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The expected number of sows to farrow in the fall of 1956 (June 1 - December 1) for 9 Corn Belt States is 8 percent smaller than in 1955, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 3,490,000 head for the 9 States--Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, and Kansas. This compares with 3,781,000 sows farrowed in the same period of 1955. These States accounted for 68 percent of the United States fall pig crop in 1955. The September survey indicates an increase of 1 percent or 28,000 head from the farrowing intentions reported in June. Farmers in all of the 9 States report smaller fall sow numbers than for 1955, ranging from a 17 percent drop in Kansas to 3 percent fewer sows in Indiana.

Sows farrowed during June, July, and August totaled 1,889,000 head--down 9 percent from 1955 and 17,000 head or 1 percent below the intentions reported for the 9 States in June. These litters represent 54 percent of the estimated fall total compared with 55 percent in 1955. Sows bred to farrow in September, October, and November are now estimated at 1,601,000 head, which is 6 percent below last year, but 3 percent above intentions reported in June.

Reported breeding intentions indicated that the number of sows to farrow from December 1956 through February 1957 for the 9 Corn Belt States will total 1,531,000 head. This would be a decline of 56,000 head or 4 percent from the same period a year earlier. The intentions reports show considerable variation between States, ranging from a 10 percent reduction in Ohio to a 4 percent increase in Illinois.

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Sows farrowing, 9 Corn Belt States

State	June 1 - September 1				September 1 - December 1			
	1954	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955	1954	1955	1956 1/2	1956 as % of 1955
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio...	164	176	168	95	154	174	158	91
Ind....	331	337	317	94	175	184	188	102
Ill....	305	346	335	97	298	342	318	93
Wis....	111	111	95	86	72	94	81	86
Minn...	197	202	180	89	114	137	128	93
Iowa...	551	581	505	87	402	458	430	94
Mo.....	197	228	212	93	170	231	219	95
S. Dak.	45	49	42	86	32	36	34	94
Kans...	43	42	35	83	41	54	45	83
Total 9 States	1,944	2,072	1,889	91	1,458	1,709	1,601	94

State	June 1 - December 1 Total				December 1 - March 1 3/			
	1954	1955	1956 2/	1956 as % of 1955	1955	1956	1957 1/	1957 as % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio...	318	350	326	93	155	157	142	90
Ind....	506	521	505	97	297	282	265	94
Ill....	603	687	653	95	263	280	291	104
Wis....	183	205	176	86	88	91	88	97
Minn...	311	339	308	91	130	124	117	94
Iowa...	953	1,039	935	90	410	391	380	97
Mo.....	367	459	431	94	164	190	181	95
S. Dak.	77	85	76	90	34	25	24	96
Kans...	84	96	80	83	42	47	43	91
Total 9 States	3,402	3,781	3,490	92	1,583	1,587	1,531	96

1/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

2/Sum of June 1 - September 1 farrowings and September 1 - December 1 intentions to farrow.

3/December preceding year.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes September 1, 9 Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956	1956
				as % of 1955				as % of 1955
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent
Ohio....	1/	1,200	1,150	96	1/	1,380	1,390	101
Ind....	2,240	2,270	2,170	96	1,790	1,925	1,865	97
Ill....	1,990	2,300	2,330	101	4,155	4,355	4,062	93
Wis....	720	755	660	87	1,410	1,510	1,208	80
Minn....	1,320	1,340	1,240	93	3,074	3,193	2,577	81
Iowa....	3,690	3,930	3,572	91	10,170	10,784	8,960	83
Mo.....	1/	1,515	1,440	95	1/	1,860	1,780	96
S. Dak..	1/	312	280	90	1/	1,927	1,490	77
Kans....	282	280	232	83	490	556	470	85
Total 6 States:	10,242	10,875	10,204	94	21,089	22,323	19,142	86
Total 9 States:	---	13,902	13,074	94	---	27,490	23,802	87

1/ Not available.

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956	1956	1954	1955	1956	1956
				as % of 1955				as % of 1955				as % of 1955
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent
Ohio....	1/	2,580	2,540	98	1/	810	816	101	1/	3,390	3,356	99
Ind....	4,030	4,195	4,035	96	1,330	1,326	1,265	95	5,360	5,521	5,300	96
Ill....	6,145	6,655	6,392	96	1,430	1,450	1,470	101	7,575	8,105	7,862	97
Wis....	2,130	2,265	1,868	82	500	575	461	80	2,630	2,840	2,329	82
Minn....	4,394	4,533	3,817	84	656	921	764	83	5,050	5,454	4,581	84
Iowa....	13,860	14,714	12,532	85	1,890	2,296	1,756	76	15,750	17,010	14,288	84
Mo.....	1/	3,375	3,220	95	1/	1,125	965	86	1/	4,500	4,185	93
S. Dak..	1/	2,239	1,770	79	1/	311	296	95	1/	2,550	2,066	81
Kans....	772	836	702	84	218	243	204	84	990	1,079	906	84
Total 6 States:	31,331	33,198	29,346	88	6,024	6,811	5,920	87	37,355	40,009	35,266	88
Total 9 States:	---	41,392	36,876	89	---	9,057	7,997	88	---	50,449	44,873	89

1/ Not available.

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The number of all hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1956 in the 9 States totaled 44,873,000 head, down 11 percent from the 50,449,000 on September 1, 1955. Hogs and pigs six months old or over totaled 7,997,000 head, 12 percent less than the 9,057,000 a year earlier. The number under six months of age was 11 percent less than last September, with the sharpest drop occurring in the 3 - 6 months age group--a decline of 13 percent for this group, compared with only a 6 percent drop in the number of pigs under three months old. The decline in the number of pigs under three months of age was 3 percentage points less than the decline in the number of sows farrowing during the June 1 - September 1 period, reflecting an increase in the number of pigs saved per litter. The 13,074,000 pigs under three months old on farms September 1 made up 29.1 percent of all hogs, compared with 13,902,000 pigs under three months of age which made up 27.6 percent of all hogs on September 1 last year. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 23,802,000 head compared with 27,490,000 a year earlier.

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