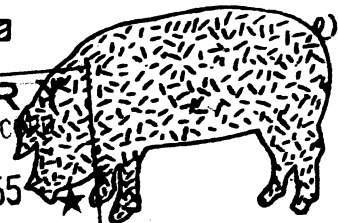


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The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service makes the following report of sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved. This report is based upon returns from about 148,000 farmers obtained in cooperation with the Post Office Department through the rural mail carriers.

	SPRING PIG CROP				FALL PIG CROP			
	(December 1 - June 1)				(June 1 - December 1)			
	1954		1955		1954		1955	
	: 1944-53 :		: 1954 :		: 1944-53 :		: 1954 :	
	: 1954 :		: 1954 :		: 1954 :		: 1954 :	
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
SOWS FARROWING								
United States	8,537	8,071	8,758	109	5,248	5,424 1/2	6,043	111
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6,497	6,442	6,923	107	3,536	3,971 1/2	4,442	112
PIGS SAVED								
United States	54,571	55,667	60,453	109	34,272	36,766 2/3	40,500	110
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	41,956	44,753	48,200	108	23,410	27,089 2/3	30,000	111
PIGS PER LITTER								
United States	6.40	6.90	6.90		6.53	6.78		
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	6.47	6.95	6.96		6.62	6.82		
	Number				Number			
	PIGS SAVED ANNUALLY				HOGS OVER 6 MONTHS ON FARMS			
	(Year ended Dec. 1)				June 1			
	: 1954 :		: 1955 :		: 1954 :		: 1955 :	
	: 1944-53 :		: 1954 :		: 1944-53 :		: 1954 :	
	: 1954 :		: 1954 :		: 1954 :		: 1954 :	
	Thousand head				Thousand head			
United States	88,843	92,433	100,953	109	23,886	17,016	17,926	105
N. Cent. States (Corn Belt)	65,366	71,842	78,200	109	15,230	11,722	12,155	104

1/1955 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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PIG CROP REPORT - JUNE 1955

The 1955 spring pig crop totaled 60,453,000 head, an increase of 9 percent from the spring of 1954, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of sows farrowing this spring totaled 8,758,000 sows and was also 9 percent larger than last spring. The number of pigs saved per litter was the same as the record high number attained in 1954. For the coming fall crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 6,043,000 sows to farrow, 11 percent above the number farrowing last fall. If the intentions for fall farrowings materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1955 fall pig crop would be 40.5 million head. A crop of this size would be 10 percent larger than last fall. The combined 1955 spring and fall pig crop would then be about 101 million head. This would be 9 percent above last year and 14 percent above the 1944-1953 average.

The number of hogs 6 months old and over on farms and ranches June 1 was 5 percent above last year, but 25 percent below the 10-year average.

This report is based upon a survey of about 148,000 farms and ranches. 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 1955 (December 1, 1954 to June 1, 1955) is estimated at 60,453,000 head. This is 4,786,000 head or 9 percent larger than the spring crop last year and 11 percent above the 10-year average.

Compared with 1954, the spring pig crop was up in all regions. The South Atlantic was up 6 percent; east North Central and west North Central, each 8 percent; West, 10 percent; North Atlantic, 11 percent and South Central, 19 percent.

The number of sows farrowed in the spring of 1955 is estimated at 8,758,000 head, 9 percent more than last year and 3 percent above the 10-year average. The 1955 spring farrowings were 4 percent higher than indicated by farmers' reports on intentions last December. All regions of the country showed more sows farrowing than intended last December. The percentages that the 1955 spring farrowings are of 1954 as now estimated and the spring intentions as reported last December are as follows: North Atlantic, 112 percent now and 103 percent last December; east North Central, 108 and 105; west North Central, 107 and 105; South Atlantic, 107 and 101; South Central, 119 and 106; West, 109 and 104.

The number of pigs saved per litter at 6.90 is the same as the record high attained in 1954 for the spring pig crop. Favorable weather during the main farrowing season and the increasing use of improved equipment and better management practices contributed to the high average number of pigs per litter for the 1955 spring crop.

Compared with a year earlier, the monthly distribution of farrowings in the 1955 spring season shows a larger percentage of litters in December, January and February and smaller percentages in March, April and May. Hog producers continued the trend toward earlier farrowings which began in 1949. The percentage

SOWS FARROWING, PIGS PER LITTER, AND PIGS SAVED, 1946-55 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)	
	<u>Thousand head</u>				<u>Thousand head</u>		
1946	8,077	4,704	6.46	6.49	52,191	30,503	82,694
1947	8,548	4,866	6.11	6.39	52,199	31,090	83,289
1948	7,833	5,070	6.44	6.58	50,468	33,358	83,826
1949	8,820	5,568	6.46	6.52	56,969	36,275	93,244
1950	9,174	5,923	6.31	6.65	57,935	39,404	97,339
1951	9,591	6,032	6.47	6.60	62,007	39,804	101,811
1952	8,480	5,257	6.64	6.65	56,270	34,961	91,231
1953	7,300	4,751	6.81	6.70	49,703	31,809	81,512
1954	8,071	5,424	6.90	6.78	55,667	36,766	92,433
1955	8,758	6,043 <u>1/</u>	6.90	6.70 <u>2/</u>	60,453	40,500 <u>2/</u>	100,953 <u>3</u>

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.

HOGS OVER 6 MONTHS OLD ON FARMS, JUNE 1, 1946-55
UNITED STATES AND NORTH CENTRAL STATES

Year	United States		N. Central States		Year	United States		N. Central States	
	<u>Thousand head</u>					<u>Thousand head</u>			
1946	22,699		13,987		1951	24,285		16,380	
1947	23,581		15,227		1952	22,565		15,115	
1948	22,955		14,370		1953	18,341		11,928	
1949	21,950		13,830		1954	17,016		11,722	
1950	22,419		14,448		1955	17,926		12,155	

SOWS FARROWING, BY MONTHS, SPRING, UNITED STATES

Year	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	<u>Thousand head</u>						
1944-53 Av.	287	420	947	2,381	2,912	1,590	8,537
1953	220	441	1,050	2,108	2,221	1,260	7,300
1954	273	511	1,396	2,410	2,200	1,281	8,071
1955	333	722	1,608	2,421	2,336	1,338	8,758

Year	<u>Percent of total spring sows farrowing</u>						
	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
1944-53 Av.	3.3	4.9	11.1	27.9	34.1	18.7	100.0
1953	3.0	6.0	14.4	28.9	30.4	17.3	100.0
1954	3.4	6.3	17.3	29.9	27.2	15.9	100.0
1955	3.8	8.2	18.4	27.6	26.7	15.8	100.0

1/December of preceding year.

SOWS Farrowing

State and Divisions	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)			1955 as % of 1954	Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)			1955 as % of 1954
	10-yr. av. 1944-53 (000)	1954 (000)	1955 (000)		10-yr. av. 1944-53 (000)	1954 (000)	1955 1/ (000)	
Maine	5	3	2	80	4	4	4	100
N.H.	2	1	1	92	1	1	1	91
Vt.	3	1	1	86	2	1	1	100
Mass.	13	8	10	122	9	11	11	100
R.I.	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	100
Conn.	4	3	2	92	3	3	3	96
N.Y.	30	22	24	109	20	16	17	106
N.J.	16	13	14	108	10	5	7	124
Pa.	83	75	86	115	71	64	73	114
N.Atl.	157	127	141	112	123	106	118	111
Ohio	419	412	453	110	357	364	400	110
Ind.	572	593	640	108	522	559	636	108
Ill.	914	970	1,038	107	578	667	734	110
Mich.	116	110	119	108	90	94	105	112
Wis.	317	323	355	110	166	183	205	112
E.N.Cent.	2,337	2,408	2,605	108	1,712	1,897	2,030	110
Minn.	657	632	676	107	252	311	333	107
Iowa	1,913	1,923	2,038	106	815	1,011	1,153	114
Mo.	491	494	529	107	412	407	492	121
N.Dak.	109	89	102	115	16	15	18	120
S.Dak.	337	314	349	111	54	66	73	111
Nebr.	482	455	491	108	160	174	197	113
Kans.	173	127	133	105	115	90	96	107
W.N.Cent.	4,160	4,034	4,318	107	1,824	2,074	2,362	114
N.Cent.	6,497	6,442	6,923	107	3,536	3,971	4,442	112
Del.	4	4	4	105	4	4	4	102
Md.	31	29	31	107	27	24	25	104
Va.	89	75	81	108	81	69	71	103
W.Va.	22	16	19	119	22	16	20	125
N.C.	140	152	160	105	108	115	124	108
S.C.	78	65	72	110	73	63	63	100
Ga.	202	218	225	103	177	181	197	109
Fla.	88	66	76	115	68	55	60	109
S.Atl.	653	625	668	107	558	527	564	107
Ky.	155	127	147	116	128	115	137	119
Tenn.	141	128	151	118	126	109	125	115
Ala.	126	124	144	116	121	126	132	105
Miss.	98	59	73	123	80	60	72	120
Ark.	99	46	56	121	78	43	54	126
La.	96	51	64	125	77	48	55	115
Okla.	96	64	74	116	65	58	68	117
Texas	177	113	135	120	163	126	132	105
S.Cent.	987	712	845	119	858	685	775	113
Mont.	29	19	23	121	16	12	14	114
Idaho	28	17	18	106	19	13	13	100
Wyo.	10	5	5	95	7	4	3	89
Colo.	39	27	28	103	26	21	20	95
N.Mex.	10	7	7	100	6	5	5	100
Ariz.	3	3	3	120	3	2	3	125
Utah	12	8	8	100	8	6	6	92
Nev.	3	2	3	105	2	2	2	100
Wash.	20	14	17	121	15	14	16	114
Oreg.	23	17	21	124	16	14	16	114
Calif.	65	46	48	104	54	42	46	110
West.	242	165	181	109	172	135	144	106
U.S.	8,537	8,071	8,758	109	5,248	5,424	6,043	111

*Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

PIGS SAVED

State and Division	10-yr. av.:		Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)		Pigs per litter		Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)		
	1944-53 (000)	1954 (000)	1955 (000)	% of 1954	1954	1955	1944-53 (000)	1954 (000)	
Maine	35	19	16	84	6.7	6.2	6.6	28	24
N.H.	15	9	9	100	6.5	6.8	7.3	10	10
Vt.	17	10	8	80	6.9	7.4	6.4	13	6
Mass.	74	42	56	133	5.6	5.2	5.7	54	67
R.I.	5	3	3	100	5.9	5.4	5.5	4	3
Conn.	26	16	17	106	6.2	6.6	7.2	23	18
N.Y.	212	156	173	111	7.2	7.1	7.2	149	122
N.J.	101	82	85	104	6.3	6.3	6.1	64	35
Pa.	559	533	602	113	6.7	7.1	7.0	490	454
N.Atl.	1,044	870	969	111	6.6	6.87	6.85	836	739
Ohio	2,824	2,880	3,121	108	6.75	6.99	6.89	2,451	2,541
Ind.	3,791	4,216	4,474	106	6.64	7.11	6.99	3,486	4,041
Ill.	5,809	6,625	7,121	107	6.36	6.84	6.86	3,776	4,469
Mich.	787	783	850	109	6.82	7.12	7.14	617	648
Wis.	2,119	2,277	2,503	110	6.69	7.05	7.05	1,114	1,255
E.N.Cent.	15,330	16,791	18,069	108	6.57	6.97	6.94	11,444	12,954
Minn.	4,187	4,317	4,691	109	6.38	6.83	6.94	1,625	2,102
Iowa	12,433	13,519	14,409	107	6.51	7.03	7.07	5,363	6,915
Mo.	3,225	3,512	3,708	106	6.58	7.11	7.01	2,781	2,816
N.Dak.	701	595	707	119	6.47	6.68	6.93	105	101
S.Dak.	2,052	2,054	2,352	115	6.10	6.54	6.74	331	434
Nebr.	2,929	3,080	3,334	108	6.09	6.77	6.79	1,002	1,166
Kans.	1,100	985	930	105	6.39	6.97	6.99	758	601
W.N.Cent.	26,626	27,952	30,131	108	6.41	6.93	6.98	11,966	14,135
N.Cent.	41,956	44,753	48,200	108	6.47	6.95	6.96	23,410	27,089
Del.	27	30	29	97	6.8	7.4	6.7	26	28
Md.	205	209	217	104	6.6	7.2	7.0	181	166
Va.	580	525	543	103	6.5	7.0	6.7	549	490
W.Va.	155	118	139	118	7.0	7.4	7.3	153	118
N.C.	888	1,018	1,088	107	6.4	6.7	6.8	701	794
S.C.	458	422	468	111	5.9	6.5	6.5	445	410
Ga.	1,218	1,461	1,462	100	6.0	6.7	6.5	1,076	1,176
Fla.	471	396	479	121	5.4	6.0	6.3	368	319
S.Atl.	4,002	4,179	4,425	106	6.13	6.69	6.62	3,498	3,501
Ky.	1,013	889	1,029	116	6.6	7.0	7.0	867	805
Tenn.	903	870	1,012	116	6.4	6.8	6.7	847	741
Ala.	778	843	979	116	6.2	6.8	6.8	759	869
Miss.	533	348	431	124	5.5	5.9	5.9	452	354
Ark.	601	313	375	120	6.1	6.6	6.7	496	288
La.	516	316	403	128	5.4	6.2	6.3	421	288
Okla.	604	435	503	116	6.3	6.8	6.8	552	383
Texas	1,096	757	925	122	6.2	6.7	6.8	1,023	819
S.Cent.	6,045	4,771	5,657	119	6.15	6.70	6.69	5,417	4,547
Mont.	185	133	156	117	6.5	7.0	6.8	109	82
Idaho	181	117	121	103	6.4	6.9	6.7	121	90
Wyo.	61	35	32	91	6.2	6.6	6.3	45	25
Colo.	235	176	188	107	6.0	6.5	6.7	167	141
N.Mex.	59	48	48	100	6.0	6.9	6.8	39	35
Ariz.	20	17	20	118	5.8	6.9	6.6	16	13
Utah	78	50	51	102	6.4	6.2	6.4	55	40
Nev.	19	16	15	94	6.0	6.7	6.0	12	11
Wash.	136	104	122	117	6.9	7.4	7.2	105	99
Oreg.	155	117	151	129	6.8	6.9	7.2	113	102
Calif.	395	281	298	106	6.1	6.1	6.2	330	252
West.	1,525	1,094	1,202	110	6.31	6.62	6.66	1,111	890
U.S.	54,571	55,667	60,453	109	6.40	6.90	6.90	34,272	36,766

SPRING - SOWS FARROWING - 1954

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months					Percent of Total						
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
		Thousands											
N.Y.	22	1	1	2	6	8	4	4.6	6.0	11.8	25.1	34.6	17.9
Pa.	75	6	8	13	21	15	12	7.6	10.8	17.7	28.4	20.4	15.1
Other													
N.Atl. ^{1/}	30	1	3	4	7	10	5	3.3	10.0	13.3	23.3	33.4	16.7
N.Atl.	127	8	12	19	34	33	21	6.3	9.4	15.0	26.8	26.0	16.5
Ohio	412	12	37	94	146	86	37	3.0	8.9	22.8	35.5	20.9	8.9
Ind.	593	20	69	194	184	81	45	3.4	11.6	32.7	31.0	13.7	7.6
Ill.	970	17	45	167	334	270	137	1.8	4.7	17.2	34.4	27.8	14.1
Mich.	110	3	7	15	34	31	20	2.4	5.9	13.9	31.2	28.3	18.3
Wis.	323	5	13	52	106	97	50	1.6	4.0	16.2	32.7	30.0	15.5
E.N.Cent.	2,408	57	171	522	804	565	289	2.4	7.1	21.7	33.4	23.4	12.0
Minn.	632	4	15	70	193	207	143	.6	2.4	11.0	30.6	32.8	22.6
Iowa	1,923	19	48	269	606	635	346	1.0	2.5	14.0	31.5	33.0	18.0
Mo.	494	20	38	109	152	112	63	4.0	7.8	22.0	30.8	22.7	12.7
N.Dak.	89			3	19	39	28	.2	.5	3.0	21.2	43.9	31.2
S.Dak.	314	1	3	15	81	129	85	.3	.8	4.9	25.9	40.9	27.2
Nebr.	455	4	9	43	133	170	96	.8	2.0	9.5	29.3	37.4	21.0
Kans.	127	6	8	24	39	33	17	4.6	5.9	19.0	31.1	25.2	13.2
W.N.Cent.	4,034	54	121	533	1,223	1,325	778	1.4	3.0	13.2	30.3	32.8	19.3
N.Cent.	6,442	111	292	1,055	2,027	1,890	1,067	1.7	4.5	16.4	31.5	29.3	16.6
Del.&Md.	33	3	4	7	8	7	4	9.1	12.1	21.2	24.3	21.2	12.1
Va.	75	6	9	19	19	14	8	7.7	12.6	25.3	25.5	18.5	10.4
W.Va.	16	1	1	2	5	5	2	4.5	8.1	13.3	33.2	27.0	13.9
N.C.	152	17	24	37	32	23	19	11.2	16.1	24.3	21.0	15.1	12.3
S.C.	65	10	10	12	14	10	9	15.0	15.8	18.9	20.9	15.6	13.8
Ga.	218	28	38	52	45	33	22	12.7	17.7	23.8	20.8	15.0	10.0
Fla.	66	12	13	13	11	10	7	17.5	20.1	19.6	17.3	15.6	9.9
S.Atl.	625	77	99	142	134	102	71	12.3	15.3	22.7	21.5	16.3	11.4
Ky.	127	7	14	30	39	22	15	5.3	10.8	24.0	30.9	17.6	11.4
Tenn.	128	12	14	26	33	24	19	9.3	11.3	20.7	25.5	18.6	14.6
Ala.	124	15	18	27	25	22	17	12.1	14.1	21.8	19.9	18.1	14.0
Miss.	59	4	9	12	15	12	7	7.1	14.8	19.9	26.2	19.9	12.1
Ark.	46	5	7	9	10	8	7	11.4	16.0	18.8	22.1	17.1	14.6
La.	51	7	8	12	10	8	6	13.0	14.7	23.6	20.4	15.9	12.4
Okla.	64	5	7	13	18	12	9	7.1	11.6	19.9	27.7	19.5	14.2
Tex.	113	10	15	24	26	24	14	9.1	13.2	21.2	22.9	21.1	12.5
S.Cent.	712	65	92	153	176	132	94	9.1	12.9	21.5	24.7	18.6	13.2
Colo.	27	2	2	4	6	7	6	6.9	8.4	14.4	23.7	27.7	18.9
Wash.	14	1	1	2	6	3	1	5.3	9.2	16.5	40.6	19.1	9.3
Oreg.	17	1	2	4	4	4	2	3.5	10.1	23.3	25.8	24.3	13.0
Calif.	46	5	7	9	10	9	6	10.7	14.8	19.2	21.4	19.2	14.7
Other													
Western ^{2/}	61	3	4	8	13	20	13	4.9	6.6	13.1	21.3	32.8	21.3
Western	165	12	16	27	39	43	28	7.3	9.7	16.4	23.6	26.0	17.0
U.S.	8,071	273	511	1,396	2,410	2,200	1,231	3.4	6.3	17.3	29.9	27.2	15.9

^{1/}Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

^{2/}Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

SPRING SOWS FARROWING - 1955

State	Total	Sows Farrowing by Months							Percent of Total				
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
		Thousands											
N.Y.	24	1	2	4	6	6	5	5.4	8.3	16.8	23.3	27.1	19.2
Pa.	86	5	10	17	24	18	12	5.6	11.2	19.8	28.3	21.4	13.7
Other N.Atl. 1/	31	2	3	6	5	9	6	6.4	9.7	19.4	16.1	29.0	19.4
N.Atl.	141	8	15	27	35	33	23	5.7	10.6	19.2	24.8	23.4	16.3
Ohio	453	21	51	109	145	89	38	4.7	11.3	24.1	31.9	19.6	8.4
Ind.	640	29	103	193	165	90	60	4.6	16.1	30.2	25.7	14.1	9.3
Ill.	1,038	26	65	190	331	294	132	2.5	6.3	19.3	31.9	28.3	12.7
Mich.	119	4	7	19	34	32	23	2.8	5.7	16.2	28.6	27.1	19.6
Wis.	355	7	20	61	103	113	51	1.9	5.7	17.2	29.0	31.7	14.5
E.N.Cent.	2,605	87	246	572	778	618	304	3.3	8.4	22.0	29.9	23.7	11.7
Minn.	676	10	26	94	185	216	145	1.4	3.9	13.9	27.3	32.0	21.5
Iowa	2,038	31	102	285	560	683	377	1.5	5.0	14.0	27.5	33.5	18.5
Mo.	529	24	43	109	157	124	72	4.5	8.2	20.6	29.7	23.5	13.5
N.Dak.	102		1	6	22	45	28	.4	.8	5.9	21.3	44.0	27.6
S.Dak.	349	2	6	26	78	144	93	.5	1.6	7.4	22.3	41.4	26.8
Nebr.	491	7	17	61	145	169	92	1.3	3.5	12.5	29.6	34.4	18.7
Kans.	133	6	9	26	42	32	18	4.2	6.9	19.7	31.5	24.4	13.3
W.N.Cent.	4,318	80	204	607	1,189	1,413	825	1.9	4.7	14.1	27.5	32.7	19.1
N.Cent.	6,923	167	450	1,179	1,967	2,031	1,129	2.4	6.5	17.0	28.4	29.4	16.3
Del.&Md.	35	2	6	8	10	6	3	5.7	17.1	22.9	28.6	17.1	8.6
Va.	81	7	12	20	21	14	7	8.4	14.5	25.3	26.3	16.7	8.8
W.Va.	19	1	2	3	6	5	2	4.5	9.0	16.2	33.3	25.5	11.5
N.C.	160	17	27	38	38	24	16	10.6	16.6	24.0	23.6	15.0	10.2
S.C.	72	8	12	17	17	10	8	11.5	16.5	22.9	23.0	14.5	11.6
Ga.	225	21	37	64	50	31	22	9.6	16.3	28.3	22.3	13.7	9.8
Fla.	76	10	15	17	16	11	7	13.2	19.0	22.2	21.3	14.6	9.7
S.Atl.	668	66	111	167	158	101	65	9.9	16.6	25.0	23.7	15.1	9.7
Ky.	147	8	17	37	46	24	15	5.6	11.9	24.9	31.3	16.4	9.9
Tenn.	151	16	21	35	38	25	16	10.6	14.2	23.0	25.0	16.6	10.6
Ala.	144	18	26	34	33	19	14	12.4	17.8	23.7	23.3	12.9	9.9
Miss.	73	7	12	18	16	11	9	9.6	16.4	24.2	21.8	15.4	12.6
Ark.	56	5	9	12	13	10	7	8.4	16.9	21.4	22.9	18.0	12.4
La.	64	7	12	16	15	8	6	11.3	18.0	25.1	22.5	13.1	10.0
Okla.	74	6	9	16	22	12	9	7.7	12.4	22.1	29.6	15.9	12.3
Texas	136	14	21	30	31	23	17	10.6	15.2	21.8	23.1	17.2	12.1
S.Cent.	845	81	127	198	214	132	93	9.6	15.1	23.4	25.3	15.6	11.0
Colo.	28	1	3	7	6	6	5	4.6	11.5	23.5	22.8	21.8	15.8
Wash.	17	1	2	3	6	3	2	5.6	10.4	17.7	36.8	19.5	10.0
Oreg.	21	2	3	5	6	3	2	6.9	14.0	24.5	29.0	14.8	10.8
Calif.	48	6	7	10	11	9	5	11.5	14.8	21.8	23.6	18.4	9.9
Other Western 2/	67	1	4	12	18	18	14	1.5	6.0	17.9	26.9	26.8	20.9
Western	181	11	19	37	47	39	28	6.1	10.5	20.4	26.0	21.5	15.5
U.S.	8,758	333	722	1,608	2,421	2,336	1,338	3.8	8.2	18.4	27.6	26.7	15.3

1/Includes Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

2/Includes Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada.

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of sows farrowing each month during the 1955 spring season compared with the same month of the previous season is as follows: December 1954, 3.8 percent compared with 3.4 percent in December 1953; January 1955, 8.2 compared with 6.3 in January 1954; February, 18.4 and 17.3; March, 27.6 and 29.9; April, 26.7 and 27.2; and May, 15.3 and 15.9.

Fall 1955 Intentions: Reports on breeding intentions indicate that 6,043,000 sows will farrow in the fall of 1955. This is 619,000 sows or 11 percent more than the number farrowing last fall. If these intentions are realized, the number of sows farrowing during the fall season (June 1 - December 1) would be the largest number since 1943. Compared with last year, all regions showed increases in the number of sows intended for fall farrowing. The indicated increase is the greatest in the west North Central, being 14 percent; followed by the South Central, 13 percent; North Atlantic, 11; East North Central, 10; South Atlantic, 7; and West, 6.

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

If the intentions for fall farrowing materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average with an allowance for upward trend, the 1955 fall pig crop would be about 40.5 million head. This would be 10 percent larger than last year and 18 percent larger than the 10-year average.

A combined pig crop for 1955 at 101 million head would be 9 percent larger than last year and 14 percent above the average.

Hogs Over 6 Months Old on Farms June 1: The number of hogs over 6 months old (including sows) on farms June 1 this year was 17,926,000 head, compared with 17,016,000 last year. This is only 5 percent more than on June 1 last year, even though the fall crop in 1954 was 16 percent larger than in 1953. Compared with a year earlier, all regions showed increases in the number of hogs 6 months old and over. Total commercial hog slaughter from February through April was up 19 percent compared with the same period in 1954. Federally inspected hog slaughter in May was up 23 percent.

Sows held for fall farrowing represent a larger proportion of the June 1 inventory of hogs over 6 months old than last year. Thus, the market supply of barrows and gilts over 6 months old for the next few months shows a relatively smaller increase compared with 1954 than is indicated by inventories on June 1.