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## WEST VIRGINIA HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

**Charleston, West Virginia - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2023, was 5,000 head, unchanged from December 1, 2022. Of the 5,000 head, 1,500 were for breeding, unchanged from 2022. The breakdown of the remaining 3,500 market hogs and pigs was as follows: 1,500 head were under 50 pounds; 500 head were from 50-119 pounds; 500 head were from 120-179 pounds; and 1,000 head were 180 pounds and over.

**Annual pig crop** totaled 8,700 head, 1 percent more than the 2022 pig crop of 8,600 head. Sows farrowing from December 2022 through November 2023 totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.70 pigs, up 1 percent from the 2022 average of 8.60 pigs per litter.

**United States - Inventory of all hogs and pigs** on December 1, 2023 was 75.0 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2022, but down slightly from September 1, 2023. Breeding inventory, at 6.00 million head, was down 3 percent from last year, and down 3 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 69.0 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

**The September-November 2023 pig crop**, at 34.6 million head, was down slightly from 2022. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 4 percent from 2022. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 11.66 for the September-November period, compared to 11.22 last year.

**United States hog producers** intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the December 2023-February 2024 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period one year earlier, and down 1 percent from the same period two years earlier. Intended farrowings for March-May 2024, at 2.91 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period one year earlier, and down 2 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 51 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up 3 percent from the previous year.

**Revisions** - All inventory and pig crop estimates for December 2021 through September 2023 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The revision made to the September 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent. A revision of 1.1 percent was made to the June-August 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.6 percent. A net revision of 1.6 percent was made to the March-May 2023 pig crop. The net revision made to the March 2023 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.7 percent. The net revision made to the December 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 2.5 percent. The revision made to the September 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.0 percent. A revision of 2.2 percent was made to the June-August 2022 pig crop. The net revision made to the June 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.2 percent. The net revision made to the March 2022 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.4 percent.