



News Release

March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.65 million head, up 50,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was unchanged from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.46 million head, was up 2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2023 quarter was 10.70, compared to 11.50 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2023 was 72.9 million head. This was up slightly from March 1, 2022, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2022. Breeding inventory, at 6.13 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 66.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2022-February 2023 pig crop, at 32.1 million head, was up slightly from last year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, down slightly from previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.02 for the December 2022-February 2023 period, compared to 10.95 last year.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.93 million sows farrow during the March-May 2023 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for June-August 2023, at 2.97 million sows, are down 3 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 3 percent from the same period two years earlier.

Hog Inventory and Farrowings: Ohio and United States, March 1, 2023

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2022	2023	Change	2022	2023	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	190	190	0	6,098	6,127	0
Market	2,410	2,460	2	66,591	66,734	0
Under 50 pounds	635	675	6	20,105	20,059	0
50-119 pounds	620	610	-2	19,030	18,975	0
120-179 pounds	590	580	-2	14,988	14,973	0
180+ pounds	565	595	5	12,468	12,727	2
Total	2,600	2,650	2	72,689	72,860	0
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb ¹	95	90	-5	2,919	2,910	0
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb ¹	11.50	10.70	-7	10.95	11.02	1
Pig crop, Dec-Feb ¹	1,093	963	-12	31,947	32,058	0
Sows farrowing, Mar-May ²	90	96	7	2,967	2,930	-1
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug ²	95	97	2	3,062	2,973	-3

¹ December previous year.

² Intentions.