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DECEMBER 2024 HOG REPORT

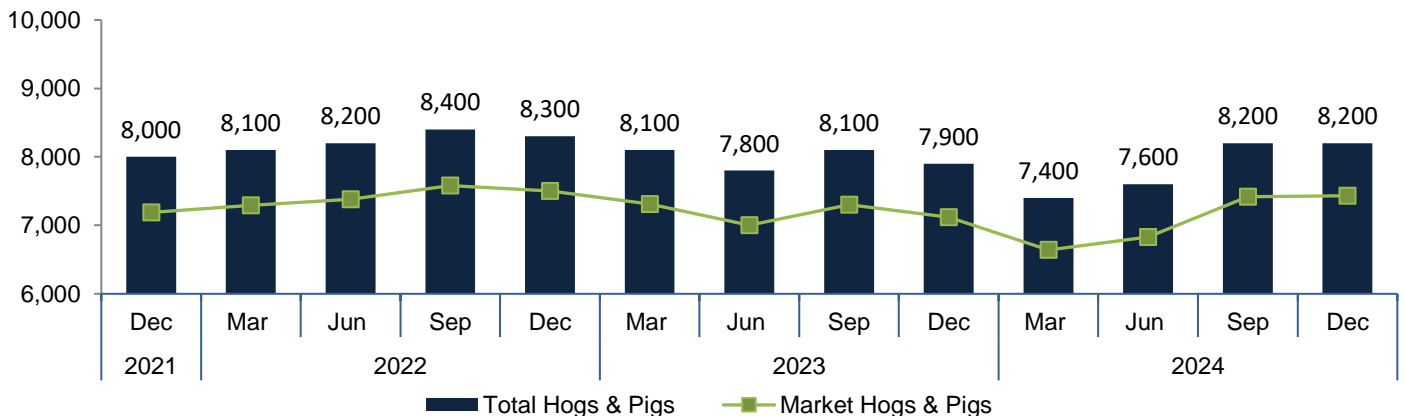
All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, totaled 8.2 million head, unchanged from September 1. Market hogs, at 7.43 million head, are up 4% from last year and slightly up from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 770,000 head, down 1% from last year and down 1% from September 1, 2024. The State's pig crop during the September - November 2024 period totaled 4.819 million head, up 2% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 395,000 sows, a 4% decrease from 2023. Pigs saved per litter averaged at 12.20, compared to 11.55 the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 400,000 sows during the December 2024 - February 2025 quarter and 400,000 sows during the March - May 2025 quarter. North Carolina currently ranks 3rd nationally, behind Iowa and Minnesota, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	December 1 Inventory			September 1 Inventory		
	2023	2024	Percent Change	2023	2024	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
North Carolina						
All Hogs and Pigs	7,900	8,200	+4	8,100	8,200	+1
Breeding Hogs	780	770	-1	800	780	-2
Market Hogs	7,120	7,430	+4	7,300	7,420	+2
Under 50 Lbs.	2,760	2,820	+2	2,990	2,980	0
50-119 Lbs.	1,520	1,620	+7	1,570	1,620	+3
120-179 Lbs.	1,370	1,420	+4	1,390	1,400	+1
180 Lbs. and Over	1,470	1,570	+7	1,350	1,420	+5
United States						
All Hogs and Pigs	75,461	75,845	+1	75,938	76,095	0
Breeding Hogs	5,999	6,004	0	6,179	6,044	-2
Market Hogs	69,463	69,841	+1	69,759	70,052	0

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)



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