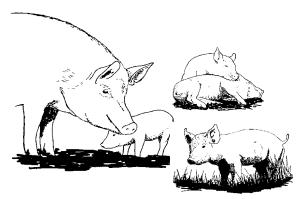
HAWAII HOGS December 1







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2004 HOG INVENTORY 4 PERCENT BELOW YEAR AGO

According to the *Hawaii Agricultural Statistics*, the total number of hogs and pigs on Hawaii farms on December 1, 2004 was **22,000** head, down 1,000 and 2,000 head from a year ago and two years earlier, respectively. The inventory breakdown pegged the breeding hog category at 5,200 head and the market hog herd at 16,800 head.

The 2004 pig crop totaled 31,000 pigs, unchanged from 2003, but 1,000 less than during 2002. Farmers project farrowing 2,200 sows during the next 6-month period covering December 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005. This is unchanged from the previous 6 months (June 1, 2004 to November 30, 2004) but 100 more than during the same 6-month period a year earlier.

December 1, Inventory, State of Hawaii, 2000-2004

			•	Pigs			
Year	Total	Breeding	Total	Under 60	60 - 119	120 - 179	Over 180
				pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
				1,000 head	-	-	_
2000	26.0	5.0	21.0	10.0	6.0	3.0	2.0
2001	27.0	6.0	21.0	9.0	6.0	4.0	2.0
2002	24.0	5.0	19.0	8.0	5.0	4.0	2.0
2003	23.0	5.0	18.0	8.0	5.0	3.0	2.0
2004	22.0	5.2	16.8	7.6	4.4	3.2	1.6

Sows farrowing and pig crop, State of Hawaii, 2000-2005

	Sows farrowing			Crop	Pigs per litter	
Year	December -	June -	December -	June -	December -	June -
	May ¹	November	May ¹	November	May ¹	November
	1,000 head Average number					
2000	2.6	2.5	18	18	7.2	7.4
2001	2.4	2.5	18	19	7.4	7.7
2002	2.3	2.2	16	16	7.1	7.3
2003	2.1	2.2	15	16	7.0	7.2
2004	2.1	2.2	15	16	7.1	7.2
2005 ²	2.2					

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 2004 - May 2005.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004, was 60.5 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2003, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2004.

- Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2003.
- Market hog inventory, at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year.

The September-November 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from 2003 and up 2 percent from 2002.

- Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down slightly from last year.
- The average pigs saved per litter was 8.96 for the September-November period, compared to 8.93 pigs last year.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2004-February 2005 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, and 3 percent above 2003. Intended farrowings for March-May 2005, at 2.87 million sows, are down slightly from the same period in 2004 and down 1 percent from the same period in 2003.

December 1 Inventory, United States, 2002-2004 1

	Total			Mar	ket Hogs and	d Pigs			
Year		Breeding	Total	Under 60	60 - 119	120 - 179	Over 180		
			Total	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds		
				1,000 head	-	-	-		
2002	59,554	6,058	53,496	19,485	13,033	10,875	10,103		
2003	60,444	6,009	54,434	19,778	13,238	11,109	10,311		
2004	60,501	5,969	54,531	19,636	13,439	11,286	10,171		

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Sows farrowing and pig crop, United States, 2002-2005

	Sows farrowing		Pig Crop		Pigs per litter	
Year	December -	June -	December -	June -	December -	June -
	May ¹	November	May ¹	November	May ¹	November
		1,000	Average number			
2002	5,776	5,716	50,858	50,820	8.81	8.89
2003	5,655	5,773	50,029	51,462	8.85	8.91
2004	5,706	5,740	50,737	51,568	8.89	8.98
2005 ²	5,724			·		

¹ December preceding year. ² Expected farrowing December 2004 - May 2005.

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