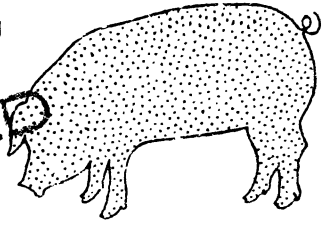


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The Crop Reporting Board of the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the following report of sows farrowed, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from some 119,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SOWS FALLOWED							
	Spring (December 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average:	1945	1946	1946 pct. of 1945	Average:	1945	1946 1/2 of 1945	1946 pct. of 1945
United States	8,102	8,187	8,087	99	5,114	5,503	4,633	84
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	5,887	6,297	6,169	98	3,178	3,701	2,979	80

	PIGS PER LITTER					
	Spring (December 1 - June 1)			Fall (June 1 - December 1)		
	Average:	1945	1946	Average:	1945	1946
United States	6.15	6.30	6.47	6.29	6.38	6.47
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6.27	6.40	6.60	6.42	6.47	6.47

	PIGS SAVED							
	Spring (December 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average:	1945	1946	1946 pct. of 1945	Average:	1945	1946 2/3 of 1945	1946 pct. of 1945
United States	49,840	51,570	52,324	101	32,218	35,144	29,100	83
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	36,824	40,304	40,714	101	20,436	23,936	19,100	80

	PIGS SAVED							
	Yearly Total (December 1 - December 1)				June 1			
	Average:	1945	1946	1946 pct. of 1945	Average:	1945	1946 2/3 of 1945	1946 pct. of 1945
United States	82,058	86,714	81,424	94	25,608	25,566	22,959	90
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	57,260	64,240	59,814	93	14,966	16,147	14,107	87

1/ Fall farrowings indicated from breeding intentions reports.
 2/ Ten-year (1935-44) average pigs per litter used to compute number of fall pigs.

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The trend of hog numbers and of hog production is definitely downward the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The number of sows that farrowed this spring was slightly below last year and 5 percent smaller than was indicated by breeding intentions last December. But as a result of the record numbers of pigs saved per litter, the spring pig crop of 52,324,000 was a little larger than last year. Breeding intentions reports indicate a decrease of 16 percent from a year ago in the number of sows to farrow this fall. The combined spring and fall pig crop of 1946 is expected to be about 81½ million - 6 percent below 1945 and the smallest since 1940. The number of hogs over 6 months old on farms June 1 was 10 percent smaller than a year earlier and the smallest for the date since 1938.

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Spring Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the spring season of 1946 (December 1, 1945 to June 1, 1946) is estimated at 52,324,000 head. This number is about 750,000 head or 1½ percent larger than the 1945 spring pig crop and 2,484,000 head or 5 percent larger than the 1935-44 average. It is about 6 percent smaller than the 1944 spring crop and 29 percent below the record crop of 1943. Compared with 1945, the West North Central States was the only region showing a decrease - 1 percent down. The North Atlantic was unchanged, the East North Central and South Atlantic were each up 6 percent, the South Central up 2 percent and the Western up 1 percent.

The number of sows that farrowed in the 1946 spring season was 8,087,000, a decrease of 1 percent from 1945. This number is about 455,000 or about 5 percent smaller than indicated by farmers' reports on breeding intentions shown by the December 1945 Pig Crop Report. Actual farrowings were below the December indicated farrowings in all regions, with the largest deviations in the West North Central and South Central States. By regions the percentages of 1946 to 1945 farrowings as shown by the December report and as now estimated are as follows: North Atlantic, 98 and 97; East North Central 107 and 105; West North Central 102 and 95; South Atlantic 106 and 105; South Central 106 and 101; Western 101 and 99.

More than offsetting the decrease in the number of sows farrowing was the record average number of pigs saved per litter. This number of 6.47 compared with 6.30 in 1945 and a 10-year average of 6.15. The nearest approach to this number in any spring season was 6.36 in 1938 and 1941. The average number saved also exceeded the highest for the fall-season of 6.43 in 1941. The average was especially high in the West North Central States and reflects the exceptionally favorable weather during the spring months.

The monthly distribution of spring farrowings shows a decrease in the percentage of May farrowings from the near record May percentage of last year. Most of this May decrease was offset by the increase in the March percentage, with some increase shown for April and little change for the other months. Compared with the 10-year average distribution the April percentage was high, the percentages for March and May were little changed, and those for December, January and February were down.

Fall Intentions: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions show a sharp drop from last year in the number of sows being kept for fall farrow. The indicated number of sows is 4,633,000 head, a decrease of 970,000 sows or 16 percent from a

year earlier. This number is 39 percent below the 1943 record number, 9 percent below the 10-year average, and is the smallest number since 1938. Compared with last year the numbers are down in all regions, but one, and in nearly all States, with the largest relative declines in the West North Central and Western States. By regions the decreases were North Atlantic 11 percent; East North Central 14 percent; West North Central 24 percent; South Central 11 percent; and Western 22 percent. The South Atlantic was up 3 percent.

These indicated changes from last year are based upon breeding intentions as reported about June 1 and the relationship between intentions and subsequent farrowings in other years when the hog-corn ratio was somewhat below average and the feed supply situation was rather difficult. No consideration was given to possible deviations from intentions that might result from changes in the situation if price ceilings on hogs and products were removed and packer subsidies were ended on June 30. If the number of sows that farrow is about as here indicated and the number of pigs saved per litter should be about equal to the 10-year average the 1946 fall pig crop would be about 29 million head - a reduction from last year of 17 percent and the smallest fall crop since 1938. Such a fall pig crop would be considerably below the goal recently announced by the Department of Agriculture, which called for a reduction of 10 percent in the fall pig crop. The combined spring and fall crop would be about 81.4 million - a decrease of 6 percent from 1945 and about 1 percent from the 10-year average.

Hogs on Farms: The estimated number of hogs over 6 months old, including brood sows, on June 1 this year was 22,959,000 head, a decrease of about 2,600,000 head or 10 percent from a year earlier. This number is also about 10 percent below the 10-year average and the smallest June 1 number since 1938. For the North Central States the estimated number of 14.1 million is down about 2 million head or 13 percent. In nearly all years, a reduction in the number of hogs over 6 months old on farms on June 1 is reflected in a reduction from the previous year in hog slaughter during the four months, June through September. However, in view of the small slaughter in these months in 1945 in relation to the June 1, 1945 number and the indicated large reduction in 1946 fall sows, slaughter supplies during the 4 months period this year may not be much different from a year earlier.

The accompanying tables show the detailed figures of sows, pigs saved, and average number per litter by States and groups of States.

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SOWS FARROWED

State and Div.	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)			1946 as % of 1945	Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)			1946 as % of 1945
	1935-44 Average (000)	1945 (000)	1946 (000)		1935-44 Average (000)	1945 (000)	1946 ^{1/} (000)	
Maine	7	6	5	93	6	6	5	91
N.H.	2	2	2	80	2	1	1	93
Vt.	3	3	3	103	3	2	3	108
Mass.	14	14	13	93	11	10	8	85
R.I.	1	1	1	93	1	1	1	88
Conn.	3	3	3	88	3	3	2	80
N.Y.	30	22	20	91	25	23	19	83
N.J.	13	10	10	100	10	8	7	85
Pa.	71	63	63	100	76	73	67	92
N.A.	144	124	120	97	137	127	113	89
Ohio	401	350	400	111	350	354	328	90
Ind.	514	528	588	111	451	513	452	90
Ill.	764	834	842	101	477	574	465	81
Mich.	119	100	113	113	101	105	89	85
Wis.	312	315	296	94	166	190	156	82
N.C.E.	2,110	2,137	2,237	105	1,545	1,746	1,500	86
Minn.	666	659	608	91	239	289	205	71
Iowa	1,695	1,831	1,787	96	632	731	633	80
Mo.	421	470	432	92	370	427	342	80
N.Dak.	127	139	120	86	22	22	14	62
S.Dak.	260	337	337	100	57	69	41	59
Nebr.	418	491	462	96	156	200	126	63
Kans.	190	203	185	91	157	157	118	75
N.C.W.	3,777	4,160	3,992	95	1,633	1,955	1,479	76
N.C.	5,887	6,297	6,169	98	3,178	3,701	2,979	80
Del.	3	3	3	85	4	3	3	97
Md.	26	24	25	104	23	23	25	89
Ya.	81	72	80	111	80	81	81	100
W.Va.	23	17	20	118	26	24	24	100
N.C.	119	95	105	111	101	85	93	109
S.C.	69	65	69	106	61	63	68	108
Ga.	192	161	169	105	161	144	158	110
Fla.	86	93	87	94	67	65	58	89
T.A.	599	530	558	105	528	493	510	103
Ky.	150	129	120	101	134	138	116	84
Tenn.	149	122	133	109	133	130	127	98
Ala.	123	109	117	107	109	116	123	106
Miss.	110	103	104	101	94	87	92	106
Ark.	139	114	122	107	116	104	98	94
La.	128	119	117	98	101	97	92	95
Okl.	123	105	99	93	116	116	81	70
Tex.	222	187	174	93	203	192	144	75
S.C.	1,144	989	996	101	1,006	980	873	89
Mont.	30	32	28	86	20	21	12	57
Idaho	56	36	33	92	39	23	16	70
Wyo.	11	10	11	110	9	7	6	85
Colo.	45	40	40	100	36	29	22	76
N.Mex.	11	11	9	82	10	8	6	75
Ariz.	5	4	4	100	4	3	3	94
Utah	15	11	11	100	12	11	10	91
Nev.	3	4	4	100	2	2	2	75
Wash.	35	24	26	108	27	21	15	71
Oreg.	36	20	23	115	26	20	15	75
Calif.	80	55	55	100	80	57	51	90
West.	328	247	244	99	265	202	158	78
U.S.	8,102	8,187	8,087	99	5,114	5,503	4,633	84

^{1/} Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State and Div.	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1) 1944				Pigs per litter			Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1) 1944	
	1935-44 Average (000)	1945 (000)	1946 (000)	as % of 1935	1935-44 Average	1945	1946	1935-44 Average (000)	1945 (000)
Maine	42	36	34	94	6.4	6.5	6.6	40	37
N.H.	14	13	10	77	6.7	6.2	6.1	11	10
Vt.	22	19	21	111	6.5	6.7	7.1	21	17
Mass.	79	80	74	93	5.5	5.7	5.7	64	58
R.I.	6	6	6	83	5.9	6.2	6.0	5	5
Conn.	18	19	19	95	5.7	5.9	6.3	18	20
N.Y.	201	152	143	97	6.7	6.9	7.4	176	163
N.J.	80	69	69	100	6.0	6.9	6.9	64	54
Pa.	448	410	428	104	6.3	6.5	6.8	500	482
N.A.	908	804	807	100	6.26	6.49	6.75	899	844
Ohio	2,612	2,491	2,760	111	6.54	6.92	6.90	2,360	2,464
Ind.	3,293	3,585	3,991	111	6.41	6.79	6.81	2,956	3,386
Ill.	4,714	5,379	5,490	102	6.18	6.45	6.52	3,046	3,691
Mch.	784	677	780	115	6.61	6.77	6.90	676	700
Wis.	2,058	2,104	1,998	95	6.60	6.68	6.75	1,116	1,254
N.C.E.	13,461	14,235	15,019	106	6.39	6.66	6.71	10,154	11,495
Minn.	4,161	4,154	3,958	95	6.24	6.21	6.50	1,503	1,806
Iowa	10,427	11,799	11,758	100	6.15	6.34	6.58	3,962	5,070
Mo.	2,684	3,036	3,020	99	6.36	6.46	6.99	2,408	2,776
N.Dak.	809	883	798	90	6.38	6.35	6.65	159	141
S.Dak.	1,594	2,059	2,116	103	6.14	6.11	6.28	340	417
Nebr.	2,522	2,862	2,841	89	6.08	5.95	6.15	942	1,220
Kans.	1,188	1,275	1,204	94	6.30	6.28	6.51	988	1,011
N.C.W.	23,353	26,068	25,695	99	6.19	6.27	6.53	10,282	12,441
N.C.	35,824	40,304	40,714	101	6.27	6.40	6.60	20,432	23,936
Del.	20	20	16	80	6.1	6.5	6.3	24	20
Md.	162	168	168	106	6.2	6.6	6.7	180	179
Va.	506	482	512	106	6.2	6.7	6.4	529	543
W.Va.	159	116	142	122	6.8	6.8	7.1	181	170
N.C.	717	598	651	109	6.0	6.3	6.2	628	544
S.C.	384	371	400	108	5.6	5.7	5.8	358	392
Ga.	1,092	934	980	105	5.7	5.8	5.8	920	835
Fla.	446	446	435	98	5.2	4.8	5.0	354	364
S.A.	3,486	3,125	3,304	106	5.80	5.90	5.93	3,174	3,027
N.Y.	953	831	858	102	6.4	6.5	6.6	862	928
Tenn.	914	781	838	107	6.2	6.4	6.3	855	845
Ala.	680	632	702	111	5.5	5.8	6.0	618	696
Miss.	583	536	551	103	5.3	5.2	5.3	527	487
Ark.	803	650	695	107	5.8	5.7	5.7	705	655
La.	642	607	608	100	5.0	5.1	5.2	513	524
Okla.	748	636	634	100	6.1	6.0	6.4	728	742
Tex.	1,270	1,122	1,061	95	5.7	6.0	6.1	1,220	1,152
S.C.	6,601	5,802	5,947	102	5.75	5.87	5.97	6,048	6,039
Mont.	193	208	188	90	6.4	5.5	6.7	130	139
Idaho	351	227	214	94	6.3	6.3	6.5	257	150
Wyo.	66	59	69	117	5.7	5.9	6.3	53	43
Colo.	264	236	248	105	5.8	5.9	6.2	218	174
N.Mex.	62	59	53	90	5.6	5.4	5.9	60	49
Ariz.	31	22	24	109	5.8	5.5	6.0	25	19
Utah	92	66	70	106	6.1	6.0	6.4	75	74
Nev.	20	21	20	95	6.0	5.6	5.5	11	12
Wash.	243	163	182	112	6.7	6.8	7.0	191	147
Oreg.	243	138	154	112	6.8	6.9	6.7	178	138
Calif.	456	336	330	98	5.7	6.1	6.0	462	353
WEST.	2,021	1,535	1,552	101	6.12	6.22	6.37	1,661	1,298
U.S.	49,840	51,570	52,324	101	6.15	6.30	6.47	32,218	35,144

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SOWS FARROWED, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1924-46, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Year	Sows Farrowed		Pigs per Litter		Pigs Saved		Year
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	
	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	
Thousand head				Thousand head			
1924	9,799	4,344	5.12	5.49	50,218	23,847	74,065
1925	8,334	3,939	5.74	5.70	47,859	22,451	70,310
1926	9,048	4,330	5.59	5.74	50,579	24,865	75,444
1927	9,754	4,609	5.59	5.80	54,502	26,744	81,246
1928	9,301	4,429	5.63	5.94	52,390	26,292	78,682
1929	8,854	4,264	5.70	6.01	50,479	25,646	76,125
1930	8,278	4,073	5.96	6.09	49,332	24,803	74,135
1931	8,969	4,797	6.02	6.09	53,984	29,192	83,176
1932	8,810	5,179	5.79	6.08	51,031	31,494	82,525
1933	9,122	5,207	5.86	5.90	53,460	30,740	84,200
1934	6,825	2,936	5.82	5.81	39,698	17,068	56,766
1935	5,467	3,857	6.01	6.03	32,884	23,260	56,144
1936	6,954	3,957	5.96	6.14	41,422	24,303	65,725
1937	6,177	3,845	6.23	6.24	38,525	23,994	62,519
1938	6,795	4,517	6.35	6.32	43,289	28,566	71,855
1939	8,692	5,352	6.12	6.30	53,238	33,714	86,952
1940	8,243	4,760	6.01	6.36	49,567	30,273	79,840
1941	7,736	5,518	6.36	6.43	49,234	35,493	84,727
1942	9,650	6,814	6.31	6.41	60,902	43,657	104,559
1943	12,136	7,576	6.10	6.29	74,034	47,672	121,706
1944	9,187	4,928	6.03	6.34	55,428	31,240	86,668
1945	8,187	5,503	6.30	6.38	51,570	35,144	86,714
1946	8,087	1/4,633	6.47	2/6.29	52,324	2/29,100	1/2/81,424

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2/ Ten-year (1935-44) average pigs per litter used to compute number of pigs saved fall 1946.

U.S. SOWS FARROWED, BY MONTHS, SPRING

Year	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Total
Thousand head							
1944	403	453	879	2,463	3,268	1,721	9,187
1945	291	354	679	2,005	2,989	1,869	8,187
1946	283	338	693	2,143	2,975	1,655	8,087

Percent of total spring sows farrowed

1935-44 Av.	3.9	5.3	10.1	25.8	34.6	20.3	100.0
1944	4.4	4.9	9.6	26.8	35.6	18.7	100.0
1945	3.6	4.3	8.3	24.5	36.5	22.8	100.0
1946	3.5	4.2	8.6	26.5	36.8	20.4	100.0

1/ December of preceding year.