


Hogs and Pigs


Hog sales up, number of farms down, since 2017




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In 2022, U.S. farmers had sales of hogs totaling \$36.4 billion, accounting for 6.7% of total U.S. agriculture sales. Sales of hogs increased 38% from 2017 to 2022. The top three states, Iowa, Minnesota and North Carolina, accounted for more than half of U.S. hog and pig sales. Nine states sold over \$1 billion in hogs. Of the 56,265 farms that produced and sold hogs, 39% were farms specializing in hog production, which accounted for 93% of hogs and pigs sales.

240.1 million hogs sold 

56,265 farms 

\$36.4 billion sales 

Number and Location

In 2022, U.S. hog sales totaled \$36.4 billion, up 38.4% from 2017, when the Census of Agriculture was last conducted. During that time, the number of farms with sales of hogs decreased 13%, from 64,871 farms to 56,265 farms. All operation types (farrow to wean, farrow to finish, finish only, farrow to feeder, nursery, and other) showed a decrease in number of operations with sales.

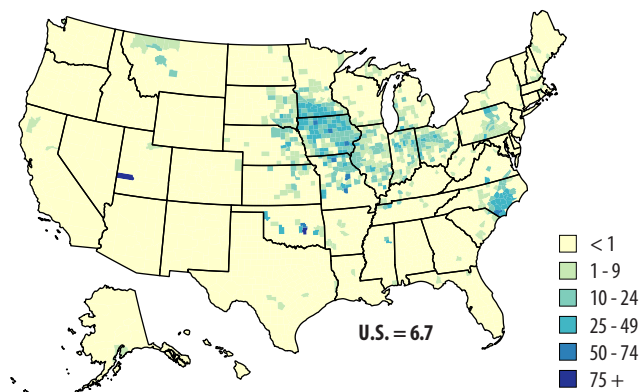
Three states (Iowa, Minnesota, and North Carolina) individually sold more than \$4 billion in hogs in 2022, accounting for more than half (56.7%) of total sales. Another six states had between \$1 billion and \$3.9 billion in hogs sold. These nine states accounted for 85% of hog sales in 2022.

Of the 56,265 farms that sold hogs in 2022, nearly three-quarters (72%) specialized in the finishing stage of production (either farrow to finish or finish only). The other 28% of operations specialized in other stages of production.

\$966 million

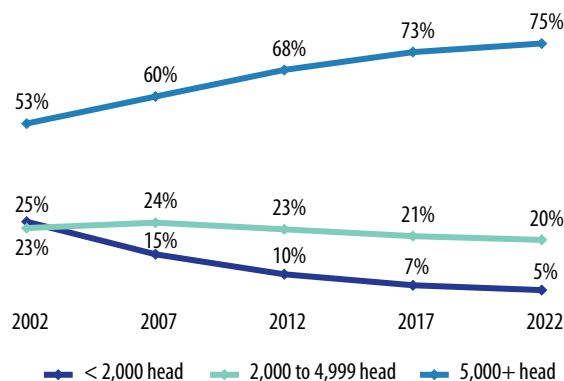
At \$966 million in 2022 hog sales, Sampson County, North Carolina, accounted for nearly 3% of U.S. hog sales. Three of the top five counties in hog sales, however, were in Iowa.

Sales of Hogs as Percent of Agriculture Sales, by County, 2022



Top States	(\$ bil)
Iowa	11.8
Minnesota	4.7
North Carolina	4.1
Illinois	2.4
Nebraska	2.0
Indiana	1.9
Missouri	1.6
Ohio	1.6
Oklahoma	1.1
Kansas	0.9

Percent of Hog Inventory, by Size of Operation, 2002 – 2022



Between 2002 and 2022, the proportion of hogs on smaller operations (with fewer than 2,000 hogs) declined from 25% to 5%. The proportion on larger operations (5,000 hogs or more) increased from 53% to 75%. The proportion on mid-sized operations decreased slightly from 23% to 20%.

SNAPSHOT Hog and Pig Producers, 2022

Number = 41,493*

	Hog & Pig Farming (percent)	All U.S. (percent)
Sex		
Male	65	64
Female	35	36
Age		
<35	16	9
35 - 64	67	53
65+	17	38
Years farming		
10 or less	41	30
11 or more	59	70
Lived on their farm	76	70
Worked off farm		
No days	32	38
1 to 199 days	20	22
200+ days	48	40
Primary occupation		
Farming	44	42
Other	56	58
With military service	6	9
Race		
American Ind/Alaska Native	0.9	1.7
Asian	0.2	0.7
Black/African American	1.1	1.2
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	0.1	0.1
White	96.9	95.4
More than one race	0.8	0.9
Hispanic	2.3	3.3
Average age (years)	49.6	58.1

* Producers on 21,865 specialized hog farms as defined by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). More than half of the farm's sales come from raising hogs and pigs.

About the Census

The Census of Agriculture, conducted once every five years, is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Results from the 2022 and earlier censuses are available at national, state, and county levels.

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Producer Characteristics

The producers on farms specializing in hog and pig production were, on average, younger (49.6 years) than U.S. producers overall (58.1 years). Sixteen percent of pork producers were young (under 35) compared to 9% of all U.S. producers. Far fewer pork producers were 65 years or older compared to all producers (17% versus 38%). A higher share of pork producers (41%) were beginning farmers (10 or fewer years of farming experience), compared to 30% of all U.S. producers.

41 The percent of hog and pig producers who reported farming fewer than 11 years.

Farm Characteristics

Approximately half (55%) of farms specializing in hog and pig production had sales and government payments of less than \$100,000 in 2022, compared to 79% of all farms.

Economic Class (sales and government payments)	Hog and Pig Farms (percent of total)	All Farms
< \$10,000	44	52
\$10,000 - \$99,999	11	27
\$100,000 - \$499,999	4	11
\$500,000 - \$999,999	6	4
\$1,000,000 +	35	6

35 The percent of hog and pig farms that had sales and government payments over \$1 million.

Average Farm

On average, farms specializing in hog and pig production had fewer acres than U.S. farms overall, but higher sales, greater production expenses, and higher net income.

	Hog and Pig Farms	All Farms
Avg. acres	233	463
Avg. sales	\$1,723,403	\$285,762
Avg. government payments	\$29,838	\$21,599
Avg. expenses	\$1,285,527	\$223,175
Avg. net cash farm income	\$457,106	\$79,790

Production Expenses

The production costs of farms specializing in hog and pig production totaled \$28.1 billion, up 34% from 2017. The largest expense item was feed, which totaled \$13.5 billion, or 48% of total production costs.

	(\$ bil)
Feed	13.5
Livestock purchases	6.8
Hired labor	1.3
Vet and medicine	0.8
Repairs and supplies	0.7
Rent	0.7
Fuels	0.5
Other expenses	3.8

Among Hog and Pig Farms

 **88%** Had internet access

 **32%** Hired farm labor

 **93%** Were family farms

 **47%** Had net positive income