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## QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – MARCH 1, 2024

### COLORADO

Colorado inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2024, was 560,000 head, down 5 percent from December 1, 2023, and down 3 percent from last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Breeding inventory**, at 140,000 head, was up 15,000 head from the previous quarter, but was unchanged head from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 420,000 head, was down 10 percent from last quarter, and down 5 percent from last year.

The **December 2023-February 2024 pig crop**, at 610,000 head, was up 3 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 61,000 head, up 1,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 10.00 for the December-February period, compared with 9.90 last year.

### UTAH

Utah inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2024, was 90,000 head, down 56 percent from December 1, 2023, and down 69 percent from last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. **Breeding inventory**, at 35,000 head, was up 5,000 head from the previous quarter, but unchanged from last year. **Market hog inventory**, at 55,000 head, was down 69 percent from last quarter and down 78 percent from last year.

The **December 2023-February 2024 pig crop**, at 143,000 head, was up 7 percent from the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 12,000 head, down 2,000 head from a year ago. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.90 for the December-February period, compared with 9.60 last year.

### UNITED STATES

United States inventory of **all hogs and pigs** on March 1, 2024, was 74.6 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2023, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2023. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.02 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 68.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The **December 2023-February 2024 pig crop**, at 33.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, down 3 percent from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.53 for the December 2023-February 2024 period, compared to 11.02 last year.

United States **hog producers** intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the March-May 2024 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 2 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2024, at 2.99 million sows, are down 2 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 52 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 1 percent from the previous year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2023 through December 2023 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the December 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.1 percent. A revision of 0.5 percent was made to the September 2023-November 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the September 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.4 percent. A net revision of 3.1 percent was made to the June-August 2023 pig crop.

For a full copy of the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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