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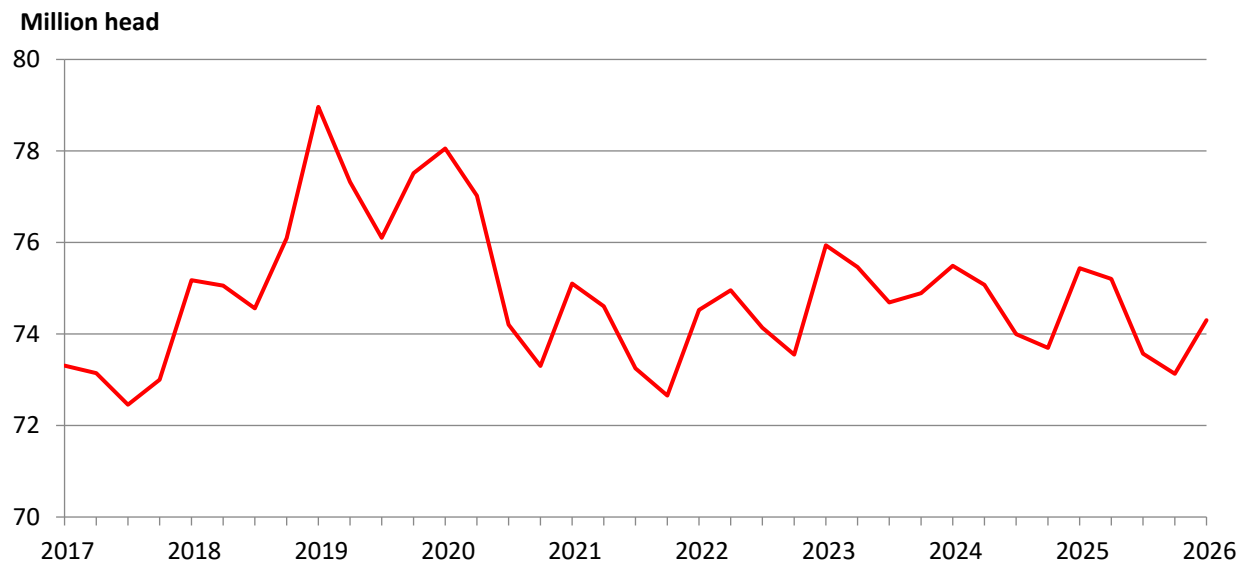
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United States hog inventory down 2%

(Washington, D.C., September 24, 2026) – As of Sept. 1, there were 74.3 million hogs and pigs on U.S. farms, down 2% from September 2025 but up 2% from June 1, 2026, according to the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report published today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory - United States: September 1



Other key findings in the report were:

- Of the 74.3 million hogs and pigs, 68.4 million were market hogs, while 5.87 million were kept for breeding.
- Between June and August 2026, 34.5 million pigs were weaned on U.S. farms, down 2% from the same time period one year earlier.
- From June through August 2026, U.S. hog and pig producers weaned an average of 11.96 pigs per litter.
- U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow between September and November 2026, and 2.80 million sows farrow between December 2026 and February 2027.
- Iowa hog producers accounted for the largest inventory among the states, at 24.7 million head. Minnesota had the second largest inventory at 9.30 million head. North Carolina was third with 7.60 million head.

To obtain an accurate measurement of the U.S. swine industry, NASS surveyed 4,258 operators across the nation during the first half of September. The data collected were received online through NASS's Respondent Portal, by mail, telephone and through face-to-face interviews.

The Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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