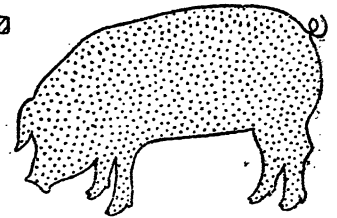


PIG CROP REPORT



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The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture makes the following report of sows farrowed, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from some 144,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

		SOWS FARROWED							
		Spring (December 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - December 1)			
		Average:		1944		1945 <u>1/</u>		1945 pct. of 1944	
		1933-42:		1944		1945		1943	
		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head	
United States	:	7,569	9,187	8,522	93	4,674	7,576	4,941	65
N. Cent. States	:	5,541	6,760	6,636	98	2,921	4,737	3,181	67
(Corn Belt)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		PIGS PER LITTER							
		Spring (December 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - December 1)			
		Average:		1944		Average:		1943	
		1933-42:		1944		1933-42:		1943	
United States	:	6.10	6.03	:	:	6.19	6.29	6.34	:
N. Cent. States	:	6.22	6.07	:	:	6.33	6.36	6.48	:
(Corn Belt)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		PIGS SAVED							
		Spring (December 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - December 1)			
		Average:		1944		Average:		1943	
		1933-42:		1944		1933-42:		1943	
		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head	
United States	:	46,224	55,428	52,000	94	29,106	47,672	31,325	66
N. Cent. States	:	34,449	41,029	41,000	100	18,552	30,130	20,601	68
(Corn Belt)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
		PIGS SAVED							
		Yearly Total (December 1 - December 1)							
		Average:		1943		Average:		1944	
		1933-42:		1943		1933-42:		1944	
		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head		Thousand head	
United States	:	75,330	121,706	86,753	71	:	:	:	:
N. Cent. States	:	53,001	85,320	61,630	72	:	:	:	:
(Corn Belt)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

1/ Spring farrowings indicated from breeding intentions reports. 2/ Ten-year (1933-42) average pigs per litter used to compute number of spring pigs.

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Hog production in 1944 dropped sharply from the all-time peak reached in 1943 and a continuation of the decline is in prospect in 1945, but at a lower rate. The Department of Agriculture reported today. The fall pig crop of 1944 of 31,325,000 head is down 34 percent from the fall of 1943. When added to the spring pig crop of 55,428,000, which was down 25 percent, the total pig crop of 86,753,000 is down 29 percent. The indicated number of sows to farrow in the spring season of 1945 is 7 percent below the number farrowed in the spring of 1944. The number of hogs over 6 months old on December 1 was sharply below the record number a year earlier.

This report is based upon returns from about 144,000 farmers, largely obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

Fall Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the fall season of 1944 (June 1 to December 1) is estimated at 31,325,000 head. This number is 16,347,000 head, or 34 percent, smaller than the record fall crop of 1943. It is also below the fall pig crops of 1942, 1941, and 1939 but above any other year. The 10-year (1933-42) average fall pig crop is 29,106,000. Reductions from last year are shown for all regions and all States, with the regional reductions in percent as follows: East North Central 28, West North Central 35, North Atlantic 39, South Atlantic 34, South Central 38, Western 50.

The number of sows that farrowed in the fall season of 1944 is estimated at 4,941,000, a decrease of 2,635,000, or 35 percent, from 1943. This reduction is in substantial agreement with that indicated by breeding intentions reports in June of this year, which showed a reduction of 34 percent. By regions and for most important hog producing States, the estimated fall farrowings are in rather close agreement with those indicated by breeding intentions in June. Neither the advance in hog prices and the improvement in the hog marketing situation nor the general improvement in crop prospects that developed progressively over the summer months seems to have had much effect in inducing farmers to modify their fall farrowing plans.

The average number of pigs saved per litter in the fall of 1944 was 6.34 for the United States, and 6.48 for the North Central (Corn Belt) States. These compare respectively with 6.29 and 6.36 in 1943, and the 10-year averages of 6.19 and 6.33.

The monthly distribution of farrowings during the 1944 fall season was fairly similar to that in the 1943 season, with a much larger than usual percentage of the total coming in the first 3 months (June to August) and a much smaller percentage in October and November.

Yearly Pig Crop: The combined spring and fall pig crop of 1944 is estimated at 86,753,000 head. This number is 34,953,000 head or 29 percent smaller than the record 1943 crop and 17,806,000 head or 17 percent smaller than that of 1942, about the same as 1939 but larger than any other year on record and 11,423,000 or 15 percent above the 10-year average.

Spring Intentions: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions for the Spring of 1945 indicate that 8,522,000 sows will farrow in that season. This number is below spring farrowings in 1944 by 665,000 sows, or 7 percent, and is 3,614,000 sows, or 30 percent, below the record farrowing in the spring of 1943. While this number is 13 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average, it is smaller than in 12 of the past 21 years. There is considerable variation among regions in the indicated changes from 1944. A small increase of 2 percent is shown for the West North Central States with most of the States in this region having as many as or more sows than in 1944. All other regions and nearly all States are down. By regions, the

decreases are East North Central 8 percent; North Atlantic 26 percent, South Atlantic 26 percent, South Central 19 percent, Western 24 percent.

These changes from last year are based upon breeding intentions as reported by farmers about December 1, and upon the relationship between intentions and farrowings in other years, when changes in breeding intentions were fairly well substantiated by changes in subsequent farrowings. This indicated number of sows for 1945 spring farrow is considerably smaller than the goal established by the War Food Administration which calls for an increase of about 2 percent over 1944 spring farrowings. The 8 percent decrease from 1944 is greater, and the indicated number of sows is smaller, than would normally be expected in a year of large grain production, a hog-corn price ratio not much different from average, and a fairly high level of hog prices. An organized program to increase farrowings above the numbers now indicated could result in bringing 1945 farrowings up to or even above those of the spring of 1944.

If breeding intentions are carried out and the number of pigs per litter should be the same as the 10-year (1933-42) average, the 1945 spring pig crop will total about 52,000,000 head, nearly $3\frac{1}{2}$ million head below the spring crop of 1944, but about 6 million head above the 10-year average. For the Corn Belt, the 1945 spring pig crop indicated by breeding intentions would not be much different from that of 1944.

Reports from farmers show that the percentage of farmers keeping sows continues to decline. A material part of the reduction in fall sows was a result of the reduction in the number of farms keeping fall sows. And the percentage of farmers reporting sows for farrow in the spring of 1945 is below a year earlier and much below 2 years earlier, when this percentage was the largest on record.

Hogs on Farms: The December reports from farmers show a much smaller number of hogs over 6 months old (including brood sows) on hand at that date than the record number of a year earlier. However, the relative decrease is not so large as that in the estimated spring pig crop. This would indicate that 1944 spring pigs are moving to market somewhat later than did 1943 spring pigs.

The accompanying tables show the detailed figures of sows that farrowed, pigs saved, and average size of litter by States and groups of States.

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SOWS FARROWED

PIGS PER LITTER

State and Div.	SPRING (Dec. 1-June 1)				FALL (June 1-Dec. 1)				SPRING		FALL		
	1945				1944				Number		Number		
	10-yr. av.		1943-42		10-yr. av.		1943-42		1943	1944	1943	1944	
	1943	1944	%	of 1944	1943	1944	%	of 1943					
Maine	6	8	8	5	65	5	10	6	60	6.5	7.0	6.8	6.7
N.H.	2	3	3	2	73	1	3	2	53	6.8	6.6	7.0	6.5
Vt.	3	4	4	2	60	3	5	2	47	6.4	6.8	6.6	7.2
Mass.	14	15	16	14	88	11	13	11	85	5.6	5.6	5.2	5.8
R.I.	1	1	1	1	83	1	1	1	80	5.8	6.3	6.0	6.0
Conn.	3	4	4	4	84	3	4	3	74	5.7	6.0	6.1	6.6
N.Y.	26	45	38	28	74	22	45	22	49	6.7	7.0	6.8	6.9
N.J.	12	19	17	11	65	9	16	9	56	6.0	6.3	6.5	6.5
Pa.	63	98	85	64	75	67	115	71	62	6.1	6.7	6.6	6.8
N.A.	130	197	176	131	74	122	212	127	60	6.22	6.63	6.56	6.71
Ohio	372	551	474	384	81	323	488	337	69	6.24	6.46	6.59	6.83
Ind.	483	690	607	571	94	410	651	488	75	6.19	6.40	6.42	6.67
Ill.	707	1,094	897	834	93	434	697	495	71	6.03	6.01	6.33	6.42
Mich.	109	181	125	110	88	88	156	97	62	6.30	6.63	6.47	6.72
Wis.	286	431	332	329	99	147	255	161	63	6.51	6.47	6.56	6.56
N.C.E.	1,957	2,947	2,435	2,228	92	1,402	2,247	1,578	70	6.19	6.29	6.45	6.62
Minn.	616	1,019	683	710	104	212	367	224	61	6.23	6.05	6.28	6.39
Iowa	1,571	2,454	1,939	1,958	101	575	928	659	71	6.16	5.95	6.28	6.25
Mo.	401	664	511	470	92	346	561	381	68	6.23	6.09	6.42	6.71
N.Dak.	108	250	160	157	98	19	46	25	54	6.27	6.16	6.23	6.01
S.Dak.	249	481	327	347	106	54	88	48	55	6.15	5.78	6.03	5.81
Nebr.	440	766	506	567	112	158	240	144	60	5.98	6.55	6.03	5.87
Kans.	199	369	199	199	100	155	260	122	47	6.04	6.02	6.31	6.37
N.C.W.	3,584	6,003	4,325	4,409	102	1,519	2,490	1,603	64	6.15	5.95	6.28	6.34
N.C.	5,541	8,950	6,760	6,636	98	2,921	4,737	3,181	67	6.17	6.07	6.36	6.48
Del.	3	4	5	4	70	3	6	3	53	6.2	6.2	6.4	6.6
Md.	23	36	33	24	72	25	41	27	66	6.2	6.5	6.4	6.5
Va.	72	117	99	77	78	72	125	76	61	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.7
W.Va.	23	29	24	17	71	24	38	20	53	6.9	6.8	6.3	6.8
N.C.	109	159	140	98	70	91	148	99	67	6.1	6.1	6.3	6.3
S.C.	66	88	75	62	82	56	84	57	68	5.1	5.8	6.1	5.8
Ga.	176	245	230	163	71	146	220	154	70	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.7
Fla.	76	108	116	87	75	59	95	76	80	5.2	5.0	5.4	5.0
S.A.	548	786	722	532	74	476	757	512	68	5.79	5.82	6.10	5.96
Ky.	135	228	166	129	78	123	196	120	61	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.6
Tenn.	133	231	155	130	84	120	190	125	66	6.1	6.2	6.4	6.6
Ala.	113	135	140	115	82	96	179	110	65	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.9
Miss.	103	145	117	99	85	86	138	87	63	5.4	5.3	5.6	5.3
Ark.	130	192	134	107	80	108	145	103	71	6.2	5.7	6.2	6.2
La.	123	142	140	114	80	95	125	95	76	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.2
Okla.	116	222	106	94	89	108	171	97	57	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.2
Tex.	201	334	240	187	78	182	323	181	56	5.9	5.8	6.3	5.9
S.C.	1,054	1,580	1,207	975	81	918	1,458	918	63	5.88	5.84	6.13	6.02
Mont.	24	69	45	32	70	16	44	21	48	6.1	6.4	6.3	6.7
Idaho	50	84	50	33	76	35	56	27	48	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.4
Wyo.	10	20	12	9	75	7	15	7	47	5.9	5.8	6.1	6.3
Colo.	41	95	46	37	80	33	68	30	44	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.9
N.Mex.	10	17	15	12	80	9	14	10	69	5.8	6.3	6.2	6.4
Ariz.	5	9	5	4	76	4	6	4	62	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.0
Utah	12	28	14	14	97	9	23	10	44	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.8
Nev.	3	4	4	2	60	2	2	2	71	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.1
Wash.	32	55	37	23	62	24	46	20	44	6.5	6.5	6.3	7.0
Oreg.	32	46	33	22	67	23	37	18	49	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.9
Calif.	77	96	67	55	82	75	101	54	53	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.0
West.	296	523	328	248	76	237	422	203	49	6.09	6.11	6.26	6.36
U.S.	7,569	12,136	9,187	8,522	93	4,674	7,576	4,941	65	6.10	6.03	6.29	6.34

1/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

State:	SPRING				PIGS SAVED				YEAR				
	(Dec. 1 - June 1)				(June 1 - Dec. 1)				(Dec. 1 - Dec. 1)				
and 10-yr. average:	1944				1944				1944				
1933-42:	%				%				%				
(000):	(000):	(000):	(000):	1943:	(000):	(000):	(000):	(000):	1943:	(000):	(000):	(000):	1943
Maine	37	53	57	108	35	69	41	59	72	122	98	80	
N.H.	13	18	20	111	9	24	12	50	22	42	32	76	
Vt.	20	27	29	107	20	35	18	51	40	62	47	76	
Mass.	77	84	90	107	63	68	64	94	140	152	154	101	
Ill.	6	7	8	114	4	6	5	83	10	13	13	100	
Conn.	15	22	26	118	16	26	20	77	31	48	46	96	
N.Y.	170	302	266	88	154	306	152	50	324	608	418	69	
N.J.	68	114	107	94	55	104	58	56	123	218	165	76	
Pa.	394	598	570	95	439	759	483	64	833	1,357	1,053	78	
N.A.	800	1,225	1,173	96	795	1,397	853	61	1,595	2,622	2,026	77	
Ohio	2,432	3,438	3,062	89	2,165	3,216	2,302	72	4,597	6,654	5,364	81	
Ind.	3,075	4,271	3,885	91	2,662	4,179	3,255	78	5,737	8,450	7,140	84	
Ill.	4,359	6,597	5,391	82	2,739	4,412	3,178	72	7,098	11,009	8,569	78	
Mich.	720	1,140	829	73	596	1,009	652	65	1,316	2,149	1,481	69	
Wis.	1,886	2,806	2,148	77	985	1,673	1,056	63	2,871	4,479	3,204	72	
N.C.E.	12,472	18,252	15,315	84	9,147	14,489	10,443	72	21,619	32,741	25,758	79	
Minn.	3,821	6,348	4,132	65	1,313	2,305	1,431	62	5,134	8,653	5,563	64	
Iowa	9,592	15,117	11,537	76	3,543	5,828	4,119	71	13,135	20,945	15,656	75	
Mo.	2,522	4,137	3,112	75	2,214	3,602	2,557	71	4,736	7,739	5,669	73	
N.Dak.	687	1,568	986	63	119	287	150	52	806	1,855	1,136	61	
S.Dak.	1,523	2,958	1,890	64	319	531	279	53	1,842	3,489	2,169	62	
Nebr.	2,607	4,581	2,859	62	933	1,447	845	58	3,540	6,028	3,704	61	
Kans.	1,225	2,229	1,198	54	964	1,641	777	47	2,189	3,870	1,975	51	
N.C.W.	21,977	36,938	25,714	70	9,405	15,641	10,158	65	31,382	52,579	35,872	68	
N.C.	34,449	55,190	41,029	74	18,552	30,130	20,601	68	53,001	85,320	61,630	72	
Del.	17	28	31	111	20	40	22	55	37	68	53	78	
Md.	141	223	214	96	159	262	176	67	300	485	390	80	
Va.	453	702	614	87	469	825	509	62	922	1,527	1,123	74	
W.Va.	152	200	163	82	169	262	136	52	321	462	299	65	
N.C.	651	970	854	88	561	932	624	67	1,212	1,902	1,478	78	
S.C.	362	449	435	97	325	512	331	65	687	961	766	80	
Ga.	994	1,421	1,311	92	830	1,276	878	69	1,824	2,697	2,189	81	
Fla.	390	562	580	103	307	513	380	74	697	1,075	960	89	
S.A.	3,160	4,555	4,202	92	2,840	4,622	3,056	66	6,000	9,177	7,258	79	
Ky.	857	1,436	1,062	74	806	1,294	792	61	1,663	2,730	1,854	68	
Tenn.	814	1,409	961	68	764	1,216	825	68	1,578	2,625	1,786	68	
Ala.	614	908	812	89	535	986	649	66	1,149	1,894	1,461	77	
Miss.	545	788	620	79	480	773	461	60	1,025	1,561	1,081	69	
Ark.	738	1,152	764	66	643	899	639	71	1,381	2,051	1,403	68	
La.	613	724	758	105	484	662	494	75	1,097	1,386	1,252	90	
Okla.	692	1,314	647	49	668	1,077	601	56	1,360	2,391	1,248	52	
Tex.	1,142	2,148	1,392	65	1,068	2,035	1,068	52	2,210	4,133	2,460	59	
S.C.	6,015	9,879	7,016	71	5,448	8,942	5,529	62	11,463	18,821	12,545	67	
Mont.	157	421	288	68	105	277	141	51	262	698	429	61	
Idaho	313	521	305	59	226	353	173	49	539	874	478	55	
Wyo.	58	118	70	59	43	92	44	48	101	210	114	54	
Colo.	235	560	262	47	199	401	177	44	434	961	439	46	
N.Mex.	55	99	80	81	51	87	64	74	106	186	144	77	
Ariz.	27	53	32	60	21	35	22	63	48	88	54	61	
Nev.	73	179	90	50	59	152	68	45	132	331	158	48	
Utah	18	25	25	100	10	13	9	69	28	38	34	89	
Wash.	213	358	240	67	168	313	140	45	381	671	380	57	
Oreg.	219	304	221	73	161	252	124	49	380	556	345	62	
Calif.	432	547	395	72	428	606	324	53	860	1,153	719	62	
WEST.	1,800	3,185	2,008	63	1,471	2,581	1,286	50	3,271	5,766	3,294	57	
U.S.	46,224	74,034	55,428	75	29,106	47,672	31,325	66	75,330	121,706	86,753	71	

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SOWS FARROWED, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1924-45, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Year	Sows Farrowed		Pigs per Litter		Pigs Saved		Year
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	
	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	(Dec. 1- June 1)	(June 1- Dec. 1)	
	Thousand head				Thousand head		
1924	9,799	4,344	5.12	5.49	50,218	23,847	74,065
1925	8,334	3,939	5.74	5.70	47,859	22,451	70,310
1926	9,048	4,330	5.59	5.74	50,579	24,865	75,444
1927	9,754	4,609	5.59	5.80	54,502	26,744	81,246
1928	9,301	4,429	5.63	5.94	52,390	26,292	78,682
1929	8,854	4,264	5.70	6.01	50,479	25,646	76,125
1930	8,278	4,073	5.96	6.09	49,332	24,803	74,135
1931	8,969	4,797	6.02	6.09	53,984	29,192	83,176
1932	8,810	5,179	5.79	6.08	51,031	31,494	82,525
1933	9,122	5,207	5.86	5.90	53,460	30,740	84,200
1934	6,825	2,936	5.82	5.81	39,698	17,068	56,766
1935	5,467	3,857	6.01	6.03	32,884	23,260	56,144
1936	6,954	3,957	5.96	6.14	41,422	24,303	65,725
1937	6,177	3,845	6.23	6.24	38,525	23,994	62,519
1938	6,795	4,517	6.36	6.32	43,289	28,566	71,855
1939	8,692	5,352	6.12	6.30	53,238	33,714	86,952
1940	8,243	4,760	6.01	6.36	49,567	30,273	79,840
1941	7,736	5,518	6.36	6.43	49,234	35,493	84,727
1942	9,650	6,814	6.31	6.41	60,902	43,657	104,559
1943	12,136	7,576	6.10	6.29	74,034	47,672	121,706
1944	9,187	4,941	6.03	6.34	55,428	31,325	86,753
1945	<u>1/</u> 8,522			<u>2/</u> 6.10	<u>2/</u> 52,000		

1/ Spring farrowings indicated from breeding intentions reports.

2/ Ten-year (1933-42) average pigs per litter used to compute number of pigs saved spring 1945.