

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs

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United States Hog Inventory Down 3 Percent

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2014 was 62.9 million head. This was down 3 percent from March 1, 2013, and down 5 percent from December 1, 2013.

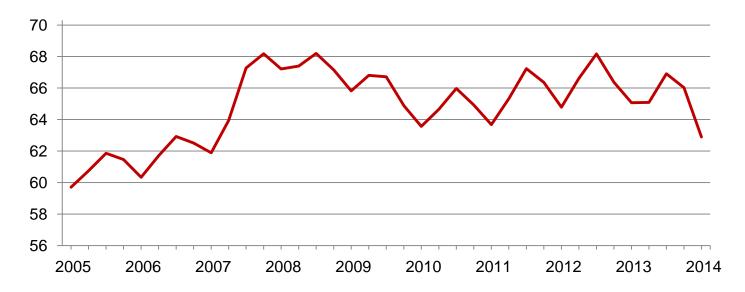
Breeding inventory, at 5.85 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from the previous quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 57.0 million head, was down 4 percent from last year, and down 5 percent from last quarter.

The December 2013-February 2014 pig crop, at 27.3 million head, was down 3 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 50 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.53 for the December-February period, compared to 10.08 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory – United States: March 1

Million head



United States hog producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the March-May 2014 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2013, but down 2 percent from 2012. Intended farrowings for June-August 2014, at 2.96 million sows, are up 2 percent from 2013, and up 1 percent from 2012.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 48 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 47 percent last year.

Revisions

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2013 through December 2013 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2013 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2013 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one percent was made to the June-August 2013 pig crop.

This report was approved on March 28, 2014.

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Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Class, Weight Group, and Quarter - United States: 2013 and 2014

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Item	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
March 1 inventory ¹			
All hogs and pigs		62,899	97
Kept for breeding		5,851	100
Market	59,236	57,048	96
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	18,852	18,101	96
50-119 pounds	16,251	15,717	97
120-179 pounds	13,169	12,793	97
180 pounds and over	10,965	10,436	95
June 1 inventory 1			
All hogs and pigs	65,088		
Kept for breeding	*		
Market	-		
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,135		
50-119 pounds			
120-179 pounds			
180 pounds and over			
September 1 inventory ¹			
All hogs and pigs	66,906		
Kept for breeding	*		
Market			
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,824		
50-119 pounds	17,958		
120-179 pounds	12,584		
180 pounds and over	10,725		
December 1 inventory ¹			
All hogs and pigs	66,025		
Kept for breeding			
Market			
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups			
Under 50 pounds	19,049		
50-119 pounds			
120-179 pounds			
180 pounds and over			

¹ May not add due to rounding.

Sows Farrowing, Pig Crop, and Pigs per Litter - United States: 2012-2014

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Item	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(percent)
Sows farrowing					
December-February ¹	2,813	2,788	2,867	102	103
March-May ²	2,952	2,816	2,884	98	102
March-May ² December-May ^{1 3 4}	5,766	5,605	5,751	100	103
June-August ²	2,928	2,902	2,960	101	102
September-November	2,888	2,882	,		
June-November 4	5,817	5,784			
Pig crop					
December-February ¹	28,038	28,099	27,316	97	97
March-May	29,780	29,026	,		
December-May ^{1 4}	57,818	57,125			
June-August	29,654	29,987			
September-November	29,319	29,298			
June-November 4	58,973	59,285			
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(percent)	(percent)
Digo per litter	(Halliber)	(Hamber)	(Hamber)	(percent)	(percent)
Pigs per litter December-February 1	9.97	10.08	9.53	96	95
	10.09	10.08	9.53	96	95
March-May December-May ¹	10.09	10.19			
December-iviay	10.03	10.19			
June-August	10.13	10.33			
September-November	10.15	10.16			
June-November	10.14	10.25			

¹ December preceding year.

Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation – United States: 2013 and 2014

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	Pigs per litter on operations having 1									
Pig crop	1-99 head	100-499 head	500-999 head	1,000-1,999 head	2,000-4,999 head	5,000+ head				
	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)	(number)				
2013										
December-February ²	7.50	8.30	8.90	9.40	9.90	10.10				
March-May	7.70	8.60	9.20	9.70	10.20	10.40				
June-August	7.80	8.70	9.30	9.70	10.20	10.40				
September-November	8.00	8.80	9.10	9.50	10.10	10.20				
2014										
December-February 2	7.70	8.30	8.50	8.90	9.50	9.60				
March-May										
June-August										
September-November										

¹ Pigs per litter rounded to the nearest tenth.

Intentions for 2014.

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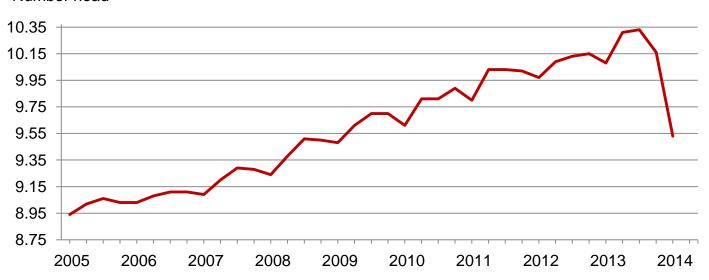
Actual farrowings for December 2013-February 2014 plus intentions for March-May 2014.

⁴ May not add due to rounding.

² December preceding year.

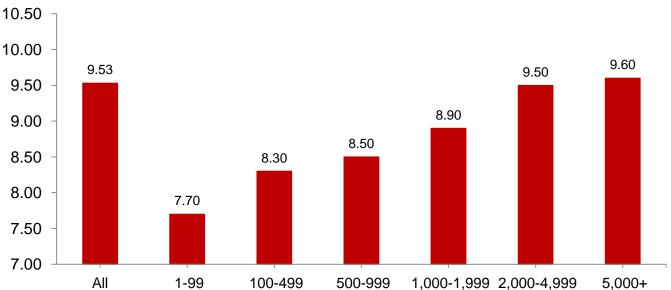
Quarterly Litter Rate – United States

Number head



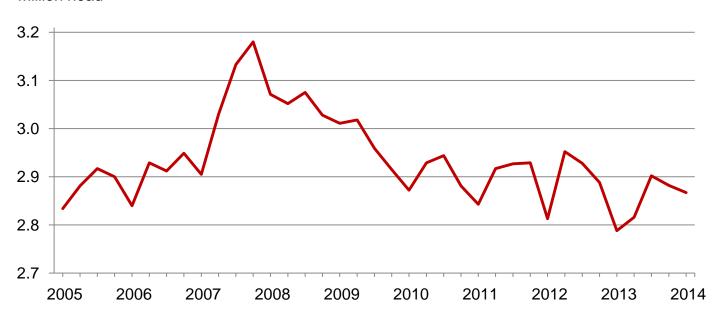
Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation – United States: December 2013-February 2014

Number head



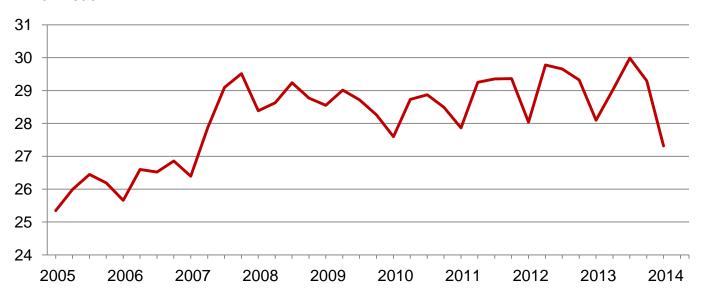
Quarterly Sows Farrowed – United States

Million head



Quarterly Pig Crop – United States

Million head



Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory - States and United States: March 1, 2013 and 2014

[May not add due to rounding]

		Breeding			Market			Total		
State	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado Illinois	570 340	160 500 270 1,010 170 110 550 355 400 870	110 102 100 99 100 100 96 104 103	575 4,110 3,280 19,080 1,630 950 7,080 2,410 2,610 7,830	520 3,850 3,180 18,790 1,500 910 7,250 2,095 2,650 7,130	90 94 97 98 92 96 102 87 102 91	720 4,600 3,550 20,100 1,800 1,060 7,650 2,750 3,000 8,700	680 4,350 3,450 19,800 1,670 1,020 7,800 2,450 3,050 8,000	94 95 97 99 93 96 102 89 102 92	
Ohio		170 430 95 170 100 75	103 105 95 97 95 94	1,935 1,880 1,040 975 605 660 2,586	1,850 1,560 1,045 1,030 460 635	96 83 100 106 76 96	2,100 2,290 1,140 1,150 710 740	2,020 1,990 1,140 1,200 560 710 3,009	96 87 100 104 79 96	
United States	5,836	5,851	100	59,236	57,048	96	65,072	62,899	97	

¹ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

Market Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Weight Group - States and United States: March 1, 2013 and 2014

State	_	der ounds		119 Inds	_	-179 nds	180 pounds and over	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	275	270	95	95	80	75	125	80
Illinois	1,290	1,170	1,220	1,100	810	810	790	770
Indiana	960	970	970	900	660	620	690	690
lowa	4,990	4,720	5,800	5,830	4,900	4,950	3,390	3,290
Kansas		410	360	345	300	295	510	450
Michigan	290	285	215	200	225	225	220	200
Minnesota	2,370	2,660	2,060	2,030	1,600	1,480	1,050	1,080
Missouri	1,050	970	535	435	415	320	410	370
Nebraska	860	850	740	750	580	545	430	505
North Carolina	3,000	2,700	1,880	1,680	1,620	1,600	1,330	1,150
Ohio	650	600	560	555	460	465	265	230
Oklahoma	790	590	340	335	260	255	490	380
Pennsylvania	235	260	340	355	225	200	240	230
South Dakota	325	330	270	280	200	220	180	200
Texas	125	90	150	105	150	95	180	170
Utah	285	280	120	130	130	115	125	110
Other States ¹	897	946	596	592	554	523	540	531
United States	18,852	18,101	16,251	15,717	13,169	12,793	10,965	10,436

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Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory - States and United States: June 1, 2012 and 2013

[May not add due to rounding]

		Breeding			Market		Total		
State	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	150 500 280 1,020 170 110 560 365 385	145 500 270 1,030 170 110 580 350 400 870	97 100 96 101 100 104 96 104 100	560 4,200 3,520 19,380 1,620 910 7,340 2,435 2,765 8,030	565 4,150 3,230 18,970 1,690 890 7,220 2,250 2,600 8,030	101 99 92 98 104 98 98 92 94	710 4,700 3,800 20,400 1,790 1,020 7,900 2,800 3,150 8,900	710 4,650 3,500 20,000 1,860 1,000 7,800 2,600 3,000 8,900	100 99 92 98 104 98 99 93
Ohio	170 410 100 180 100 80	160 410 100 180 100 75	94 100 100 100 100 94	1,980 1,880 1,010 1,120 770 620 2,607	1,970 1,830 1,020 960 520 655 2,654	99 97 101 86 68 106	2,150 2,290 1,110 1,300 870 700 3,019	2,130 2,240 1,120 1,140 620 730 3,088	99 98 101 88 71 104
United States	5,862	5,884	100	60,747	59,204	97	66,609	65,088	98

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Market Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Weight Group - States and United States: June 1, 2012 and 2013

State		der ounds	50-119 pounds		120- pou	-	180 pounds and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Colorado	280	285	95	85	80	80	105	115
Illinois	1,320	1,330	1,290	1,330	790	740	800	750
Indiana	1,080	1,010	1,090	990	680	630	670	600
lowa	5,140	4,890	6,370	6,090	4,630	4,700	3,240	3,290
Kansas	500	480	390	385	260	260	470	565
Michigan	280	280	210	220	205	180	215	210
Minnesota	2,500	2,540	2,410	2,300	1,380	1,410	1,050	970
Missouri	1,045	1,030	615	480	390	340	385	400
Nebraska	880	850	870	760	555	560	460	430
North Carolina	3,200	3,060	2,080	2,020	1,480	1,600	1,270	1,350
Ohio	690	625	585	585	420	480	285	280
Oklahoma	800	800	390	350	210	210	480	470
Pennsylvania	250	250	385	345	175	205	200	220
South Dakota	385	335	315	270	225	180	195	175
Texas	200	95	170	125	150	100	250	200
Utah	285	280	115	125	110	125	110	125
Other States ¹	921	995	654	618	513	514	519	528
United States	19,756	19,135	18,034	17,078	12,253	12,314	10,704	10,678

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Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory - States and United States: September 1, 2012 and 2013

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		Breeding			Market			Total		
State	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	1,000 170 110 560 360	145 500 270 1,000 170 110 550 350 400 880	97 102 96 100 100 100 98 97 105	590 4,210 3,520 19,800 1,730 930 7,590 2,540 2,820 8,530	555 4,100 3,430 19,900 1,650 940 7,150 2,650 2,650 8,420	94 97 97 101 95 101 94 104 94	740 4,700 3,800 20,800 1,900 1,040 8,150 2,900 3,200 9,400	700 4,600 3,700 20,900 1,820 1,050 7,700 3,000 3,050 9,300	95 98 97 100 96 101 94 103 95 99	
Ohio	410	165 420 100 170 85 80	100 102 105 97 94 100	1,975 1,920 1,025 1,125 770 660 2,649	1,925 1,790 1,040 980 505 660 2,745	97 93 101 87 66 100	2,140 2,330 1,120 1,300 860 740	2,090 2,210 1,140 1,150 590 740 3,166	98 95 102 88 69 100	
United States	5,788	5,816	100	62,384	61,090	98	68,172	66,906	98	

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Market Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Weight Group – States and United States: September 1, 2012 and 2013

State		der ounds		119 Inds		-179 nds	180 pounds and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	290	285	90	90	90	70	120	110
Illinois	1,380	1,330	1,260	1,290	750	700	820	780
Indiana	1,070	1,080	1,080	1,040	660	640	710	670
lowa	5,100	5,300	6,330	6,490	4,800	4,830	3,570	3,280
Kansas	520	485	390	360	310	270	510	535
Michigan	300	295	220	230	215	190	195	225
Minnesota	2,530	2,450	2,310	2,280	1,600	1,450	1,150	970
Missouri	1,085	1,180	625	650	390	390	440	430
Nebraska	910	850	820	810	600	570	490	420
North Carolina	3,190	3,140	2,190	2,240	1,700	1,670	1,450	1,370
Ohio	660	620	605	610	445	430	265	265
Oklahoma	810	790	380	345	260	175	470	480
Pennsylvania	240	245	375	355	200	220	210	220
South Dakota	390	355	300	285	225	185	210	155
Texas	230	125	170	115	150	110	220	155
Utah	290	285	130	130	125	125	115	120
Other States ¹	905	1,009	624	638	570	559	550	540
United States	19,900	19,824	17,899	17,958	13,090	12,584	11,495	10,725

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Breeding, Market, and Total Inventory - States and United States: December 1, 2012 and 2013

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		Breeding			Market		Total			
State	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado	145	150	103	575	540	94	720	690	96	
Illinois	490	500	102	4,110	4,150	101	4,600	4,650	101	
Indiana		280	100	3,520	3,470	99	3,800	3,750	99	
lowa	1,030	970	94	19,570	19,530	100	20,600	20,500	100	
Kansas	170	170	100	1,730	1,600	92	1,900	1,770	93	
Michigan		110	100	980	960	98	1,090	1,070	98	
Minnesota	560	550	98	7,090	7,450	105	7,650	8,000	105	
Missouri	350	345	99	2,400	2,505	104	2,750	2,850	104	
Nebraska	380	390	103	2,620	2,710	103	3,000	3,100	103	
North Carolina	860	870	101	8,140	7,830	96	9,000	8,700	97	
Ohio	165	170	103	1,885	2,070	110	2,050	2,240	109	
Oklahoma	420	420	100	1,900	1,590	84	2,320	2,010	87	
Pennsylvania	100	100	100	1,040	1,010	97	1,140	1,110	97	
South Dakota	165	165	100	1,035	1,045	101	1,200	1,210	101	
Texas	85	80	94	735	530	72	820	610	74	
Utah	80	75	94	660	635	96	740	710	96	
Other States ¹	429	412	96	2,565	2,643	103	2,994	3,055	102	
United States	5,819	5,757	99	60,555	60,268	100	66,374	66,025	99	

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Market Hogs and Pigs Inventory by Weight Group – States and United States: December 1, 2012 and 2013

State	_	der ounds		119 Inds	_	-179 Inds	180 pounds and over	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)						
Colorado	270	260	85	95	85	75	135	110
Illinois	1,290	1,320	1,200	1,240	750	730	870	860
Indiana	1,040	1,090	1,010	920	710	650	760	810
lowa	5,120	4,950	6,030	6,130	4,750	4,850	3,670	3,600
Kansas	500	430	410	355	290	310	530	505
Michigan	300	315	210	210	230	200	240	235
Minnesota	2,430	2,750	2,150	2,080	1,430	1,390	1,080	1,230
Missouri	1,045	1,200	560	500	370	325	425	480
Nebraska	870	880	720	750	550	560	480	520
North Carolina	3,020	2,700	1,960	1,900	1,615	1,630	1,545	1,600
Ohio	645	680	555	600	415	440	270	350
Oklahoma	800	560	350	410	240	265	510	355
Pennsylvania	250	275	355	330	205	190	230	215
South Dakota	350	355	290	290	190	185	205	215
Texas	180	100	155	115	160	130	240	185
Utah	275	270	130	120	125	120	130	125
Other States ¹	914	914	582	625	519	526	551	577
United States	19,299	19,049	16,752	16,670	12,634	12,576	11,871	11,972

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Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – States and United States: December-February 2013 and 2014

[December preceding year. May not add due to rounding]

		Sows farrowing		Pigs pe	er litter	Pig crop ¹			
State	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	2013	2014	2013	2014	2014 as percent of 2013	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	70 245 135 465 79 53 275 180 165 440	74 255 130 495 84 53 290 185 170 440	106 104 96 106 106 100 105 103 103	9.60 10.10 9.55 10.35 9.80 10.25 10.55 10.35 10.50 9.50	8.80 10.00 9.20 9.90 9.15 9.20 10.50 9.10 10.55 8.40	672 2,475 1,289 4,813 774 543 2,901 1,863 1,733 4,180	651 2,550 1,196 4,901 769 488 3,045 1,684 1,794 3,696	97 103 93 102 99 90 105 90 104 88	
Ohio	86 185 44 86 37 43	95 185 46 85 44 41	110 100 105 99 119 95	10.10 10.20 10.30 10.60 8.60 9.90	8.00 9.15 10.40 10.65 8.60 10.00	869 1,887 453 912 318 426	760 1,693 478 905 378 410	87 90 106 99 119 96	
United States	2,788	2,867	103	10.08	9.53	28,099	27,316	97	

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

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop - States and United States: March-May 2012-2014

[May not add due to rounding]

-	Sows farrowing				Pigs p	er litter	Pig crop ¹			
State	2012	2013	2014 ²	2014 as percent of 2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado	70	69	78	113	9.95	9.50	697	656	94	
Illinois	250	250	255	102	10.10	10.30	2,525	2,575	102	
Indiana	145	125	130	104	9.75	9.85	1,414	1,231	87	
lowa	495	475	500	105	10.40	10.50	5,148	4,988	97	
Kansas	87	79 50	86	109	9.45	9.95	822	786	96	
Michigan	50	50	48	96	10.10	10.20	505	510	101	
Minnesota	305	290	285	98	10.25	10.70	3,126	3,103	99	
Missouri	185	180	185	103	10.30	10.50	1,906	1,890	99	
Nebraska	180	160	175	109	10.55	10.75	1,899	1,720	91	
North Carolina	470	460	450	98	9.90	10.05	4,653	4,623	99	
Ohio	91	80	90	113	9.85	10.30	896	824	92	
Oklahoma	190	185	190	103	9.80	10.30	1,862	1,906	102	
Pennsylvania	50	44	46	105	9.90	10.20	495	449	91	
South Dakota	94	88	85	97	10.40	10.90	978	959	98	
Texas	47	38	49	129	8.70	8.90	409	338	83	
Utah	41	41	38	93	10.25	10.30	420	422	100	
Other States ³	202	202	194	96	10.01	10.11	2,025	2,046	101	
United States	2,952	2,816	2,884	102	10.09	10.31	29,780	29,026	97	

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

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² Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop - States and United States: June-August 2012-2014

[May not add due to rounding]

-	Sows farrowing				Pigs p	er litter		Pig crop ¹			
State	2012	2013	2014 ²	2014 as percent of 2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012		
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)		
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	310	70 255 125 485 81 52 295 195 165 470	79 265 140 510 89 50 290 185 175 450	113 104 112 105 110 96 98 95 106	9.50 10.10 9.70 10.45 9.80 10.10 10.35 10.60 10.50 9.90	9.50 10.20 10.10 10.60 10.05 10.10 10.80 10.40 10.85 10.10	627 2,525 1,455 5,173 843 525 3,209 1,961 1,785 4,505	665 2,601 1,263 5,141 814 525 3,186 2,028 1,790 4,747	106 103 87 99 97 100 99 103 100 105		
Ohio	90 190 49 95 46 42	90 190 48 86 42 43	93 205 47 88 58 40	103 108 98 102 138 93	9.95 9.95 10.10 10.10 8.50 10.20	10.40 10.30 10.20 10.90 8.30 10.00	896 1,891 495 960 391 428	936 1,957 490 937 349 430 2,128	104 103 99 98 89 100		
United States	2,928	2,902	2,960	102	10.13	10.33	29,654	29,987	101		

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

Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – States and United States: September-November 2012 and 2013

[May not add due to rounding]

		Sows Farrowing		Pigs p	er litter	Pig crop ¹			
State	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	2012	2013	2012	2013	2013 as percent of 2012	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	
Colorado Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Michigan Minnesota Missouri Nebraska North Carolina	68 245 140 505 80 53 295 185 170 450	72 245 140 480 82 52 300 185 170 455	106 100 100 95 103 98 102 100 100	9.95 10.00 9.95 10.30 9.80 10.20 10.40 10.35 10.50 10.10	9.40 10.20 10.05 10.60 9.25 10.15 10.80 10.30 10.75 9.50	677 2,450 1,393 5,202 784 541 3,068 1,915 1,785 4,545	677 2,499 1,407 5,088 759 528 3,240 1,906 1,828 4,323	100 102 101 98 97 98 106 100 102 95	
Ohio	91 185 50 90 41 41	90 190 49 85 41 41	99 103 98 94 100 100	10.10 10.15 10.10 10.40 8.60 10.40	10.40 9.95 10.30 10.75 8.55 10.10	910 1,878 505 936 353 426 1,951	936 1,891 505 914 351 414	103 101 100 98 99 97	
United States	2,888	2,882	100	10.15	10.16	29,319	29,298	100	

¹ Number of pigs born September-November that were still on hand December 1, or had been sold. ² Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

³ Individual State estimates not available for the 34 Other States.

Monthly Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop – United States: December-November 2013 and 2014

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Month	Sows far	rrowing ¹	Pigs po	er litter	Pig crop ¹		
IVIOTILIT	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(number)	(number)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	
December ² January February March April May June July	926 931 932 953 929 935 971 963	956 961 950	10.01 10.07 10.15 10.24 10.30 10.38 10.31 10.30	9.60 9.47 9.51	9,265 9,376 9,458 9,765 9,563 9,699 10,010 9,923	9,180 9,099 9,037	
August	968 978 960 944 11,389		10.38 10.28 10.17 10.04		10,054 10,049 9,767 9,482 116,410		

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: A random sample of roughly 7,800 United States 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 operations were sampled more heavily than small operations. During the first half of March 2014, data were collected from about 6,100 operations, 78 percent of the total sample. The data collected were received by electronic data reporting (EDR), mail, telephone, and face-to-face personal interviews. Regardless of when operations responded, they were asked to report inventories as of March 1, 2014.

Estimating Procedures: Hogs and pigs estimates were prepared by the Agricultural Statistics Board after reviewing recommendations and analysis submitted by each field 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 the estimates of births and imports, and subtracts the 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 effects 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.

² December preceding year.

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 1.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the final estimate will not be above or below the current estimate of 62.9 million head by more than 1.1 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 that the difference will not exceed 1.9 percent.

Reliability of March 1 Hog Estimates

[Based on data for the previous twenty quarters]

,	90 percent	Difference between first and latest estimate						
	confidence	Averege	Cmallage	Lorgoot	Years			
oquaro orror	level	Average	Siliallesi	Largest	Below latest	Above latest		
(percent)	(percent)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(number)	(number)		
1.1	1.9	581	26	1,559	13	7		
1.6	2.8	388	0	1,085	10	10		
2.3	3.9	52	0	167	12	8		
2.0	3.5	49	6	117	11	9		
	1.1 1.6	square error confidence level (percent) (percent) 1.1 1.9 1.6 2.8 2.3 3.9	Root mean square error confidence level Average (percent) (percent) (1,000) 1.1 1.9 581 1.6 2.8 388 2.3 3.9 52	Root mean square error	Root mean square error So percent confidence level Average Smallest Largest	Root mean square error So percent confidence level Average Smallest Largest Below latest		

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