

PIG CROP REPORT

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The 1956 spring pig crop totaled 53,085,000 head, a decline of 8 percent from the spring of 1955, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of sows farrowing this spring totaled 7,650,000 sows which was also 8 percent less than the 8,359,000 sows farrowing last spring. The number of pigs saved per litter was 6.94, establishing a new record for spring farrowing and compares with 6.90 pigs per litter in 1955. Reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 5,163,000 sows to farrow this fall. This would be 7 percent less than the number farrowing last fall. If these intentions materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average, with an allowance for upward trend, the 1956 fall pig crop would be about 35 million head. The combined spring and fall pig crops for 1956 would then be about 88 million head. This would be 8 percent less than last year and only slightly below the 1945-54 average.

The number of hogs 6 months old and over on farms and ranches June 1 was 1 percent below a year ago.

This report is based on a survey of 155,000 farm and ranch operators. These returns were obtained largely in cooperation with the Post Office Department through rural mail carriers.

UNITED STATES

PIG CROP	Average 1945-54	1954	1955	1956	1956 Percent of 1955
<u>SPRING</u>	<u>1,000 head</u>	<u>1,000 head</u>	<u>1,000 head</u>	<u>1,000 head</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sows farrowing.....	8,327	7,669	8,359	7,650	92
Pigs saved.....	53,923	52,852	57,690	53,085	92
<u>FALL</u>					
Sows farrowing.....	5,208	5,014	5,569	1/5,163	93
Pigs saved.....	34,219	33,978	37,914	2/35,000	92
<u>SPRING AND FALL</u>					
Total pigs saved.....	88,142	86,830	95,604	88,085	92
<u>PIGS PER LITTER</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	
Spring.....	6.48	6.89	6.90	6.94	--
Fall.....	6.57	6.78	6.81	---	--

1/As indicated by 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.

Spring Pig Crop: The number of pigs saved in the spring of 1956 (December 1, 1955 to June 1, 1956) is estimated at 53,085,000 head. This is 4,605,000 head or 8 percent less than the spring crop last year and 2 percent below the 10-year average.

All regions showed a decline in spring pigs from a year ago except the South Atlantic and South Central regions. The North Atlantic was down 3 percent; East North Central down 4 percent; West North Central down 15 percent; and the West was down 9 percent. The South Atlantic was up 5 percent and the South Central was up 6 percent.

The number of sows farrowed in the spring of 1956 is estimated at 7,650,000 head, 8 percent less than last year and the 10-year average. The 1956 spring farrowings were 6 percent lower than indicated by farmers' reports on intentions last December. All regions, except the South Atlantic, showed fewer sows farrowing than intended last December. The percentages that the 1956 spring farrowings are of 1955 as now estimated and the spring intentions as reported last December are as follows: North Atlantic, 99 percent now and 101 percent last December; East North Central, 96 and 100; West North Central, 84 and 93; South Atlantic, 104 and 103; South Central, 107 and 111; and West, 92 and 98.

The number of pigs saved per litter during the past spring was 6.94, a record high, and compares with the previous high of 6.90 in 1955 and 1954. Bigger litter sizes in the central and western Corn Belt States were responsible for the higher average this year.

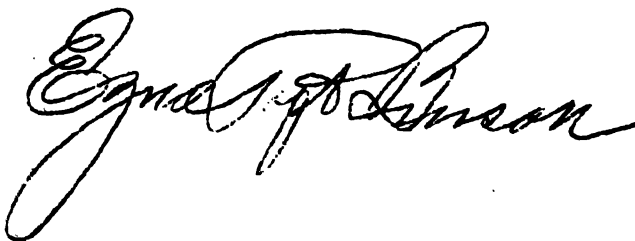
The trend toward earlier farrowings continues as December, January and February account for a greater share of the total spring crop than in earlier years. The number of sows farrowing each month during the 1956 spring season and the percentage changed from the same month of the previous season are as follows: December 1955, 400,000 sows, up 30 percent; January 1956, 723,000 sows, up 7 percent; February 1,414,000, down 7 percent; March 2,151,000, down 7 percent; April 1,917,000, down 15 percent, and May 1,045,000, down 19 percent.

Fall 1956 Intentions: Reports on breeding intentions indicate that 5,163,000 sows will farrow in the fall of 1956. If these intentions are realized, the number of sows farrowing this fall (June 1-December 1) would be 7 percent less than during the fall of 1955. Compared with last year, all regions except the South

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Sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved, spring and fall, 1/ 1952-56

Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs saved		Year
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
UNITED STATES							
1952.....	8,311	5,067	6.63	6.65	55,135	33,694	88,829
1953.....	7,045	4,479	6.80	6.69	47,940	29,974	77,914
1954.....	7,669	5,014	6.89	6.78	52,852	33,978	86,830
1955.....	8,359	5,569	6.90	6.81	57,690	37,914	95,604
1956.....	7,650	2/ 5,163	6.94	3/ 6.80	53,085	35,000	88,085

CORN BELT							
1952.....	6,356	3,616	6.70	6.71	42,557	24,272	66,829
1953.....	5,624	3,301	6.86	6.71	38,593	22,152	60,745
1954.....	6,135	3,671	6.94	6.82	42,606	25,034	67,640
1955.....	6,651	4,087	6.96	6.85	46,308	27,982	74,290
1956.....	5,877	2/ 3,732	7.03	3/ 6.85	41,320	3/25,500	4/66,820

1/ Spring, December 1 to June 1; fall, June 1 to December. 2/ Fall farrowing indicated from breeding intentions reports. 3/ 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. 4/ Spring pig crop plus indicated number of fall pigs.

Hogs over 6 months old on farms, June 1, 1947-56
United States and North Central States

Year	United States	North Central States	Year	United States	North Central States
	1,000 head	1,000 head		1,000 head	1,000 head
1947.....	23,551	15,197	1952.....	20,938	13,580
1948.....	22,830	14,245	1953.....	16,407	10,482
1949.....	21,741	13,620	1954.....	14,951	10,154
1950.....	21,608	13,637	1955.....	15,756	10,618
1951.....	22,856	14,973	1956.....	15,573	9,966

Spring farrowings, by months, United States

Year	Sows farrowing in the spring						
	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
1945-54..	269	417	979	2,346	2,783	1,533	8,327
1954.....	255	480	1,313	2,288	2,104	1,229	7,669
1955.....	307	674	1,520	2,312	2,255	1,291	8,359
1956.....	400	723	1,414	2,151	1,917	1,045	7,650

Percentage distribution of spring farrowings

Year	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1945-54..	3.2	5.0	11.8	28.2	33.4	18.4	100.0
1954.....	3.3	6.3	17.1	29.9	27.4	16.0	100.0
1955.....	3.7	8.1	18.2	27.6	27.0	15.4	100.0
1956.....	5.2	9.4	18.5	28.1	25.1	13.7	100.0

1/ December of preceding year.

Sows Farrowing

State and Division	Spring (Dec. 1 - June 1)				Fall (June 1 - Dec. 1)			
	Average	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955	Average	1955	1956	1956 as % of 1955
	1945-54				1945-54			
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ala.....	5	2	2	103	4	3	3	100
N.H.....	2	1	1	100	1	1	1	83
Vt.....	2	1	2	107	2	1	1	92
Mass.....	14	15	14	93	10	14	11	79
R.I.....	1	1	1	90	1	1	1	90
Conn.....	4	2	2	91	3	2	2	83
N.Y.....	27	21	20	95	19	16	14	88
N.J.....	18	19	18	95	13	15	14	93
Pa.....	80	77	78	101	70	66	60	91
N.A.....	152	139	138	99	123	119	107	89
Ohio.....	394	386	390	101	346	350	326	93
Ind.....	558	583	571	98	515	521	505	97
Ill.....	906	969	930	96	580	687	653	95
Mich.....	111	111	107	96	88	94	82	87
Wis.....	316	355	302	85	169	205	180	88
E.N.C.....	2,286	2,404	2,300	96	1,698	1,857	1,746	94
Minn.....	652	676	568	84	262	339	298	88
Iowa.....	1,906	2,001	1,701	85	841	1,039	914	88
Mo.....	478	493	503	102	406	459	431	94
N.Dak.....	101	97	75	77	16	18	17	94
S.Dak.....	334	358	265	74	58	85	76	90
Nebr.....	476	486	340	70	163	194	171	88
Kans.....	166	136	125	92	111	96	79	82
W.N.C.....	4,112	4,247	3,577	84	1,856	2,230	1,986	89
N.C.....	6,398	6,651	5,877	88	3,554	4,087	3,732	91
Del.....	4	5	5	104	4	4	4	100
Me.....	30	29	27	94	26	25	24	96
Va.....	86	77	79	102	79	69	68	98
W.Va.....	21	18	18	100	20	18	14	78
N.C.....	140	165	168	102	109	117	117	100
S.C.....	75	60	69	115	70	58	62	107
Ga.....	192	200	212	106	173	165	165	100
Fla.....	80	64	67	105	64	42	44	105
S.A.....	628	618	645	104	545	498	498	100
Ky.....	150	139	158	114	126	129	125	97
Tenn.....	136	143	156	109	124	123	127	103
Ala.....	119	120	127	106	118	116	113	97
Miss.....	91	73	85	116	78	72	79	110
Ark.....	91	53	57	107	72	55	54	98
La.....	86	54	60	111	71	48	50	105
Okl.....	90	67	63	94	79	58	51	88
Texas.....	162	131	128	98	155	129	106	82
S.C.....	924	780	834	107	822	730	705	97
Mont.....	26	21	17	80	15	13	10	77
Idaho.....	25	15	15	100	17	12	12	100
Wyo.....	9	5	4	96	6	3	3	100
Colo.....	36	22	22	100	25	17	15	88
N.Mex.....	9	6	6	107	6	5	5	94
Ariz.....	3	3	3	100	2	2	2	104
Utah.....	11	7	6	86	8	6	6	100
Nev.....	3	2	2	100	2	2	2	100
Wash.....	18	17	15	88	14	15	14	93
Oreg.....	21	20	20	100	16	17	15	88
Calif.....	64	53	46	87	53	43	37	86
W.....	224	171	156	92	164	135	121	90
U.S.....	8,327	8,359	7,650	92	5,208	5,569	5,163	93

1/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

Pigs saved and pigs per litter

State and division	Spring (Dec. 1-June 1)							Fall (June 1-Dec. 1)	
	Pigs saved			1956 as % of 1955	Pigs per litter			Pigs saved	
	Average 1945-54	1955	1956		Average 1945-54	1955	1956	Average 1945-54	1955
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Number	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Maine.....	31	16	17	106	6.6	6.6	6.9	25	15
N.H.....	13	9	8	89	6.5	7.3	6.4	10	9
Vt.....	16	9	10	111	7.0	6.4	6.9	12	9
Mass.....	78	86	76	88	5.6	5.7	5.4	57	80
R.I.....	6	6	5	83	5.8	5.5	5.7	5	6
Conn.....	23	17	13	76	6.3	7.2	6.3	22	16
N.Y.....	191	151	144	95	7.2	7.2	7.2	142	117
N.J.....	107	104	106	102	6.1	5.5	5.9	78	88
Pa.....	542	539	530	98	6.8	7.0	6.8	482	469
N.A.....	1,006	937	909	97	6.6	6.68	6.58	833	809
Ohio.....	2,673	2,660	2,652	100	6.80	6.89	6.80	2,380	2,426
Ind.....	3,739	4,075	3,991	98	6.71	6.99	6.99	3,446	3,558
Ill.....	5,834	6,647	6,473	97	6.44	6.86	6.96	3,809	4,678
Mich.....	764	793	758	96	6.87	7.14	7.08	602	652
Wis.....	2,132	2,503	2,132	85	6.75	7.05	7.06	1,142	1,435
E.N.C....	15,143	16,678	16,006	96	6.63	6.94	6.96	11,379	12,749
Minn.....	4,205	4,691	3,942	84	6.46	6.94	6.94	1,700	2,275
Iowa.....	12,594	14,147	12,281	87	6.61	7.07	7.22	5,576	7,179
Mo.....	3,186	3,456	3,541	102	6.68	7.01	7.04	2,754	3,130
N.Dak....	656	672	499	74	6.52	6.93	6.65	101	121
S.Dak....	2,059	2,413	1,813	75	6.18	6.74	6.84	360	549
Nebr.....	2,943	3,300	2,373	72	6.21	6.79	6.98	1,033	1,325
Kans.....	1,071	951	865	91	6.49	6.99	6.92	736	654
W.N.C....	26,714	29,630	25,314	85	6.51	6.98	7.08	12,260	15,232
N.C.....	41,857	46,308	41,320	89	6.55	6.96	7.03	23,638	27,982
Del.....	28	32	32	100	6.7	6.7	6.4	26	26
Md.....	200	203	184	91	6.7	7.0	6.8	177	168
Va.....	569	516	529	103	6.6	6.7	6.7	539	490
W.Va.....	146	131	124	95	7.1	7.3	6.9	146	132
N.C.....	901	1,122	1,126	100	6.4	6.8	6.7	717	760
S.C.....	444	390	428	110	6.0	6.5	6.2	432	382
Ga.....	1,181	1,300	1,442	111	6.1	6.5	6.8	1,064	1,106
Fla.....	436	403	422	105	5.5	6.3	6.3	350	244
S.A.....	3,905	4,097	4,287	105	6.22	6.63	6.65	3,452	3,310
Ky.....	989	973	1,090	112	6.6	7.0	6.9	858	903
Tenn.....	885	958	1,061	111	6.5	6.7	6.8	832	846
Ala.....	745	816	864	106	6.3	6.8	6.8	751	812
Miss.....	502	431	484	112	5.6	5.9	5.7	441	446
Ark.....	559	355	382	108	6.2	6.7	6.7	462	381
La.....	464	340	366	108	5.5	6.3	6.1	389	291
Okla.....	573	456	428	94	6.4	6.8	6.8	517	394
Texas....	1,017	891	870	98	6.3	6.8	6.8	984	824
S.C.....	5,734	5,220	5,545	106	6.24	6.69	6.65	5,235	4,901
Mont.....	167	143	119	83	6.6	6.8	7.0	100	91
Idaho.....	161	100	105	105	6.5	6.7	7.0	111	81
Wyo.....	57	28	28	100	6.3	6.3	6.5	42	21
Colo.....	219	147	139	95	6.1	6.7	6.3	160	111
N.Mex....	53	38	38	100	6.1	6.8	6.4	35	31
Ariz.....	18	20	19	95	5.9	6.6	6.2	15	11
Utah.....	72	46	39	85	6.4	6.4	6.3	52	31
Nev.....	18	11	11	100	6.1	6.0	6.0	11	11
Wash.....	122	122	105	86	7.0	7.2	7.0	101	111
Oreg.....	144	144	140	97	6.9	7.2	7.0	111	121
Calif.....	390	329	281	85	6.1	6.2	6.1	322	251
W.....	1,421	1,128	1,024	91	6.35	6.63	6.55	1,062	901
U.S.....	53,923	57,690	53,085	92	6.48	6.90	6.94	34,219	37,911

Spring farrowings, by months, by States, 1955

State and Division	Sows farrowing in the spring							Percentage distribution of spring farrowings					
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Total	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per-cent	Per-cent	Per-cent	Per-cent	Per-cent	Per-cent
.....	1	2	3	5	6	4	21	5.4	8.3	16.8	23.3	27.1	19.1
.....	4	9	15	22	16	11	77	5.6	11.2	19.8	28.3	21.4	13.7
.....	2	3	7	10	12	7	41	4.0	8.8	16.5	24.3	28.2	18.2
A. 1/	7	14	25	37	34	22	139	5.0	10.1	18.0	26.6	24.5	15.8
.....	18	44	93	123	76	32	386	4.7	11.3	24.1	31.9	19.6	8.4
.....	27	94	176	150	82	54	583	4.6	16.1	30.2	25.7	14.1	9.3
.....	24	61	178	309	274	123	969	2.5	6.3	18.3	31.9	28.3	12.7
.....	3	6	18	32	30	22	111	2.8	5.7	16.2	28.6	27.1	19.6
.....	7	20	61	103	113	51	355	1.9	5.7	17.2	29.0	31.7	14.5
.....	79	225	526	717	575	282	2,404	3.3	9.4	21.9	29.8	23.9	11.7
N.C....	10	28	94	185	216	145	676	1.4	3.9	13.9	27.3	32.0	21.5
.....	30	100	280	550	671	370	2,001	1.5	5.0	14.0	27.5	33.5	18.5
.....	22	40	102	146	116	67	493	4.5	8.2	20.6	29.7	23.5	13.5
.....	---	1	6	20	43	27	97	.4	.8	5.9	21.3	44.0	27.6
Del....	2	6	26	80	148	96	358	.5	1.6	7.4	22.3	41.4	26.8
Del....	6	17	61	144	167	91	486	1.3	3.5	12.5	29.6	34.4	18.7
.....	6	9	27	43	33	18	136	4.2	6.9	19.7	31.5	24.4	13.3
.....	76	199	596	1,168	1,394	814	4,247	1.8	4.7	14.0	27.5	32.8	19.2
N.C....	155	424	1,122	1,885	1,969	1,096	6,651	2.3	6.4	16.9	28.3	29.6	16.5
.....	2	6	7	9	8	4	34	5.9	17.6	20.6	26.5	17.6	11.8
I. & Md.	6	11	20	20	13	7	77	8.4	14.5	25.3	26.3	16.7	8.8
.....	1	2	3	6	4	2	18	4.5	9.0	16.2	33.3	25.5	11.5
.....	17	27	40	39	25	17	165	10.6	16.6	24.0	23.6	15.0	10.2
.....	7	10	14	14	8	7	60	11.5	16.5	22.9	23.0	14.5	11.6
.....	19	32	57	45	27	20	200	9.6	16.3	28.3	22.3	13.7	9.8
.....	9	12	14	14	9	6	64	13.2	19.0	22.2	21.3	14.6	9.7
.....	61	100	155	147	92	63	618	9.8	16.2	25.1	23.8	14.9	10.2
.....	8	16	35	43	23	14	139	5.6	11.9	24.9	31.3	16.4	9.9
.....	15	20	33	36	24	15	143	10.6	14.2	23.0	25.0	16.6	10.6
.....	15	21	28	28	16	12	120	12.4	17.8	23.7	23.3	12.9	9.9
.....	7	12	18	16	11	9	73	9.6	16.4	24.2	21.8	15.4	12.6
.....	4	9	11	12	10	7	53	8.4	16.9	21.4	22.9	18.0	12.4
.....	6	10	14	12	7	5	54	11.3	18.0	25.1	22.5	13.1	10.0
.....	5	8	15	20	11	8	67	7.7	12.4	22.1	29.6	15.9	12.3
.....	14	20	29	30	22	16	131	10.6	15.2	21.8	23.1	17.2	12.1
.....	74	116	183	197	124	86	780	9.5	14.9	23.5	26.2	15.9	11.0
.....	1	3	5	5	5	3	22	4.6	11.5	23.5	22.8	21.8	15.8
.....	1	2	3	6	3	2	17	5.6	10.4	17.7	36.8	19.5	10.0
.....	1	3	5	6	3	2	20	6.9	14.0	24.5	29.0	14.8	10.8
.....	6	8	12	12	10	5	53	11.5	14.8	21.8	23.6	18.4	9.9
.....2/	1	4	10	17	15	12	59	1.7	6.8	17.0	28.8	25.4	20.3
.....	10	20	35	46	36	24	171	5.9	11.7	20.5	26.9	21.0	14.0
.....	307	674	1,520	2,312	2,255	1,291	8,359	3.7	8.1	18.2	27.6	27.0	15.4

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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N.Y.....	1	2	4	4	6	3	20	6.0	7.9	17.6	20.6	30.5	17.4
Pa.....	7	7	15	22	17	10	78	7.7	10.9	19.5	28.0	21.4	12.5
Other N.A.1/..	2	4	6	9	11	8	40	6.5	9.2	14.2	23.9	27.3	18.9
N.A.....	10	13	25	35	34	21	138	7.3	9.4	18.1	25.4	24.6	15.2
Ohio.....	23	47	87	124	76	33	390	5.8	12.0	22.4	31.7	19.5	8.6
Ind.....	30	94	158	164	80	45	571	5.2	16.4	27.6	28.8	14.1	7.9
Ill.....	35	74	171	296	247	107	930	3.8	7.9	18.4	31.8	26.6	11.5
Mich.....	4	7	18	32	30	16	107	3.6	6.7	16.9	29.6	27.8	15.4
Wis.....	12	21	58	92	80	39	302	4.1	6.8	19.3	30.3	26.6	12.9
E.N.C....	104	243	492	708	513	240	2,300	4.5	10.6	21.4	30.8	22.3	10.4
Minn.....	12	34	78	164	173	107	568	2.2	5.9	13.7	28.8	30.5	18.9
Iowa.....	51	102	238	476	545	289	1,701	3.0	6.0	14.0	28.0	32.0	17.0
Mo.....	33	54	103	141	115	57	503	6.5	10.7	20.5	28.1	22.9	11.3
N.Dak.....	—	1	4	15	34	21	75	.3	1.5	5.2	20.0	44.7	28.3
S.Dak.....	2	4	19	69	103	68	265	.7	1.7	7.1	25.9	38.9	25.7
Nebr.....	6	18	43	107	106	60	340	1.6	5.3	12.7	31.4	31.3	17.7
Kans.....	10	10	27	36	27	15	125	7.9	8.3	21.5	28.8	21.5	12.0
W.N.C....	114	223	512	1,008	1,103	617	3,577	3.2	6.2	14.3	28.2	30.8	17.3
N.C.....	218	466	1,004	1,716	1,616	857	5,877	3.7	7.9	17.1	29.2	27.5	14.6
Del.&Md..	3	4	7	9	6	3	32	9.4	13.7	23.1	27.5	17.5	8.8
Va.....	6	10	20	24	12	7	79	8.1	13.2	25.1	30.3	14.6	8.7
W.Va.....	1	1	3	6	5	2	18	6.3	7.4	15.6	35.2	24.8	10.7
N.C.....	17	28	40	38	28	17	168	10.2	16.7	23.5	22.9	16.7	10.0
S.C.....	9	10	17	16	9	8	69	13.3	14.7	24.4	22.7	13.8	11.1
Ga.....	24	34	53	45	31	25	212	11.5	16.1	25.0	21.2	14.4	11.8
Fla.....	9	11	18	14	9	6	67	12.8	16.6	26.6	21.2	13.9	8.9
S.A.....	69	98	158	152	100	68	645	10.7	15.2	24.5	23.6	15.5	10.5
Ky.....	12	21	38	47	27	13	158	7.5	13.2	24.2	29.8	16.8	8.5
Tenn.....	15	23	35	41	27	15	156	9.3	14.5	22.7	26.6	17.3	9.6
Ala.....	16	24	30	28	18	11	127	12.5	18.6	23.9	22.3	14.0	8.7
Miss.....	10	15	19	17	14	10	85	12.0	17.2	22.1	20.2	17.0	11.5
Ark.....	5	10	13	15	9	5	57	9.7	17.0	22.2	25.5	16.7	8.9
La.....	8	9	16	13	8	6	60	12.7	15.9	26.6	21.3	13.5	10.0
Okl.....	5	8	16	18	10	6	63	8.0	12.2	25.5	28.1	16.5	9.7
Texas.....	18	19	29	29	19	14	128	13.7	15.2	22.5	22.6	14.9	11.1
S.C.....	89	129	196	208	132	80	834	10.7	15.5	23.5	24.9	15.8	9.6
Colo.....	1	2	4	6	6	3	22	6.3	8.5	17.9	29.6	25.4	12.3
Wash.....	1	1	3	5	3	2	15	3.3	7.1	23.3	36.3	20.1	9.9
Oreg.....	2	3	5	5	4	1	20	8.5	15.1	25.4	26.2	17.3	7.5
Calif.....	7	7	11	10	7	4	46	15.1	14.4	24.7	22.2	14.4	9.2
Other W.2/....	3	4	8	14	15	9	53	4.7	8.4	15.7	26.4	27.4	17.4
W.....	14	17	31	40	35	19	156	9.0	10.9	19.9	25.6	22.4	12.2
U.S.....	400	723	1,414	2,151	1,917	1,045	7,650	5.2	9.4	18.5	28.1	25.1	13.7

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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Atlantic showed a decline in the number of sows intended for fall farrowing. The North Atlantic region showed a decline of 11 percent, the East North Central was down 6 percent; West North Central down 11 percent; South Central down 3 percent; and the West down 10 percent, while the South Atlantic showed no change from a year ago.

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

If fall intentions materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the 10-year average, with an allowance for upward trend, the 1956 fall pig crop would be about 35 million head. This would be nearly 3 million pigs less than last year but about 0.8 million more than the 10-year average.

The combined pig crops for 1956 would be around 88 million head, which is 8 percent less than in 1955 and is only slightly less than 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 15,573,000 head compared with 15,756,000 last year, a decrease of 1 percent from June 1, 1955. The 1955 fall pig crop which makes up most of the June 1 inventory was 12 percent larger than in 1954. The cutback in hog inventories to year earlier levels resulted in a 17 percent increase in total commercial hog slaughter from January through April compared with the same period in 1955. Federally inspected hog slaughter in May was up 17 percent.

Sows held for fall farrowing represent a smaller 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 on June 1 was slightly larger than a year ago.

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