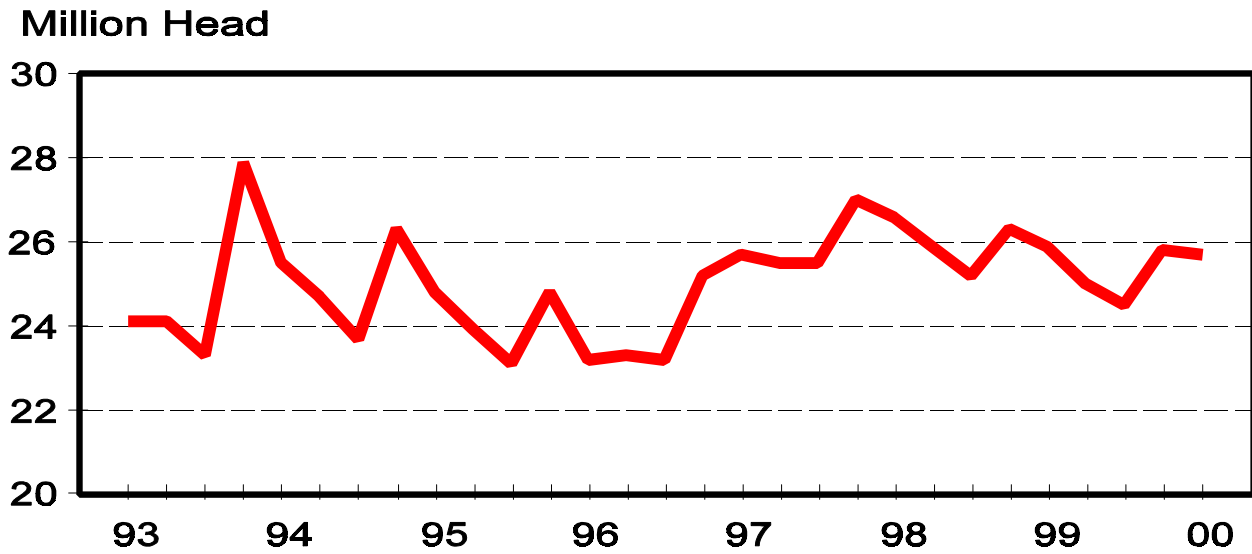
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U.S. Monthly Pig Crop

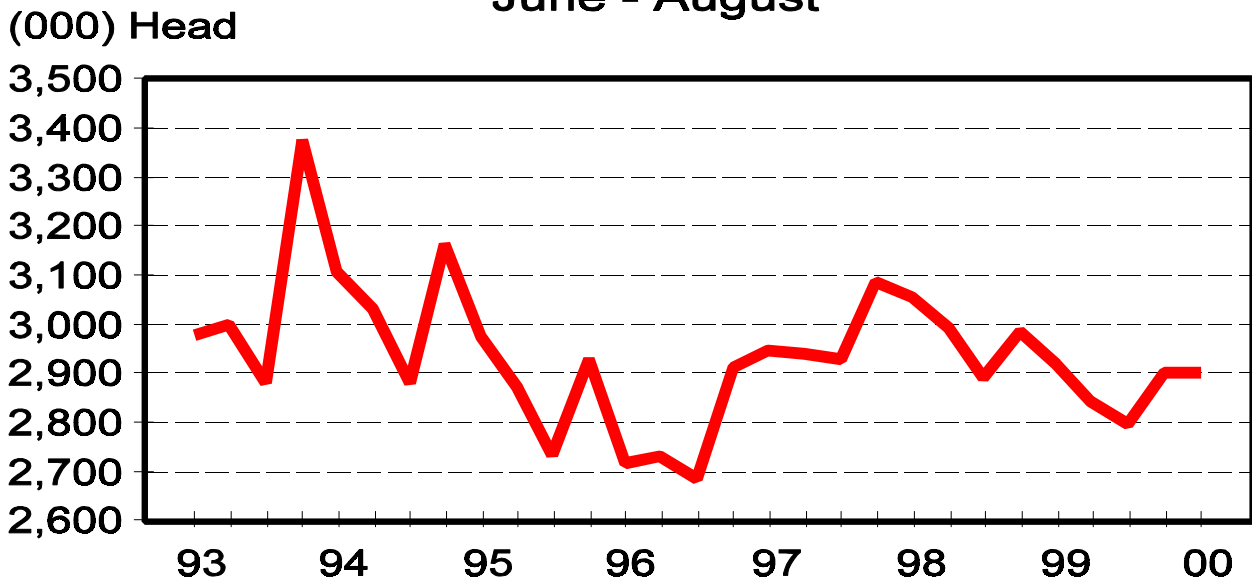
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U.S. Quarterly Pig Crop June - August



U.S. Quarterly Sows Farrowed June - August



**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
by State and United States, March 1, 1999-2000 ¹**

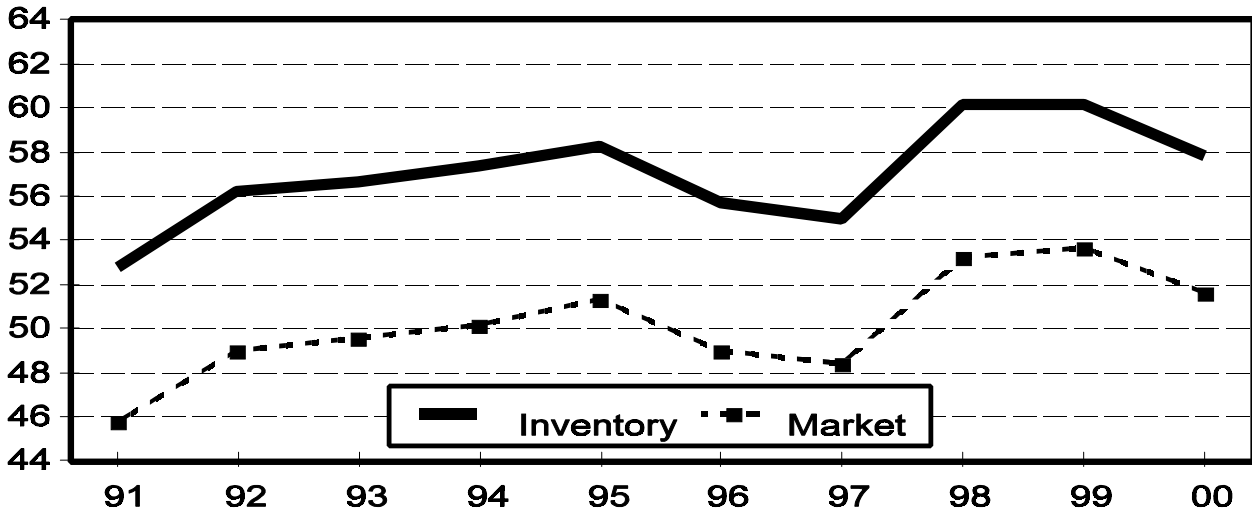
State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	110	100	625	580	93	735	690	94
CO	190	205	108	650	645	99	840	850	101
IL	470	430	91	3,930	3,620	92	4,400	4,050	92
IN	420	350	83	3,430	2,800	82	3,850	3,150	82
IA	1,220	1,160	95	13,580	13,640	100	14,800	14,800	100
KS	165	145	88	1,365	1,255	92	1,530	1,400	92
MI	110	120	109	880	840	95	990	960	97
MN	590	570	97	5,010	4,830	96	5,600	5,400	96
MO	400	380	95	2,700	2,620	97	3,100	3,000	97
NE	420	390	93	2,880	2,610	91	3,300	3,000	91
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,400	99	9,500	9,400	99
OH	195	160	82	1,455	1,270	87	1,650	1,430	87
OK	290	310	107	1,760	1,880	107	2,050	2,190	107
PA	120	120	100	980	870	89	1,100	990	90
SD	130	125	96	1,190	1,105	93	1,320	1,230	93
TX	90	80	89	670	780	116	760	860	113
WI	85	65	76	585	505	86	670	570	85
Oth Sts ²	522	480	92	3,473	3,328	96	3,996	3,807	95
US	6,527	6,200	95	53,663	51,578	96	60,191	57,777	96

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March 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, March 1, 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	220	220	155	135	135	125	115	100
CO	335	370	105	90	100	90	110	95
IL	1,410	1,260	900	880	880	820	740	660
IN	1,330	1,100	790	650	710	550	600	500
IA	4,380	4,310	3,480	3,590	2,970	2,970	2,750	2,770
KS	515	510	280	245	255	230	315	270
MI	280	295	225	215	190	170	185	160
MN	1,960	1,910	1,230	1,150	990	960	830	810
MO	1,130	1,140	720	680	510	510	340	290
NE	1,140	1,020	750	630	550	550	440	410
NC	3,400	3,400	1,950	1,950	1,750	1,650	1,400	1,400
OH	580	535	355	290	310	270	210	175
OK	770	840	300	300	240	250	450	490
PA	340	325	250	225	210	180	180	140
SD	410	370	310	280	240	250	230	205
TX	295	245	135	165	110	170	130	200
WI	210	195	135	110	130	100	110	100
Oth Sts ²	1,273	1,158	829	824	715	707	657	639
US	19,978	19,203	12,899	12,409	10,995	10,552	9,792	9,414

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**Hogs and Pigs: Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory
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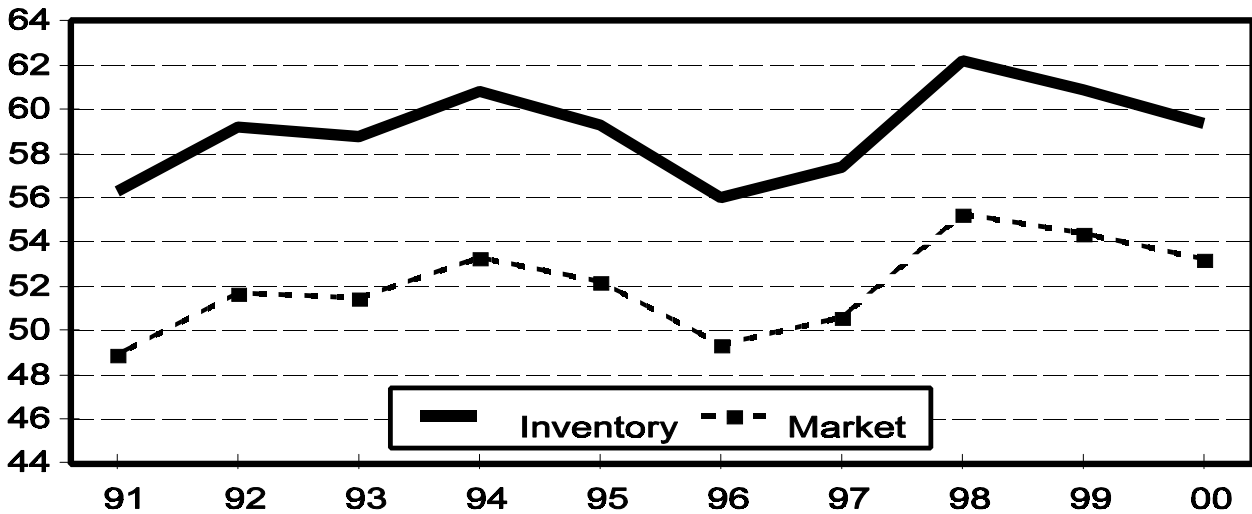
State	Breeding			Market			Total		
	1999	2000		1999	2000		1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999		Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	110	100	615	580	94	725	690	95
CO	200	210	105	700	680	97	900	890	99
IL	460	430	93	3,890	3,720	96	4,350	4,150	95
IN	410	350	85	3,190	2,950	92	3,600	3,300	92
IA	1,200	1,160	97	14,300	14,340	100	15,500	15,500	100
KS	160	150	94	1,360	1,240	91	1,520	1,390	91
MI	120	110	92	980	890	91	1,100	1,000	91
MN	600	580	97	5,000	5,120	102	5,600	5,700	102
MO	410	380	93	2,790	2,670	96	3,200	3,050	95
NE	410	370	90	2,790	2,580	92	3,200	2,950	92
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,500	8,600	101	9,500	9,600	101
OH	200	160	80	1,450	1,240	86	1,650	1,400	85
OK	310	340	110	1,870	1,950	104	2,180	2,290	105
PA	125	125	100	965	925	96	1,090	1,050	96
SD	130	125	96	1,200	1,105	92	1,330	1,230	92
TX	85	85	100	685	785	115	770	870	113
WI	80	65	81	580	515	89	660	580	88
Oth Sts ²	505	484	96	3,515	3,274	93	4,021	3,757	93
US	6,515	6,234	96	54,380	53,164	98	60,896	59,397	98

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June 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



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State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	220	210	150	135	135	130	110	105
CO	360	390	115	90	115	90	110	110
IL	1,460	1,360	950	920	840	820	640	620
IN	1,230	1,170	810	690	650	570	500	520
IA	4,550	4,570	3,950	4,070	3,050	3,080	2,750	2,620
KS	555	500	290	245	255	235	260	260
MI	430	400	220	200	200	160	130	130
MN	2,000	2,060	1,200	1,250	980	1,020	820	790
MO	1,240	1,210	730	650	520	510	300	300
NE	1,130	1,040	720	660	540	500	400	380
NC	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,750	1,700	1,350	1,400
OH	590	520	375	290	305	270	180	160
OK	790	840	360	400	270	240	450	470
PA	360	340	250	250	195	195	160	140
SD	430	390	280	310	270	240	220	165
TX	250	230	135	200	140	160	160	195
WI	215	195	130	120	130	110	105	90
Oth Sts ²	1,322	1,203	836	807	731	690	627	574
US	20,532	20,128	13,501	13,287	11,076	10,720	9,272	9,029

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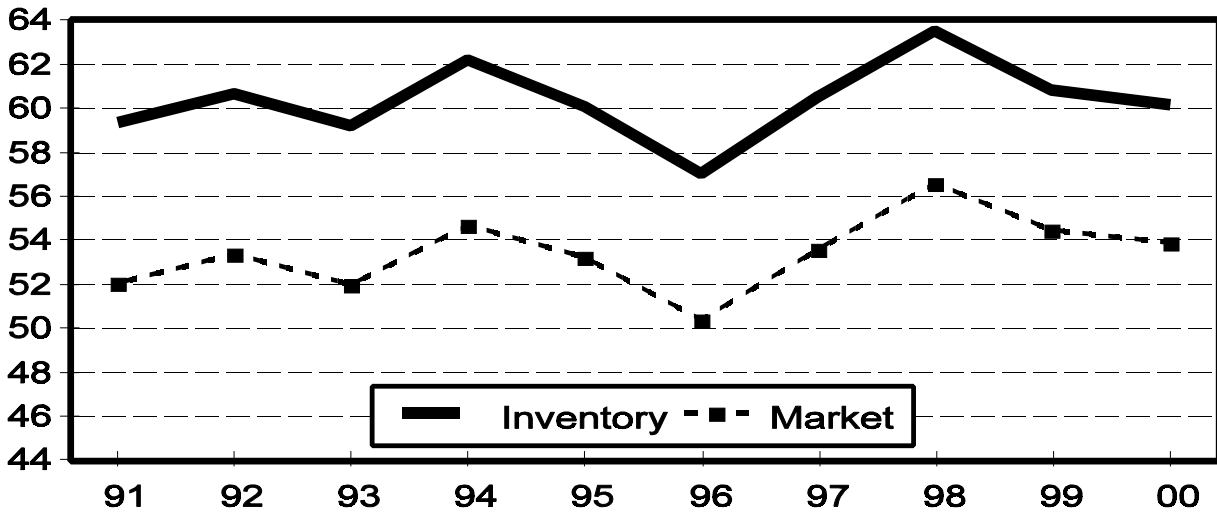
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CO	200	205	103	750	685	91	950	890	94
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IN	400	360	90	3,150	2,990	95	3,550	3,350	94
IA	1,150	1,160	101	14,450	14,340	99	15,600	15,500	99
KS	155	155	100	1,325	1,405	106	1,480	1,560	105
MI	110	110	100	920	910	99	1,030	1,020	99
MN	590	580	98	4,910	5,120	104	5,500	5,700	104
MO	390	380	97	2,710	2,620	97	3,100	3,000	97
NE	360	400	111	2,590	2,700	104	2,950	3,100	105
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,900	8,800	99	9,900	9,800	99
OH	190	160	84	1,400	1,270	91	1,590	1,430	90
OK	330	340	103	2,000	2,010	101	2,330	2,350	101
PA	115	115	100	935	925	99	1,050	1,040	99
SD	125	130	104	1,245	1,150	92	1,370	1,280	93
TX	80	85	106	740	865	117	820	950	116
WI	75	65	87	525	525	100	600	590	98
Oth Sts ²	491	496	101	3,544	3,350	95	4,036	3,845	95
US	6,301	6,266	99	54,474	53,920	99	60,776	60,185	99

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AR	225	215	140	135	135	125	110	100
CO	405	400	125	80	110	80	110	125
IL	1,390	1,290	930	910	820	830	630	650
IN	1,240	1,160	760	720	620	580	530	530
IA	4,660	4,450	3,940	3,910	3,100	3,220	2,750	2,760
KS	555	540	260	295	230	265	280	305
MI	310	340	260	240	190	180	160	150
MN	1,960	2,090	1,180	1,260	970	980	800	790
MO	1,110	1,120	720	690	530	520	350	290
NE	1,070	1,130	600	670	520	510	400	390
NC	3,400	3,400	2,100	2,100	1,850	1,800	1,550	1,500
OH	580	560	350	275	290	260	180	175
OK	830	930	370	330	300	250	500	500
PA	330	340	240	245	200	190	165	150
SD	415	420	320	290	285	255	225	185
TX	270	250	155	180	130	185	185	250
WI	215	195	115	120	100	110	95	100
Oth Sts ²	1,278	1,211	849	825	749	707	669	607
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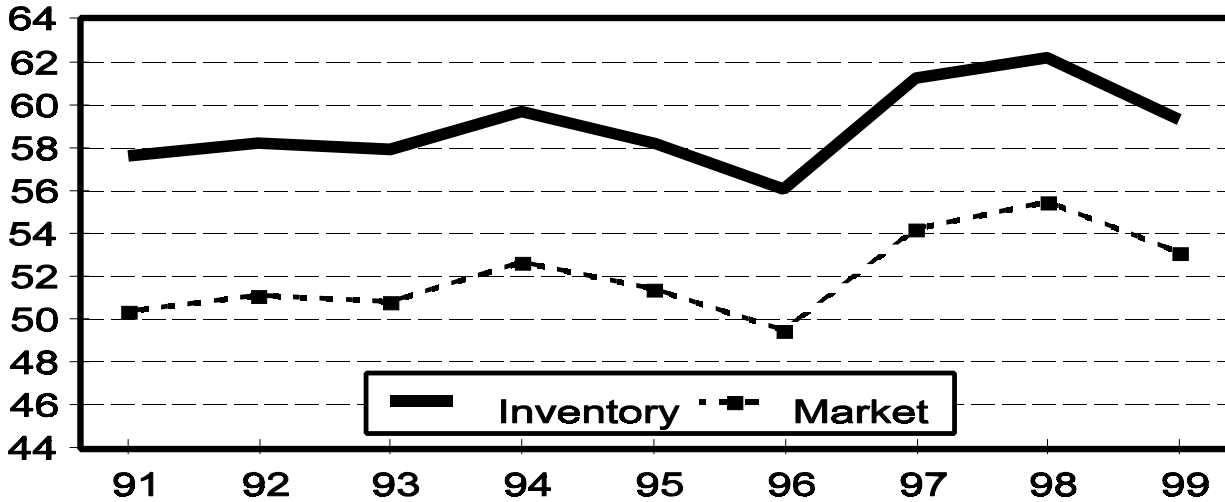
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	1998	1999		1998	1999		1998	1999	
		Number	as % of 1998		Number	as % of 1998		Number	as % of 1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	110	110	100	640	600	94	750	710	95
CO	180	210	117	690	700	101	870	910	105
IL	530	420	79	4,320	3,630	84	4,850	4,050	84
IN	450	370	82	3,600	2,880	80	4,050	3,250	80
IA	1,260	1,160	92	14,040	14,240	101	15,300	15,400	101
KS	170	150	88	1,420	1,310	92	1,590	1,460	92
MI	120	120	100	1,000	860	86	1,120	980	88
MN	620	560	90	5,080	4,940	97	5,700	5,500	96
MO	400	410	103	2,900	2,740	94	3,300	3,150	95
NE	420	390	93	2,980	2,610	88	3,400	3,000	88
NC	1,000	1,000	100	8,700	8,500	98	9,700	9,500	98
OH	200	170	85	1,500	1,310	87	1,700	1,480	87
OK	280	310	111	1,640	1,950	119	1,920	2,260	118
PA	120	120	100	980	930	95	1,100	1,050	95
SD	130	120	92	1,270	1,140	90	1,400	1,260	90
TX	80	80	100	560	790	141	640	870	136
WI	85	65	76	605	505	83	690	570	83
Oth Sts ²	527	479	91	3,598	3,459	96	4,126	3,937	95
US	6,682	6,244	93	55,523	53,094	96	62,206	59,337	95

¹ May not add due to rounding.

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

December 1 Hog Inventory & Market Hogs United States

Million Head



**Market Hogs and Pigs: Inventory Number by Weight Group,
State, and United States, December 1, 1998-1999 ¹**

State	Under 60 Lbs.		60-119 Lbs.		120-179 Lbs.		180 Lbs. and Over	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
AR	200	210	165	140	150	140	125	110
CO	335	350	120	115	120	110	115	125
IL	1,550	1,270	1,050	900	920	800	800	660
IN	1,370	1,090	840	740	780	580	610	470
IA	4,400	4,360	3,700	3,770	3,120	3,210	2,820	2,900
KS	535	520	290	310	280	230	315	250
MI	340	330	270	205	180	170	210	155
MN	2,020	1,940	1,270	1,190	960	1,030	830	780
MO	1,130	1,140	770	770	570	520	430	310
NE	1,165	980	780	650	600	550	435	430
NC	3,400	3,350	2,000	1,950	1,850	1,750	1,450	1,450
OH	590	530	370	320	330	285	210	175
OK	590	820	320	310	265	270	465	550
PA	340	330	255	250	210	195	175	155
SD	405	370	320	290	280	270	265	210
TX	210	280	120	190	115	160	115	160
WI	215	165	130	135	130	105	130	100
Oth Sts ²	1,345	1,193	861	871	725	698	668	697
US	20,140	19,228	13,631	13,106	11,585	11,073	10,168	9,687

¹ Weight groups may not add to Market due to rounding.

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

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, December-February 1999-2001^{1 2}**

State	Sows Farrowing				Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop ³		
	1999	2000	2001 ⁴		1999	2000	1999	2000	
			Number	as % of 2000				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	56	56	53	95	8.40	8.55	470	479	102
CO	73	86	85	99	8.30	8.50	606	731	121
IL	210	205	195	95	8.70	8.70	1,827	1,784	98
IN	185	145	155	107	8.60	8.70	1,591	1,262	79
IA	480	455	480	105	8.70	8.85	4,176	4,027	96
KS	83	74	76	103	8.70	8.70	722	644	89
MI	37	44	45	102	9.00	8.80	333	387	116
MN	255	245	265	108	8.95	8.80	2,282	2,156	94
MO	190	175	175	100	8.60	8.85	1,634	1,549	95
NE	165	160	170	106	8.55	8.75	1,411	1,400	99
NC	530	530	550	104	8.85	8.75	4,691	4,638	99
OH	86	75	78	104	8.50	8.70	731	653	89
OK	150	165	175	106	9.20	8.85	1,380	1,460	106
PA	47	46	48	104	8.70	8.70	409	400	98
SD	50	58	61	105	8.90	8.90	445	516	116
TX	37	36	41	114	9.40	9.50	348	342	98
WI	37	31	29	94	8.35	8.75	309	271	88
Oth Sts ⁵	220	212	213	100	8.54	8.59	1,882	1,823	97
US	2,891	2,798	2,894	103	8.73	8.76	25,247	24,522	97

¹ December preceding year.

² May not add due to rounding.

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

⁴ Intentions.

⁵ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, March-May 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing			Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	55	55	100	8.50	8.50	468	468	100
CO	79	89	113	8.50	8.40	672	748	111
IL	210	210	100	8.65	8.75	1,817	1,838	101
IN	175	145	83	8.70	8.85	1,523	1,283	84
IA	520	500	96	8.70	8.90	4,524	4,450	98
KS	85	77	91	9.10	8.90	774	685	89
MI	55	50	91	8.90	9.00	490	450	92
MN	265	265	100	8.95	9.00	2,372	2,385	101
MO	195	180	92	8.80	8.90	1,716	1,602	93
NE	165	155	94	8.60	8.90	1,419	1,380	97
NC	530	540	102	8.90	9.00	4,717	4,860	103
OH	85	75	88	8.80	9.00	748	675	90
OK	160	165	103	9.10	8.90	1,456	1,469	101
PA	47	48	102	8.80	8.80	414	422	102
SD	60	62	103	8.90	8.90	534	552	103
TX	37	37	100	9.50	9.50	352	352	100
WI	36	30	83	8.50	8.85	306	266	87
Oth Sts ³	227	217	96	8.68	8.77	1,968	1,901	97
US	2,986	2,900	97	8.80	8.89	26,270	25,786	98

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born March-May that were still on hand June 1, or had been sold.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, June-August 1999-2000 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing			Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1999	2000		1999	2000	1999	2000	
		Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1999
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	57	55	96	8.50	8.50	485	468	96
CO	93	90	97	8.60	8.40	800	756	95
IL	200	200	100	8.60	8.70	1,720	1,740	101
IN	170	155	91	8.75	8.75	1,488	1,356	91
IA	490	480	98	9.00	8.80	4,410	4,224	96
KS	82	84	102	8.80	8.80	722	739	102
MI	51	50	98	9.00	9.00	459	450	98
MN	265	265	100	9.00	9.10	2,385	2,412	101
MO	180	180	100	8.80	8.90	1,584	1,602	101
NE	150	160	107	8.65	9.00	1,298	1,440	111
NC	540	540	100	9.00	8.85	4,860	4,779	98
OH	85	75	88	8.70	8.85	740	664	90
OK	165	170	103	9.00	8.90	1,485	1,513	102
PA	44	49	111	8.90	8.70	392	426	109
SD	55	62	113	9.00	9.00	495	558	113
TX	39	43	110	8.90	9.40	347	404	116
WI	34	30	88	8.60	8.90	292	267	91
Oth Sts ³	220	215	98	8.64	8.75	1,898	1,883	99
US	2,920	2,903	99	8.86	8.85	25,860	25,681	99

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born June-August that were still on hand September 1, or had been sold.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

**Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop
by State and United States, September-November 1998-2000¹**

State	Sows Farrowing				Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ²		
	1998	1999	2000 ³		1998	1999	1998	1999	
			Number	as % of 1999				Number	as % of 1998
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	56	55	53	96	8.50	8.50	476	468	98
CO	73	87	85	98	8.50	8.30	621	722	116
IL	235	200	200	100	8.60	8.60	2,021	1,720	85
IN	195	155	150	97	8.65	8.65	1,687	1,341	79
IA	510	490	480	98	8.70	8.90	4,437	4,361	98
KS	90	78	79	101	8.70	8.70	783	679	87
MI	52	49	51	104	8.50	9.00	442	441	100
MN	265	245	265	108	8.85	9.00	2,345	2,205	94
MO	190	190	175	92	8.60	8.70	1,634	1,653	101
NE	175	160	160	100	8.50	8.75	1,488	1,400	94
NC	520	520	550	106	8.65	8.75	4,498	4,550	101
OH	90	74	74	100	8.60	8.70	774	644	83
OK	135	155	170	110	9.10	9.00	1,229	1,395	114
PA	46	46	48	104	8.90	8.70	409	400	98
SD	60	57	62	109	8.60	8.90	516	507	98
TX	32	38	40	105	8.20	9.40	262	357	136
WI	39	31	30	97	8.25	8.70	322	270	84
Oth Sts ⁴	230	214	211	99	8.53	8.68	1,958	1,859	95
US	2,993	2,844	2,883	101	8.66	8.78	25,902	24,972	96

¹ May not add due to rounding.

² Number of pigs born September-November that were still on hand December 1, or had been sold.

³ Intentions.

⁴ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other States.

Reliability of September 1 Hogs and Pigs Estimates

Survey Procedures: A random sample of 13,200 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. Data were collected from about 11,100 operations, 84 percent of the total sample, during the first-half of September by 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 State 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 to it estimates of births and imports, and subtracts 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 1.8 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 60.2 million head by more than 1.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 3.2 percent.

Reliability of September 1 Hog Estimates ¹

Item	Root Mean Square Error	90% Confidence Level		Difference Between First and Latest Estimates			Quarters	
				Average	Smallest	Largest	First Above Latest	First Below Latest
				<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Hogs & Pigs	1.8	3.2	1,926	729	0	2,820	10	10
Pig Crop	1.7	3.0	770	304	3	1,009	12	8
Expected Farrowings								
Next Quarter	2.4	4.2	121	50	1	161	12	8
Following	4.7	8.1	234	96	10	380	11	9

¹ Based on quarterly records for the past 20 quarters.

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