



# News Release

## March Hogs and Pigs

Ohio's total hog and pig inventory on March 1 was estimated at 2.50 million head, down 200,000 head from a year ago, according to Ben Torrance, State Statistician of the USDA NASS, Ohio Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 190,000 head, was down 10,000 head from last March. Market hog inventory, at 2.31 million head, was down 8 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the December-February 2024 quarter was 11.45, compared to 10.70 last year.

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.

### Hog Inventory and Farrowings: Ohio and United States, March 1, 2024

Hogs and pigs	Ohio			United States		
	2023	2024	Change	2023	2024	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 .....	200	190	-5	6,146	6,016	-2
Market .....	2,500	2,310	-8	67,990	68,556	1
Under 50 pounds .....	705	630	-11	20,444	20,749	1
50-119 pounds .....	630	600	-5	19,049	19,333	1
120-179 pounds .....	580	540	-7	15,749	15,804	0
180+ pounds .....	585	540	-8	12,748	12,670	-1
Total .....	2,700	2,500	-7	74,136	74,571	1
Sows farrowed, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup> .....	90	88	-2	2,952	2,875	-3
Pigs/litter, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup> .....	10.70	11.45	7	11.02	11.53	5
Pig crop, Dec-Feb <sup>1</sup> .....	963	1,008	5	32,537	33,148	2
Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>2</sup> .....	93	90	-3	2,941	2,915	-1
Sows farrowing, Jun-Aug <sup>2</sup> .....	100	93	-7	3,040	2,987	-2

<sup>1</sup> December previous year.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions.

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