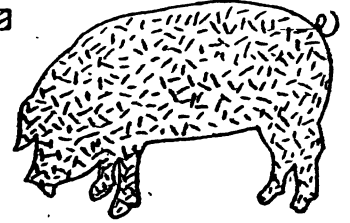


PIG CROP REPORT



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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 about 126,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP				FALL PIG CROP				
	(December 1 - June 1)				(June 1 - December 1)				
	Average:	1949:	1950	1950 %	Average:	1949	1950	1950 %	
	1939-48:	1949:	1950	of 1949:	1939-48:	1949	1950	of 1949	
	Thousand head				Thousand head				
SOWS FARROWING									
United States	8,883	9,054	9,518	105	5,512	5,726 1/2	6,017	105	
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6,569	6,807	7,281	107	3,505	3,817 1/2	4,160	109	
PIGS SAVED									
United States	55,191	58,426	60,079	103	35,230	37,262 2/3	39,000	105	
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	41,405	44,374	46,100	104	22,812	25,121 2/3	27,500	109	
PIGS PER LITTER									
		Number				Number			
United States	6.22	6.45	6.31		6.39	6.51			
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6.32	6.52	6.33		6.52	6.58			
		PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY				HOGS OVER 6 MONTHS ON FARMS			
		(Year ended Dec. 1)				June 1			
	Average:	1950	1950 %	Average:	1950	1950 %			
	1939-48:	1949	3/	of 1949:	1939-48:	1949	1950	of 1949	
		Thousand head				Thousand head			
United States	90,425	95,688	99,079	104	27,222	22,816	23,474	103	
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	64,216	69,495	73,600	106	16,591	14,175	14,968	106	

1/ 1950 fall farrowings are indicated from breeding intentions reports.

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

3/ Spring pig crop plus indicated number of fall pigs.

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The 1950 spring pig crop totaled 60,079,000 head, an increase of 3 percent from last spring, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported today. The number of sows farrowing this spring was 5 percent above last spring, but the number of pigs saved per litter was 2 percent smaller than last spring and only slightly above the 10-year average. For the coming fall crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 6,017,000 sows to farrow, 5 percent above the number farrowed last fall. The combined 1950 total pig crop is now expected to be 99 million head. A combined pig crop this size would be 4 percent above 1949 and 10 percent above the 1939-48 average. The number of hogs six months old and over on farms and ranches June 1 was 3 percent larger than last year but 14 percent below the 10-year average.

This report is based upon a survey of about 126,000 farms and ranches. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

Spring Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the spring season of 1950 (December 1, 1949 to June 1, 1950) is estimated to be 60,079,000 head. This is 1,653,000 head or about 3 percent larger than the spring crop last year. It is also 9 percent larger than the 10-year average. The 1950 spring crop is the third largest on record, being exceeded only by the spring crops in 1942 and 1943. Compared with 1949, the spring crop is up in all regions except the North Atlantic and the West. The South Atlantic Region shows an increase of 6 percent followed by the West North Central, up 4 percent; East North Central, up 3 percent; and South Central, up 1 percent. The West is down 12 percent and the North Atlantic down 17 percent.

The number of sows farrowing in the spring of 1950 is estimated to be 9,518,000 head. This number is 5 percent larger than last year and 7 percent larger than the 10-year average. The 1950 spring farrowings are 3 percent, or 279,000 head less than farmers' reports last December indicated would be farrowed. Only one region, the East North Central, shows spring farrowings as large as intended last December. The North Atlantic and Western Regions show the largest departures from the December intentions. The percentages that 1950 spring farrowings are of last year, as shown in the December report, and as now estimated are as follows: North Atlantic, December 96 percent, and June 87 percent; East North Central, 103 and 108; West North Central, 108 and 106; South Atlantic, 106 and 104; South Central, 104 and 101; West, 95 and 90 percent.

The number of pigs saved per litter in the spring of 1950, at 6.31 pigs, is 2 percent less than the 6.45 pigs of last year. The record is 6.46 pigs, attained in the spring of 1946. Weather conditions over most of the important hog producing States were not entirely favorable during the peak farrowing months. Reporters generally attributed the smaller number of pigs saved to cold or stormy spring weather. In most of the Southern States, weather was generally favorable. In the Corn Belt, the 1950 litter sizes are as follows: East North Central, 6.33, down .32 from last year; West North Central, 6.33, down .12. Downward changes from last spring in other regions are as follows: North Atlantic, 6.46, down .34; West, 6.27, down .12. In the South Central region, the litter size was 6.22 pigs, the same as last year, while in the South Atlantic, it was 6.25, an increase of .12.

The 1950 spring pig crop shows a further shift to earlier farrowings. The shifting toward earlier litters was quite marked last year and this year's spring farrowing continues that trend. A record proportion of the 1950 spring crop was farrowed in February and March. March farrowings represented 30.5 percent, an

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	4,609	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	8,247	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	9,054	5,726	6.45	6.51	58,426	37,262	95,688
1950	9,518	^{1/} 6,017	6.31	^{2/} 6.50	60,079	^{2/} 39,000	^{3/} 99,079

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

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

^{3/} Spring pig crop plus indicated number of fall pigs.

U. S. SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, SPRING

Year	Dec. ^{1/}	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
Thousand head							
1939-48 av.	336	438	875	2,364	3,141	1,729	8,883
1948	263	367	762	2,150	2,874	1,548	7,964
1949	303	467	988	2,623	3,090	1,583	9,054
1950	273	451	1,144	2,898	3,168	1,584	9,518

Percent of total spring sows farrowing

1939-48 av.	3.8	4.9	9.8	26.7	35.4	19.4	100
1948	3.3	4.6	9.6	27.0	36.1	19.4	100
1949	3.3	5.2	10.9	29.0	34.1	17.5	100
1950	2.9	4.7	12.0	30.5	33.3	16.6	100

^{1/} December of preceding year.

SOWS FARROWING

State and Div.	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)			
	10-yr. av.:	1949	1950	1950 as % of 1949	10-yr av.:	1949	1950 1/2	1950 as % of 1949
	1939-48	(000)	(000)	(000)	1939-48	(000)	(000)	(000)
Maine	6	4	5	98	6	4	3	85
N.H.	2	2	1	81	2	1	1	77
Vt.	3	3	3	107	3	2	2	85
Mass.	13	11	10	89	10	9	8	94
R.I.	1	1	1	89	1	1	1	100
Conn.	4	5	4	94	4	4	3	73
N.Y.	33	33	23	70	26	20	15	75
N.J.	14	14	12	86	10	9	7	78
Pa.	81	88	81	92	80	72	66	91
N.A.	157	161	140	87	142	122	106	87
Ohio	432	450	482	107	375	384	392	102
Ind.	561	582	629	108	505	583	624	107
Ill.	871	936	1,020	109	550	617	654	106
Mich.	126	121	136	112	104	100	113	113
Wis.	329	323	346	107	175	165	183	111
N.C.E.	2,319	2,412	2,613	108	1,709	1,849	1,966	106
Minn.	724	715	758	108	252	287	291	109
Iowa	1,893	2,048	2,171	106	728	871	967	111
Mo.	480	539	582	108	416	490	564	115
N.Dak.	143	115	112	97	22	16	14	88
S.Dak.	337	341	365	107	58	53	56	106
Nebr.	471	466	499	107	164	151	172	114
Kans.	202	171	181	106	156	120	130	108
N.C.W.	4,250	4,395	4,658	106	1,796	1,968	2,194	111
N.C.	6,559	6,807	7,281	107	3,505	3,817	4,160	109
Del.	4	4	4	97	4	4	4	100
Md.	29	33	31	94	29	29	26	90
Va.	86	93	96	103	85	86	84	98
W.Va.	25	25	23	92	26	23	20	87
N.C.	129	138	145	105	106	110	107	97
S.C.	81	88	92	105	74	83	79	95
Ga.	207	200	224	112	179	188	203	108
Fla.	100	107	102	95	79	82	82	100
S. A.	661	688	717	104	582	605	605	100
Ky.	162	191	187	98	145	153	150	98
Tenn.	152	149	150	101	139	143	136	95
Ala.	124	131	141	108	117	138	148	107
Miss.	114	111	111	100	93	85	76	90
Ark.	132	124	128	103	110	97	98	101
La.	125	119	108	91	98	94	83	88
Okla.	124	105	111	106	118	97	101	104
Tex.	232	195	199	102	210	174	174	100
S.C.	1,165	1,125	1,135	101	1,030	981	966	98
Mont.	35	28	18	64	23	18	14	78
Idaho	50	28	23	82	34	20	17	85
Wyo.	13	12	12	100	9	11	9	82
Colo.	49	44	42	95	37	31	28	90
N.Mex.	12	10	9	90	9	7	6	86
Ariz.	5	3	3	86	4	2	2	94
Utah	16	15	12	80	12	9	7	80
Nev.	4	4	3	85	2	2	2	90
Wash.	33	20	18	90	25	16	14	88
Oreg.	34	28	24	86	24	16	14	87
Calif.	80	81	81	100	74	69	67	97
West.	331	273	245	90	253	201	180	89
U.S.	8,883	9,054	9,518	105	5,512	5,726	6,017	105

1/ Number indicated to farrow from Breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State and Div.	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)				Pigs per litter			Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)	
	10-yr. av.	1949	1950	% of 1949	10-yr. av.	1949	1950	10-yr. av.	1949
	1939-48	(000)	(000)		1939-48			1939-48	(000)
	(000)	(000)	(000)		(000)			(000)	(000)
Maine	40	33	29	88	6.5	7.1	6.5	39	26
N.H.	15	11	8	73	6.5	6.8	6.0	12	9
Vt.	22	19	20	105	6.6	6.9	6.5	20	18
Mass.	73	62	53	85	5.4	5.6	5.4	58	50
R.I.	6	5	4	80	6.0	5.7	5.5	5	5
Conn.	26	31	27	87	5.8	6.4	6.0	22	23
N.Y.	227	238	159	67	6.9	7.2	6.9	183	146
N.J.	88	95	78	82	6.3	6.8	6.5	64	60
Pa.	522	598	526	88	6.4	6.8	6.5	536	490
N.A.	1,019	1,092	904	83	6.42	6.80	6.46	939	827
Ohio	2,837	3,074	3,114	101	6.59	6.83	6.46	2,550	2,630
Ind.	3,626	3,934	3,982	101	6.49	6.76	6.33	3,338	3,813
Ill.	5,427	6,000	6,283	105	6.24	6.41	6.16	3,548	4,023
Mich.	835	849	908	107	6.64	7.02	6.68	699	687
Wis.	2,179	2,177	2,266	104	6.63	6.74	6.55	1,175	1,097
N.C.E.	14,904	16,034	16,553	103	6.44	6.65	6.33	11,310	12,250
Minn.	4,529	4,583	4,760	104	6.26	6.41	6.28	1,603	1,693
Iowa	11,836	13,435	14,046	105	6.26	6.56	6.47	4,647	5,662
Mo.	3,070	3,563	3,766	106	6.42	6.61	6.47	2,763	3,317
N.Dak.	919	733	687	94	6.45	6.37	6.13	140	103
S.Dak.	2,053	2,111	2,132	101	6.10	6.19	5.84	351	324
Nebr.	2,827	2,824	2,999	106	6.02	6.06	6.01	1,002	966
Kans.	1,267	1,091	1,157	106	6.29	6.38	6.39	996	808
N.C.W.	26,501	28,340	29,547	104	6.24	6.45	6.33	11,502	12,871
N.C.	41,405	44,374	46,100	104	6.32	6.52	6.33	22,812	25,121
Del.	23	25	25	100	6.3	6.7	6.8	26	25
Md.	186	218	205	94	6.4	6.6	6.6	191	200
Va.	545	614	624	102	6.3	6.6	6.5	570	576
W.Va.	170	175	159	91	6.9	7.0	6.9	184	163
N.C.	794	897	942	105	6.2	6.5	6.5	671	715
S.C.	454	510	561	110	5.6	5.8	6.1	442	498
Ga.	1,190	1,220	1,411	116	5.7	6.1	6.3	1,045	1,147
Fla.	506	556	551	99	5.1	5.2	5.4	414	435
S.A.	3,868	4,215	4,478	108	5.85	6.13	6.25	3,543	3,759
Ky.	1,042	1,280	1,197	94	6.4	6.7	6.4	969	1,056
Tenn.	944	983	975	99	6.2	6.6	6.5	909	958
Ala.	704	812	888	109	5.7	6.2	6.3	688	869
Miss.	604	599	610	102	5.3	5.4	5.5	518	476
Ark.	779	781	819	105	5.9	6.3	6.4	685	621
La.	638	631	605	96	5.1	5.3	5.6	512	508
Okla.	763	662	710	107	6.1	6.3	6.4	755	640
Tex.	1,370	1,248	1,254	100	5.9	6.4	6.3	1,290	1,114
S.C.	6,844	6,996	7,058	101	5.88	6.22	6.22	6,326	6,242
Mont.	228	174	108	62	6.5	6.2	6.0	148	119
Idaho	316	179	147	82	6.4	6.4	6.4	224	130
Wyo.	76	74	71	96	6.0	6.2	5.9	58	73
Colo.	289	273	256	94	5.9	6.2	6.1	225	202
N.Mex.	67	64	56	88	5.6	6.4	6.2	56	47
Ariz.	31	19	16	84	5.9	5.5	5.4	24	11
Utah	103	98	77	79	6.3	6.5	6.4	82	59
Nev.	21	24	21	88	6.0	6.0	6.2	12	14
Wash.	225	138	124	90	6.8	6.9	6.9	176	115
Oreg.	230	196	161	82	6.8	7.0	6.7	164	115
Calif.	469	510	502	98	5.9	6.3	6.2	441	428
West.	2,055	1,749	1,539	88	6.23	6.39	6.27	1,610	1,313
U.S.	55,191	58,426	60,079	103	6.22	6.45	6.31	35,230	37,262

SPRING - SOWS FARROWING - 1949 REVISED

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Thousands													
N.Y.	33	1	1	3	9	11	8	3.9	4.1	7.7	27.2	34.3	22.8
Pa.	88	5	6	12	28	24	13	5.3	6.8	14.0	31.6	27.6	14.7
Other N.Atl. 1/	40	1	3	3	10	15	8	2.5	7.5	7.5	25.0	37.5	20.0
N.Atl.	161	7	10	18	47	50	29	4.3	5.9	11.2	29.4	31.2	18.0
Ohio	450	14	22	72	172	125	45	3.0	5.0	15.9	38.2	27.8	10.1
Ind.	582	12	26	119	228	140	57	2.0	4.4	20.5	39.2	24.1	9.8
Ill.	936	13	24	91	329	337	142	1.4	2.6	9.7	35.1	36.0	15.2
Mich.	121	3	3	7	33	47	28	2.4	2.4	6.2	27.2	39.0	22.8
Wis.	323	2	6	26	97	133	59	.6	2.0	8.0	29.9	41.1	18.4
E.N.Cent.	2,412	44	81	315	859	782	331	1.8	3.4	13.1	35.6	32.4	13.7
Minn.	715	4	4	32	191	294	190	.5	.6	4.5	26.7	41.1	26.6
Iowa	2,048	18	33	102	553	891	451	.9	1.6	5.0	27.0	43.5	22.0
Mo.	539	20	32	73	178	161	75	3.7	5.9	13.6	33.1	29.8	13.9
N.Dak.	115	--	1	2	17	57	38	.2	.6	1.8	14.5	49.4	33.5
S.Dak.	341	1	1	10	72	177	80	.2	.3	2.9	21.0	52.0	23.6
Nebr.	466	3	6	29	129	211	88	.7	1.3	6.2	27.7	45.3	18.8
Kans.	171	6	9	19	57	54	26	3.8	5.0	11.1	33.5	31.4	15.2
W.N.Cent.	4,395	52	86	267	1,197	1,845	948	1.2	2.0	6.1	27.2	42.0	21.5
N.Cent.	6,807	96	167	582	2,056	2,627	1,279	1.4	2.5	8.5	30.2	38.6	18.8
Del. & Md.	37	2	4	7	12	7	5	5.4	10.8	18.9	32.5	18.9	13.5
Va.	93	7	9	16	27	20	14	7.9	10.0	17.4	28.6	20.9	15.2
W.Va.	25	1	2	3	9	7	3	5.0	5.5	12.6	36.0	28.0	12.9
N.C.	138	12	18	29	34	26	19	8.7	12.8	20.8	24.8	18.9	14.0
S.C.	88	9	14	15	22	16	12	10.0	16.5	17.2	24.5	17.9	13.9
Ga.	200	25	34	42	41	31	27	12.6	17.1	21.2	20.3	15.2	13.6
Fla.	107	17	21	22	18	18	11	15.5	20.1	20.5	16.7	16.6	10.6
S.Atl.	688	73	102	134	163	125	91	10.6	15.0	19.5	23.5	17.9	13.5
Ky.	191	12	20	36	63	41	19	6.1	10.8	19.0	32.8	21.4	9.9
Tenn.	149	14	20	27	37	30	21	9.2	13.4	18.4	24.9	20.0	14.1
Ala.	131	16	20	24	29	22	20	12.0	15.1	18.8	21.9	16.7	15.5
Miss.	111	13	17	22	21	21	17	11.5	15.2	20.2	19.0	18.8	15.3
Ark.	124	12	18	26	32	21	15	9.9	14.6	21.1	25.6	17.1	11.7
La.	119	16	19	24	28	20	12	13.3	16.3	20.4	23.4	16.8	9.8
Okla.	105	9	16	21	26	22	11	8.3	15.0	20.1	25.0	21.1	10.5
Tex.	195	21	35	32	45	38	24	10.7	17.8	16.5	23.3	19.3	12.4
S.Cent.	1,125	113	165	212	281	215	139	10.0	14.7	18.8	25.0	19.1	12.4
Colo.	44	1	2	4	13	14	10	3.3	3.8	8.6	28.7	32.9	22.7
Wash.	20	1	2	3	7	5	2	5.0	10.3	12.4	36.6	23.9	11.8
Oreg.	28	2	3	5	9	6	3	8.3	8.8	17.1	32.2	21.6	12.0
Calif.	81	6	10	18	23	16	8	7.6	12.7	22.7	28.3	19.4	9.3
Other Western 2/	100	4	6	12	24	32	22	4.0	6.0	12.0	24.0	32.0	22.0
Western	273	14	23	42	76	73	45	5.1	8.4	15.5	27.3	26.7	16.5
U.S.	9,054	303	467	988	2,623	3,090	1,583	3.3	5.2	10.9	29.0	34.1	17.5

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SPRING - SOWS FARROWING - 1950

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months						Percent of Total					
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
Thousands													
N.Y.	23	1	1	2	7	8	4	5.1	3.2	10.1	29.0	34.3	18.3
Pa.	81	4	5	11	28	21	12	5.2	6.6	14.0	34.0	25.5	14.7
Other N.Atl. 1/	36	1	2	3	8	13	9	2.8	5.6	8.3	22.2	36.1	25.0
N.Atl.	140	6	8	16	43	42	25	4.3	5.7	11.4	30.7	30.0	17.9
Ohio	482	12	28	88	177	130	47	2.4	5.9	18.3	36.8	26.9	9.7
Ind.	629	9	42	148	243	126	61	1.5	6.6	23.5	38.6	20.1	9.7
Ill.	1,020	14	28	103	374	356	145	1.4	2.7	10.1	36.7	34.9	14.2
Mich.	136	3	4	14	37	49	29	2.2	3.2	10.3	26.9	36.2	21.2
Wis.	346	3	9	28	110	138	58	.9	2.5	8.0	31.8	39.9	16.9
E.N.Cent.	2,613	41	111	381	941	799	340	1.6	4.2	14.6	36.0	30.6	13.0
Minn.	758	3	7	43	236	291	178	.4	.9	5.7	31.1	38.4	23.5
Iowa	2,171	11	22	121	630	942	445	.5	1.0	5.6	29.0	43.4	20.5
Mo.	582	18	26	91	194	176	77	3.1	4.4	15.6	33.4	30.2	13.3
N.Dak.	112	--	1	3	19	53	36	.2	.9	2.8	16.8	47.4	31.9
S.Dak.	365	--	1	11	90	177	86	.1	.4	2.9	24.6	48.4	23.6
Nebr.	499	2	4	31	137	224	101	.5	.7	6.2	27.4	44.9	20.3
Kans.	181	6	9	26	61	53	26	3.3	4.7	14.4	33.9	29.5	14.2
W.N.Cent.	4,668	40	70	326	1,367	1,916	949	.9	1.5	7.0	29.3	41.0	20.3
N.Cent.	7,281	81	181	707	2,308	2,715	1,289	1.1	2.5	9.7	31.7	37.3	17.7
Del. & Md.	35	3	3	7	10	8	4	8.5	8.6	20.0	28.6	22.9	11.4
Va.	96	8	10	21	28	19	10	8.0	10.8	21.6	28.7	20.0	10.9
W.Va.	23	1	1	3	8	7	3	3.5	2.8	12.6	35.6	31.8	13.7
N.C.	145	11	18	31	36	28	21	7.5	12.3	21.0	25.0	19.5	14.7
S.C.	92	7	12	18	24	18	13	7.3	12.6	19.9	26.1	19.9	14.2
Ga.	224	25	35	48	52	40	24	11.1	15.4	21.6	23.4	17.6	10.9
Fla.	102	17	19	26	16	13	11	16.5	18.5	25.5	16.3	12.5	10.7
S.Atl.	717	72	98	154	174	133	86	10.0	13.7	21.5	24.3	18.5	12.0
Ky.	187	12	21	39	60	34	21	6.4	11.1	20.8	32.1	18.3	11.3
Tenn.	150	14	18	31	40	29	18	9.5	12.3	20.7	26.4	19.3	11.8
Ala.	141	13	21	31	33	23	20	9.5	15.1	21.9	23.1	16.2	14.2
Miss.	111	12	16	22	24	23	14	10.8	14.2	19.9	21.6	20.5	13.0
Ark.	128	13	16	27	31	27	15	9.3	12.5	21.4	24.1	21.0	11.7
La.	108	13	17	24	26	15	13	12.2	15.2	22.4	23.9	14.0	12.3
Okla.	111	9	12	20	32	23	15	7.9	11.4	17.8	28.7	20.8	13.4
Tex.	199	20	28	37	48	35	31	9.9	13.8	18.4	24.3	17.8	15.8
S.Cent.	1,135	105	149	231	294	209	147	9.2	13.1	20.4	25.9	18.4	13.0
Colo.	42	1	2	6	12	13	8	4.3	4.8	13.8	28.3	30.6	18.2
Wash.	18	1	1	2	6	6	2	3.7	5.6	12.3	34.4	31.9	12.1
Oreg.	24	2	2	4	8	6	2	8.7	9.8	15.1	34.6	24.0	7.8
Calif.	81	5	8	13	30	17	8	6.1	9.9	15.8	37.0	20.8	10.4
Other Western 2/	80	--	2	11	23	27	17	---	2.5	13.8	28.8	33.7	21.2
Western	245	9	15	36	79	69	37	3.7	6.1	14.7	32.2	28.2	15.1
U.S.	9,518	273	451	1,144	2,898	3,168	1,584	2.9	4.7	12.0	30.5	33.3	16.6

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increase from the 29.0 percent last year, while February was 12.0 percent, compared with 10.9 percent last year. The 10-year averages for these months are: March, 26.7 percent and February, 9.3 percent. May represented 13.6 percent of the total spring farrowings, compared with 17.5 percent last year and the 10-year average of 19.4 percent. The May 1950 figure was the second smallest percentage on record for the month. In April, 35.3 percent were farrowed, compared with 54.1 percent last year, and the 10-year average of 35.4 percent. Farrowings in both January and December, which are comparatively small, were less than last year, and less than the 10-year average.

Fall 1950 Intentions: Reports on breeding intentions indicate that 6,017,000 sows will farrow in the fall of 1950. This is 291,000 or 5 percent larger than the number farrowing last fall. If these intentions are realized, the number of sows farrowing during the fall season (June 1 to December 1) would be the third largest on record--exceeded only by the number in the fall of the war years 1942 and 1943. The indicated increase in fall intentions is not uniform over the country. Only the East and West North Central States show increases, while in other regions the number of sows intended for fall farrow is the same, or less than last year. The indicated increase in the West North Central is 11 percent, and the East North Central, 6 percent. In the South Atlantic region, the same number as last fall is indicated; while the South Central is down 2 percent; West, down 11 percent; and North Atlantic, down 13 percent.

These estimated changes from last year are based on breeding intentions reported by farmers about June 1.

If the intentions for fall farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals a figure based on the 10-year average with allowance for an upward trend, the 1950 fall pig crop would be about 39 million head. This would be 5 percent larger than the 1949 fall crop and the third largest on record. A combined pig crop for 1950, at 99.1 million head, would be 4 percent larger than last year and exceeded only by the pig crops in the war years of 1942 and 1943.

Hogs on Farms June 1: The number of hogs 6 months old and over on June 1, including brood sows, was 23,474,000 head, 658,000 head or 3 percent more than on June 1 last year. This over-all increase is due to a 6 percent increase in the Corn Belt and a slight increase in the South Atlantic States. Elsewhere in the United States, the number of hogs over 6 months old on June 1 was below last year. The 1949 fall pig crop was 10 percent larger than the previous year. It is apparent that the greater part of this increase had been marketed by June 1. Total commercial slaughter of hogs in March and April was larger than in the same months last year by 13 percent and 10 percent, respectively. The increase over last year in the number of hogs over 6 months old on farms on June 1 indicates an increase in the slaughter of hogs from the 1949 fall crop during the months of June through September. However, the increase could be greater because of earlier marketings of the 1950 spring pig crop since farrowings were earlier than usual. Marketings of June 1 inventories are expected to be as rapid as last year.

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