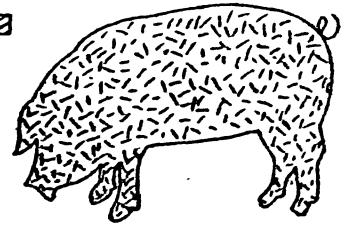


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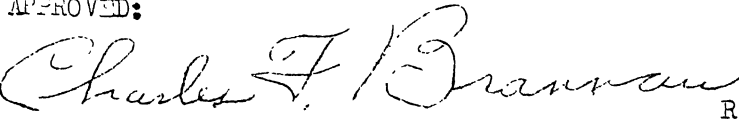
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The Crop Reporting Board of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report of sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from some 135,500 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP (December 1 - June 1)				FALL PIG CROP (June 1 - December 1)			
	Average: 1938-47:	1949	1950	1950 % of 1949:	Average: 1938-47:	1948	1949	1949 % of 1948
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
SOWS FARRROWING								
United States	8,763	9,150	1/9,797	107	5,451	5,158	5,726	111
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6,456	6,895	1/7,477	108	3,434	3,335	3,817	114
PIGS SAVED								
United States	54,392	59,039	2/62,500	106	34,692	33,921	37,262	110
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	40,677	44,951	2/48,500	108	22,276	22,346	25,121	112
	Number				Number			
PIGS PER LITTER								
United States	6.21	6.45			6.37	6.58	6.51	
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6.32	6.52			6.50	6.70	6.58	
	PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY (Year ended Dec. 1)							
	Average: 1938-47:	1948	1949	1949 % of 1948:				
					Thousand head			
United States	89,084	85,187	96,301	113				
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	62,953	60,760	70,072	115				

1/ 1950 spring farrowings are indicated from breeding intentions reports.
 2/ Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

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The 1949 pig crop totaled 96.3 million head, an increase of 13 percent over last year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The increase results from a spring pig crop that was 15 percent larger than last year and a fall crop that was 10 percent larger. The number of sows farrowing this fall was 11 percent larger than last year. The pigs saved per litter at 6.51 is the second largest on record, being only slightly lower than the record litter size established last fall. The fall pig crop of 37,262,000 head was the third largest on record.

An increase of 7 percent over last spring is indicated in the number of sows to farrow in the spring of 1950. Assuming a litter size of 6.4 (the 10-year average of 6.21 with an allowance for the upward trend), this number of sows would indicate a pig crop in the spring of 1950 of 62.5 million head, 6 percent larger than last spring. Marketings from the spring pig crop have been unusually rapid during the past fall. Farmers' reports show that on December 1 the number of hogs over 6 months old on farms was not much different than last year. This would indicate that most of the increase in the spring pig crop has already been marketed. Since late August, hogs have been marketed at much lighter average weights than usual.

This report is based on a survey of 133,500 farm and ranch operators. Those returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

Fall Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the past fall season (June 1 to December 1) is estimated to be 37,262,000 head, 3,341,000 head or 10 percent larger than the 1948 fall pig crop. The 1949 fall crop exceeds the 1938-47 average by 7 percent and is the third largest on record starting in 1924. Except in the North Atlantic States, fall pig numbers are larger than last year in all regions. The North Central States are up 12 percent, the South Atlantic up 5 percent, the South Central up 7 percent, and the West up 2 percent. In the North Atlantic States, fall pig numbers are down 4 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the 1949 fall season was 5,726,000 head, an increase of 568,000 head or 11 percent above the fall season last year. The number is 5 percent larger than the 10-year average. The number of sows farrowing this fall is 2 percent below the number that farmers' reports last June indicated would farrow. Only one region, the South Atlantic, shows fall farrowings as large as intended in June, while the largest departures from the June intentions occurred in the North Atlantic and East North Central States. The percentages that 1949 fall farrowings are of 1948, as shown in the June report and as now estimated, are as follows: North Atlantic, June 101 percent, and now 97 percent; East North Central, 117 percent and 113 percent; West North Central, 116 percent and 115 percent; South Atlantic, 105 percent and 105 percent; South Central, 109 percent and 106 percent; and West, 103 percent and 100 percent.

The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.51 is the second largest on record--only slightly below the record 6.58 pigs per litter last fall, and 2 percent above the 10-year average. Weather conditions during the peak fall farrowing months were generally favorable.

Compared with a year earlier, the monthly distribution of farrowings in the 1949 fall season shows a larger percentage of litters in August and September and smaller percentages in the other four months. Most of the reduction is in

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SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1924-50, FOR THE UNITED STATES

Year	Sows Farrowing		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	4,509	5.58	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	8,217	4,763	6.01	6.36	49,584	30,282	79,866
1941	7,760	5,535	6.36	6.43	49,368	35,584	84,952
1942	9,684	6,840	6.31	6.40	61,093	43,810	104,903
1943	12,174	7,565	6.10	6.29	74,223	47,584	121,807
1944	9,246	4,882	6.03	6.33	55,754	30,905	86,659
1945	8,298	5,426	6.29	6.38	52,189	34,593	86,782
1946	8,109	4,713	6.46	6.48	52,392	30,548	82,940
1947	8,652	4,907	6.10	6.39	52,802	31,345	84,147
1948	7,964	5,158	6.44	6.58	51,266	33,921	85,187
1949	9,150	5,726	6.45	6.51	59,039	37,262	96,301
1950 ^{1/}	9,797		^{2/} 6.40		^{2/} 62,500		

^{1/} Spring farrowings indicated from breeding intentions reports.

^{2/} Average number of pigs per litter with allowance for trend used to compute indicated number of spring pigs. Number rounded to nearest 500,000 head.

U. S. SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, FALL

Year	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Total
Thousand head							
1938-47 Av.	694	598	1,019	1,689	1,005	448	5,451
1947	644	559	1,010	1,512	840	342	4,907
1948	742	582	1,002	1,549	885	398	5,158
1949	753	639	1,208	1,801	925	400	5,726

Percent of total fall sows farrowing

1938-47 Av.	12.7	10.9	18.7	31.0	18.5	8.2	100.0
1947	13.1	11.4	20.6	30.8	17.1	7.0	100.0
1948	14.4	11.3	19.4	30.0	17.2	7.7	100.0
1949	13.1	11.2	21.1	31.4	16.2	7.0	100.0

SOWS FARROWING

PIGS PER LITTER

State and Div.	SPRING (Dec. 1 - June 1)					FALL (June 1 - Dec. 1)					SPRING		FALL	
	10-yr. average: 1938-47:					10-yr. average: 1938-47:					Number		Number	
	1948					1949					1948		1949	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	% of 1949	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	% of 1948	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Me.	6	4	5	5	100	6	4	4	103	6.4	7.1	6.9	6.9	
N.H.	2	1	2	1	81	2	1	1	93	6.9	6.8	7.0	7.0	
Vt.	3	3	3	2	89	3	2	2	100	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.4	
Mass.	14	11	11	9	82	10	9	9	96	5.4	5.6	6.1	5.8	
R.I.	1	1	1	1	89	1	1	1	89	5.7	5.7	6.4	6.6	
Conn.	4	5	5	4	85	3	4	4	85	6.0	6.4	6.6	6.3	
N.Y.	.33	31	33	32	97	26	22	20	91	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.3	
N.J.	14	13	14	14	100	10	9	9	106	6.6	6.8	6.7	6.7	
Pa.	80	79	88	86	98	80	73	72	98	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.8	
N.A.	157	148	162	154	96	141	125	122	97	6.63	6.80	6.90	6.80	
Ohio	427	381	469	492	105	372	352	384	109	6.87	6.83	7.02	6.85	
Ind.	555	502	602	680	113	493	516	583	113	6.72	6.76	6.73	6.54	
Ill.	851	836	970	1,048	108	536	527	617	117	6.47	6.41	6.66	6.52	
Mich.	126	98	124	143	115	104	83	100	120	6.92	7.02	6.85	6.87	
Wis.	326	296	323	333	103	174	153	165	108	6.72	6.74	6.82	6.65	
N.C.E.	2,285	2,113	2,488	2,695	108	1,679	1,631	1,849	113	6.65	6.65	6.78	6.63	
Minn.	720	611	715	779	109	249	217	267	123	6.35	6.41	6.58	6.34	
Iowa	1,865	1,707	2,048	2,191	107	700	778	871	112	6.64	6.56	6.60	6.50	
Mo.	466	457	539	620	115	408	398	490	123	6.71	6.61	6.88	6.77	
N.Dak.	141	103	118	125	106	22	16	16	100	6.45	6.37	6.41	6.45	
S.Dak.	324	313	341	365	107	57	46	53	115	5.93	6.19	6.25	6.12	
Nebr.	455	424	475	513	108	163	140	151	108	6.13	6.06	6.25	6.40	
Kans.	200	146	171	188	110	156	109	120	110	6.50	6.38	6.54	6.72	
N.C.W.	4,171	3,761	4,407	4,781	108	1,755	1,704	1,968	115	6.47	6.45	6.62	6.54	
N.C.	6,456	5,874	6,895	7,477	108	3,434	3,335	3,817	114	6.54	6.52	6.70	6.58	
Del.	4	4	4	4	100	4	4	4	103	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.8	
Md.	28	30	33	35	106	29	25	29	116	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.9	
Va.	85	88	93	95	102	85	82	86	105	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.7	
W.Va.	24	25	25	23	92	26	24	23	96	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.1	
N.C.	128	127	138	145	105	105	106	110	104	6.3	6.5	6.5	6.5	
S.C.	78	90	88	96	109	73	77	83	108	6.0	5.8	6.3	6.0	
Ga.	208	187	200	218	109	178	171	188	110	5.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	
Fla.	98	102	107	112	105	78	86	82	95	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.3	
S.A.	653	653	688	728	106	578	575	605	105	6.08	6.13	6.25	6.22	
Ky.	158	166	194	200	103	143	147	153	104	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.9	
Tenn.	152	133	149	164	110	140	123	143	116	6.4	6.6	6.8	6.7	
Ala.	125	109	131	152	116	117	114	138	121	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.3	
Miss.	114	106	111	113	102	95	83	85	102	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	
Ark.	136	106	124	124	100	114	90	97	108	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.4	
La.	128	108	119	113	95	101	90	94	105	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.4	
Okla.	125	92	105	105	100	120	97	97	100	6.3	6.3	6.6	6.6	
Tex.	230	199	195	205	105	212	172	174	97	6.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	
S.C.	1,168	1,019	1,128	1,176	104	1,042	923	981	106	6.10	6.22	6.32	6.36	
Mont.	34	27	28	22	79	22	19	18	95	6.2	6.2	6.6	6.6	
Idaho	51	29	28	27	95	36	20	20	100	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5	
Wyo.	12	12	12	12	100	9	10	11	110	6.0	6.2	6.6	6.6	
Colo.	48	43	47	47	100	36	31	31	100	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.5	
N.Mex.	12	11	10	11	110	9	6	7	117	6.0	6.4	6.5	6.7	
Ariz.	5	3	4	3	80	4	2	2	75	6.0	5.5	5.6	6.5	
Utah	16	16	15	12	80	12	11	9	80	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.7	
Nev.	3	4	4	4	98	2	2	2	105	6.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	
Wash.	34	21	20	19	95	26	16	16	100	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.2	
Oreg.	34	27	28	24	86	24	18	16	89	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.2	
Calif.	80	77	81	81	100	76	65	69	106	6.1	6.3	6.1	6.2	
West.	329	270	277	262	95	256	200	201	100	6.24	6.39	6.42	6.54	
U. S.	8,763	7,964	9,150	9,797	107	5,451	5,158	5,726	111	6.44	6.45	6.58	6.51	

1/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions report.

PIGS SAVED

State	SPRING (Dec. 1 - June 1)				FALL (June 1 - Dec. 1)				YEAR (Dec. 1 - Dec. 1)			
	10-yr. average:		1949		10-yr. average:		1949		10-yr. average:		1949	
	1938-47:	1948	% of	1938-47:	1948	% of	1938-47:	1948	% of	1938-47:	1948	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)	
Maine	42	28	33	118	39	26	26	100	81	54	59	109
N.H.	16	10	11	110	12	10	9	90	28	20	20	100
Vt.	22	23	19	83	20	17	18	106	42	40	37	92
Mass.	75	59	62	105	59	55	50	91	134	114	112	98
R.I.	6	5	5	100	5	6	5	83	12	11	10	91
Conn.	25	28	31	111	21	28	23	82	46	56	54	96
N.Y.	224	217	238	110	184	161	146	91	408	378	384	102
N.J.	87	86	95	110	64	57	60	105	151	143	155	108
Pa.	511	529	598	113	533	504	490	97	1,045	1,033	1,088	105
N.A.	1,008	985	1,092	111	937	864	827	96	1,947	1,849	1,919	104
Ohio	2,804	2,617	3,203	122	2,519	2,471	2,630	106	5,323	5,088	5,833	115
Ind.	3,587	3,373	4,070	121	3,248	3,473	3,813	110	6,834	6,846	7,883	115
Ill.	5,296	5,409	6,218	115	3,443	3,510	4,023	115	8,739	8,919	10,241	115
Mich.	832	678	870	128	697	569	687	121	1,529	1,247	1,557	125
Wis.	2,162	1,989	2,177	109	1,166	1,043	1,097	105	3,329	3,032	3,274	108
N.C.E.	14,681	14,066	16,538	118	11,073	11,066	12,250	111	25,754	25,132	28,788	115
Minn.	4,507	3,880	4,583	118	1,579	1,428	1,693	119	6,086	5,308	6,276	118
Iowa	11,623	11,334	13,435	119	4,451	5,135	5,662	110	16,074	16,469	19,097	116
Mo.	2,981	3,066	3,563	116	2,693	2,738	3,317	121	5,674	5,804	6,880	119
N.Dak.	906	664	752	113	138	103	103	100	1,044	767	855	111
S.Dak.	1,983	1,856	2,111	114	349	288	324	112	2,332	2,144	2,435	114
Nebr.	2,742	2,599	2,878	111	992	875	966	110	3,734	3,474	3,844	111
Kans.	1,254	949	1,091	115	1,001	713	806	113	2,255	1,662	1,897	114
N.C.W.	25,996	24,348	28,413	117	11,203	11,280	12,871	114	37,199	35,628	41,284	116
N.C.	40,677	38,414	44,951	117	22,276	22,346	25,121	112	62,953	60,760	70,072	115
Del.	22	23	25	109	26	23	25	106	48	46	50	109
Md.	182	198	218	110	192	168	200	119	374	366	418	114
Va.	536	572	614	107	563	566	576	102	1,098	1,138	1,190	105
W.Va.	168	182	175	96	186	170	163	96	354	352	338	96
N.C.	786	800	897	112	666	689	715	104	1,452	1,189	1,612	108
S.C.	436	540	510	94	429	485	498	103	864	1,025	1,008	98
Ga.	1,191	1,103	1,220	111	1,034	1,043	1,147	110	2,226	2,146	2,367	110
Fla.	493	551	556	101	409	447	435	97	902	998	991	99
S.A.	3,814	3,969	4,215	106	3,505	3,591	3,759	105	7,318	7,560	7,974	105
Ky.	1,015	1,112	1,300	117	950	985	1,056	107	1,965	2,097	2,356	112
Tenn.	941	851	983	116	911	836	958	115	1,855	1,687	1,941	115
Ala.	710	654	812	124	679	718	869	121	1,389	1,372	1,681	123
Miss.	607	572	599	105	532	456	476	104	1,139	1,028	1,075	105
Ark.	795	647	781	121	704	567	621	110	1,499	1,214	1,402	115
La.	648	562	631	112	522	486	508	105	1,170	1,048	1,139	109
Okla.	768	580	662	114	759	640	640	100	1,527	1,220	1,302	107
Tex.	1,350	1,234	1,248	101	1,291	1,146	1,114	97	2,642	2,380	2,362	99
S.C.	6,837	6,212	7,016	113	6,348	5,334	6,242	107	13,186	12,046	13,258	110
Mont.	221	167	174	104	144	125	119	95	365	292	293	100
Idaho	326	188	179	95	236	130	130	100	561	318	309	97
Wyo.	74	72	74	103	56	66	73	111	129	133	147	107
Colo.	281	245	291	119	221	198	202	102	502	443	493	111
NMex.	66	66	64	97	56	39	47	121	122	105	111	106
Ariz.	32	20	19	95	24	13	11	85	56	33	30	91
Utah.	100	106	98	92	81	72	59	82	182	178	157	88
Nev.	21	21	22	105	11	13	14	108	32	34	36	106
Wash.	233	145	138	95	182	110	115	105	415	255	253	99
Oreg.	236	186	196	105	169	124	115	93	404	310	311	100
Calif.	466	470	510	109	446	396	426	108	912	866	938	108
West.	2,056	1,686	1,765	105	1,626	1,286	1,313	102	3,660	2,972	3,078	104
U.S.	54,392	51,266	59,039	115	34,692	33,921	37,262	110	89,064	85,187	96,301	113

FALL - SOWS FARROWING - 1948 Revised

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of total					
		June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Thousands													
N.Y.	22	2	2	5	6	5	2	11.8	9.2	21.5	27.1	22.5	7.9
Pa.	73	6	8	15	21	16	7	7.8	10.9	20.0	29.0	22.1	10.2
Other													
N. Atl. 1/	30	4	5	6	8	5	2	13.3	16.7	20.0	26.6	16.7	6.7
N. Atl.	125	12	15	26	35	26	11	9.6	12.0	20.8	28.0	20.8	8.8
Ohio	352	26	30	79	129	62	26	7.4	8.6	22.6	36.6	17.5	7.3
Ind.	516	43	57	144	182	70	20	8.3	11.0	27.9	35.2	13.6	4.0
Ill.	527	56	43	107	199	92	30	10.6	8.1	20.4	37.7	17.5	5.7
Mich.	83	16	12	15	22	14	4	19.6	14.9	17.5	26.2	16.8	5.0
Wis.	153	30	17	29	50	22	5	19.2	10.8	19.2	32.8	14.7	3.3
E. N. Cent. 1/	631	171	159	374	582	260	85	10.5	9.8	22.9	35.7	15.9	5.2
Minn.	217	55	29	36	59	31	7	25.5	13.2	16.5	27.4	14.2	3.2
Iowa	778	171	73	144	253	117	20	22.0	9.4	18.5	32.5	15.0	2.6
Mo.	398	43	34	70	134	81	36	10.7	8.5	17.7	33.8	20.3	9.0
N. Dak.	16	9	3	1	2	1		56.2	19.9	8.3	9.6	5.4	.6
S. Dak.	46	18	4	6	11	5	2	39.3	9.0	13.2	23.0	12.0	3.5
Nebr.	140	27	11	17	49	29	7	19.0	7.6	12.2	34.9	21.2	5.1
Kans.	109	14	9	17	36	24	9	12.8	8.1	16.0	33.1	22.0	8.0
W. N. Cent. 1/	704	337	163	291	544	288	81	19.8	9.6	17.1	31.9	16.9	4.7
N. Cent.	3,335	508	322	665	1,126	548	166	15.2	9.7	19.9	33.8	16.4	5.0
Del. &													
Md.	29	2	4	6	9	5	3	7.0	13.8	20.7	31.0	17.2	10.3
Va.	82	8	9	18	26	13	8	9.2	11.1	22.3	32.1	15.3	10.0
W. Va.	24	2	2	6	7	5	2	7.0	9.2	23.3	31.5	22.3	6.7
N. C.	106	15	17	18	23	19	14	13.7	15.8	17.1	21.9	17.9	13.6
S. C.	77	11	12	12	18	15	9	14.3	15.2	16.1	23.1	19.0	12.3
Ga.	171	26	28	32	32	30	23	15.0	16.6	18.8	18.9	17.3	13.4
Fla.	86	8	10	12	22	18	16	9.0	11.7	14.6	25.1	20.9	18.7
S. Atl.	575	72	82	104	137	105	75	12.6	14.2	18.0	23.8	18.3	13.1
Ky.	147	17	19	29	39	27	16	11.5	13.1	19.8	26.6	18.0	11.0
Tenn.	123	16	19	23	26	21	18	12.8	15.8	18.6	21.0	17.3	14.5
Ala.	114	15	18	21	23	22	15	12.8	15.7	18.1	20.5	19.5	13.4
Miss.	83	14	13	15	16	15	10	16.8	15.9	17.5	19.6	17.5	12.7
Ark.	90	14	14	15	16	17	14	15.6	15.2	17.2	17.4	19.3	15.3
La.	90	13	12	17	16	17	15	14.9	12.9	18.6	18.0	19.3	16.3
Okla.	97	11	14	17	24	19	12	11.5	14.1	17.9	25.1	19.0	12.4
Tex.	179	21	33	34	38	30	23	11.8	18.7	18.8	21.1	17.0	12.6
S. Cent.	923	121	142	171	198	168	123	13.1	15.4	18.5	21.5	18.2	13.3
Colo.	31	4	3	6	8	7	3	14.5	8.5	19.9	26.0	22.6	8.5
Wash.	16	2	2	3	5	3	1	15.4	11.5	19.9	30.7	15.7	6.8
Oreg.	18	2	2	4	5	3	2	9.2	11.5	23.9	29.2	16.9	9.3
Calif.	65	8	6	10	17	13	11	12.6	9.0	14.9	26.8	19.4	17.3
Other													
Western 2/	70	13	8	13	18	12	6	18.6	11.4	18.6	25.7	17.1	8.6
Western	200	29	21	36	53	38	23	14.5	10.5	18.0	26.5	19.0	11.5
U. S.	5,158	742	582	1,002	1,549	885	398	14.4	11.3	19.4	30.0	17.2	7.7

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FALL - SOWS FARROWING - 1949

State	Sows Farrowing by Months							Percent of total						
	Total	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
		Thousands												
N.Y.	20	2	1	4	6	5	2	11.9	5.8	17.0	30.8	24.2	10.3	
Pa.	72	6	7	14	24	14	7	8.8	10.0	19.6	32.9	19.6	9.1	
Other														
N.Atl. 1/	30	3	4	7	7	6	3	10.0	13.4	23.3	23.3	20.0	10.0	
N.Atl.	122	11	12	25	37	25	12	9.0	9.8	20.5	30.3	20.5	9.9	
Ohio	384	25	32	93	141	68	25	6.5	8.3	24.2	36.8	17.7	6.5	
Ind.	583	60	69	171	188	70	25	10.3	11.8	29.4	32.2	12.0	4.3	
Ill.	617	57	54	131	246	103	26	9.3	8.7	21.2	39.9	16.7	4.2	
Mich.	100	15	12	20	30	18	5	14.6	12.5	20.1	29.7	17.9	5.2	
Wis.	165	22	19	38	53	25	8	13.3	11.5	22.9	32.0	15.6	4.7	
E.N.Cent. 1/	1,849	179	186	453	658	284	89	9.7	10.0	24.5	35.6	15.4	4.8	
Minn.	267	56	27	58	83	36	7	21.1	10.1	21.6	30.9	13.6	2.7	
Iowa	871	170	78	179	314	113	17	19.5	9.0	20.5	36.0	13.0	2.0	
Mo.	490	42	41	114	175	82	36	8.6	8.4	23.2	35.6	16.8	7.4	
N.Dak.	16	9	3	1	2	1	---	54.7	19.5	8.4	9.2	6.3	1.9	
S.Dak.	53	15	5	7	17	8	1	27.2	10.1	13.5	31.7	15.2	2.3	
Nebr.	151	22	10	23	57	33	6	14.2	6.4	15.5	37.7	22.1	4.1	
Kans.	120	12	10	21	43	25	9	10.1	8.2	17.4	36.2	20.9	7.2	
W.N.Cent. 1/	1,968	326	174	403	691	298	76	16.6	8.8	20.5	35.1	15.1	3.9	
N.Cent.	3,817	505	360	856	1,349	582	165	13.2	9.4	22.4	35.4	15.3	4.3	
Del. &														
Md.	33	3	3	7	10	6	4	9.1	9.1	21.2	30.3	18.2	12.1	
Va.	86	9	10	19	26	13	9	10.1	11.7	22.2	30.6	15.0	10.4	
W.Va.	23	2	2	5	8	4	2	6.6	8.7	23.6	34.7	17.9	8.5	
N.C.	110	12	18	21	24	21	14	10.4	16.6	19.3	22.2	19.2	12.3	
S.C.	83	11	11	17	16	17	11	12.8	13.3	20.9	19.8	20.2	13.0	
Ga.	188	22	32	34	38	31	31	11.7	16.8	18.1	20.4	16.7	16.3	
Fla.	82	15	11	13	15	16	12	18.4	13.2	15.7	18.8	19.9	14.0	
S.Atl.	605	74	87	116	137	108	83	12.2	14.4	19.2	22.6	17.9	13.7	
Ky.	153	18	20	28	43	27	17	11.9	13.3	18.5	27.7	17.3	11.3	
Tenn.	143	17	22	27	33	25	19	12.2	15.3	19.1	23.1	17.1	13.2	
Ala.	138	23	22	25	30	23	15	16.3	15.9	18.3	21.8	16.6	11.1	
Miss.	85	13	15	15	17	13	12	15.7	17.1	18.0	19.4	15.6	14.2	
Ark.	97	12	19	16	22	16	12	12.0	19.8	16.2	22.8	17.1	12.1	
La.	94	11	15	16	17	21	14	12.0	15.8	17.5	18.0	21.9	14.8	
Okla.	97	11	14	19	25	16	12	11.6	14.0	19.3	25.6	16.7	12.8	
Tex.	174	28	27	31	37	30	21	15.8	15.7	17.5	21.5	17.4	12.1	
S.Cent.	981	133	154	177	224	171	122	13.6	15.7	18.1	22.8	17.4	12.4	
Colo.	31	4	5	4	8	7	3	14.0	15.8	13.8	27.2	21.2	8.0	
Wash.	16	2	2	3	5	3	1	14.0	10.2	21.2	31.0	16.6	7.0	
Oreg.	16	2	2	4	4	2	2	9.8	13.6	26.7	27.2	12.8	9.9	
Calif.	69	10	9	9	20	14	7	14.4	13.0	12.4	29.7	20.2	10.3	
Other														
Western 2/	69	12	8	14	17	13	5	17.4	11.6	20.3	24.6	18.8	7.3	
Western	201	30	26	34	54	39	18	14.9	12.9	16.9	26.9	19.4	9.0	
U.S.	5,726	753	639	1,208	1,801	925	400	13.1	11.2	21.1	31.4	16.2	7.0	

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the percentage of litters in June and October. The percentage of sows farrowing each month during the fall season, and the change from the corresponding month last year are as follows: June 13.1 percent, down 1.3 percentage points; July, 11.2 percent, down 0.1 point; August, 21.1 percent, up 1.7 points; September, 31.4 percent, up 1.4 points; October, 16.2 percent, down 1.0 points; November, 7.0 percent, down 0.7 point.

Yearly Pig Crop: The combined spring and fall pig crop for 1949 is estimated to be 96,301,000 head. This is an increase of 11,114,000 head or 13 percent over the 1948 crop and 8 percent over the 10-year average. The 1949 pig crop is the third largest on record, being exceeded only by the crops in the war years 1942 and 1943.

Spring Intentions: Farmers' reports on breeding intentions indicate 9,797,000 sows to farrow in the spring of 1950. This is an increase of 7 percent over last spring and 12 percent over the 10-year average. Compared with last year, the North Central States show the largest increases, while the North Atlantic and Western regions show decreases. By regions, the indicated increases are as follows: East and West North Central, each up 8 percent; South Atlantic, up 6 percent; and South Central, up 4 percent. The regions showing indicated decreases are the North Atlantic, down 4 percent; and West, down 5 percent.

These estimated changes from last year are based on breeding intentions reported by farmers about December 1. Consideration is given to past relationships of intentions to actual farrowing when the hog-corn price ratio and corn supplies were above average.

If the intentions for spring farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals a figure that is based on the 10-year average with allowance for the upward trend, the 1950 spring pig crop would be about 62.5 million head, 6 percent larger than in the spring of 1949. For the Corn Belt, the 1950 spring crop would be 8 percent larger.

Hogs Over 6 Months Old On Farms: Despite the 15 percent increase in the spring pig crop, the number of hogs over 6 months old on farms December 1 is about the same as last year, according to reports from farmers. Marketings of 1949 spring pigs have been unusually rapid and at lighter average weights than last year. Hog marketings during the past fall have departed considerably from the usual seasonal pattern. In past years the month of October was generally considered the beginning of the main marketing season for the spring pig crop. However, in 1948 there was some shift to earlier marketings and this year the shift to August and September marketing of spring pigs appears to be substantial. Total commercial slaughter of hogs in August and September was larger than in the same months last year by 35 percent and 28 percent, respectively. The large proportion of hogs marketed before January 1 in both 1948 and 1949, is unusual in view of the record corn supply. In most previous years when marketings before January 1 have been relatively large, the corn crop has been below average.