



# News Release

## December Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 2.60 million head, down 150,000 head from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician of the USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 5 percent from last December. Market hog inventory, at 2.41 million head, was down 5 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter was 11.20, compared to 11.30 from the same period last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2023 was 75.0 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2022, but down slightly from September 1, 2023.

Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 69.0 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The September-November 2023 pig crop, at 34.6 million head, was down slightly from 2022. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2022. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.66 for the September-November period, compared to 11.22 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2023-February 2024 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2024, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier.

### Hog Inventory and Farrowings: Ohio and United States, December 1, 2023

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change
	<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>
Breeding .....	200	190	-5	6,204	5,999	-3
Market .....	2,550	2,410	-5	68,752	68,973	0
Under 50 pounds .....	730	710	-3	21,788	21,681	0
50-119 pounds .....	660	600	-9	19,134	19,039	0
120-179 pounds .....	560	520	-7	14,801	14,908	1
180+ pounds .....	600	580	-3	13,029	13,344	2
Total .....	2,750	2,600	-5	74,956	74,971	0
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov .....	95	98	3	3,092	2,968	-4
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov .....	11.30	11.20	-1	11.22	11.66	4
Pig crop, Sep-Nov .....	1,074	1,098	2	34,701	34,617	0
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb <sup>1 2</sup> .....	90	96	7	2,952	2,900	-2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>1 2</sup> .....	93	94	1	2,941	2,907	-1

<sup>1</sup> Intentions.

<sup>2</sup> Upcoming year.

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