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The 1957 spring pig crop totaled 53,170,000 head, practically the same as the 1956 spring crop of 53,186,000 head, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of sows farrowed this spring at 7,466,000 head was 3 percent less than the 7,665,000 sows farrowed in the spring of 1956. The number of pigs saved per litter averaged 7.12, a new high for spring farrowing and compares with 6.94 pigs per litter in 1956. Reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 5,308,000 sows to farrow this fall. This would be an increase of 2 percent over 1956 fall farrowings. If the intended farrowings are realized and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average, plus an allowance for upward trend, the 1957 fall pig crop would be 37 million head. The combined spring and fall pig crops for 1957 would then be about 90 million head. This would be 1 percent above both 1956 and the 1946-55 average.

The number of hogs 6 months old and over on farms and ranches June 1 was 3 percent below a year earlier.

This report is based on a survey of 146,000 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 1946-55	1955	1956	1957	1957 Percent of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
<u>SPRING</u>					
Sows farrowing.....	8,332	8,359	7,665	7,466	97
Pigs saved.....	54,470	57,690	53,186	53,170	100
<u>FALL</u>					
Sows farrowing.....	5,224	5,586	5,215	1/5,308	102
Pigs saved.....	34,561	38,029	36,535	2/37,000	101
<u>SPRING AND FALL</u>					
Total pigs saved.....	89,031	95,719	89,721	90,170	101
<u>PIGS PER LITTER</u>	Number	Number	Number	Number	
Spring.....	6.55	6.90	6.94	7.12	--
Fall.....	6.62	6.81	7.00	--	--

1/ As indicated by 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.

SPRING PIG CROP: The number of pigs saved in the spring season of 1957 (December 1956 through May 1957) is estimated at 53,170,000 head. This is only slightly below the 1956 spring crop of 53,186,000 head, but is 2 percent below the 1946-55 average.

The East North Central and the South Atlantic were the only regions showing an increase from 1956 in spring pigs. All other regions were down, ranging from a 9 percent cut in the North Atlantic to a 1 percent decline in the West North Central. By regions, the 1957 spring pig crop as a percent of 1956 is as follows: North Atlantic, 91 percent; East North Central, 102; West North Central, 99; South Atlantic, 102; South Central, 97; and West, 97.

The number of sows farrowed in the spring of 1957 is estimated at 7,466,000 head, 3 percent less than last year and 10 percent less than the 10-year average. The 1957 spring farrowings were 1 percent less than indicated by farmers' reports on intentions last December. The decrease in sows farrowed from the December intentions was widespread, with only the East North Central region farrowing more than was intended. The percentages, by regions, that the 1957 spring farrowings were of 1956 as now estimated and the spring intentions as reported last December are as follows: North Atlantic, 87 percent now and 88 percent last December; East North Central, 99 and 98; West North Central, 97 and 99; South Atlantic, 100 and 101; South Central, 95 and 97; and West, 93 and 96.

The 7.12 pigs saved per litter this spring compares with 6.94 in 1956 which was the previous high for the spring crop. The increase in average litter size was general, with all regions showing an increase. This is the seventh straight year of increase in the average pigs per litter for the spring pig crop and the current litter size is 13 percent above the 6.31 for 1950. Over the 7-year (1950-57) period, the upturn in production efficiency per sow farrowed has averaged about 2 percent per year. Weather conditions were not particularly favorable this spring since temperatures have been relatively cool and there were a number of late storms.

There was no significant change from 1956 in the monthly distribution of spring farrowings. The 1957 proportion of total spring sows farrowed during the December through February quarter at 33.2 percent is the same as last year. The number of sows farrowing each month during the 1957 spring season and the percent change from the same month a year earlier are as follows: December 1956, 398,000 sows, no change; January 1957, 726,000 sows, no change; February, 1,361,000, down 4 percent; March, 2,060,000, down 4 percent; April, 1,878,000, down 2 percent; and May, 1,043,000, no change.

FALL 1957 INTENTIONS: Reports on breeding intentions indicate that 5,308,000 sows will farrow during the fall season (June through November) of 1957. If these intentions are realized

the number of sows farrowing this fall would be 2 percent more than during the fall of 1956 and also 2 percent more than the 10-year average. Compared with last year, all regions except the North Atlantic and South Central showed increases in the number of sows intended for fall farrowing. The rate of increase is the greatest in the West, up 4 percent; followed by the West North Central and East North Central, both up 3 percent; and the South Atlantic, up 2 percent. The North Atlantic region showed a decline of 12 percent while the South Central was down 4 percent.

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

If fall farrowing intentions materialize and the number of pigs saved per litter equals the average, with an allowance for upward trend, the 1957 fall pig crop will be about 37 million head. This would be 1 percent above 1956 and 7 percent more than the 10-year average. The combined pig crops for 1957 would be about 90 million head, 1 percent above both last year and 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 15,159,000 head compared with 15,588,000 on June last year, a decrease of 3 percent. The 1957 number was 25 percent below the 10-year average. The 1956 fall pig crop, which makes up most of the June 1 inventory of hogs over 6 months old was 4 percent smaller than in 1955. Total commercial hog slaughter from January through April 1957 was 13 percent below a year earlier, while Federally inspected hog slaughter in May was approximately the same as in 1956. Sows held for fall farrowing represent a larger proportion of the June 1 inventory of hogs over 6 months than last year.

SELECTED CORN BELT STATES: The 46,448,000 hogs and pigs on farms June 1, 1957 for 9 Corn Belt States was 1 percent above last year but 8 percent below the same date for 1955. These 9 States are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, and Kansas.

Hogs and pigs six months old and over at 9,103,000 head were up 1 percent from June 1 last year. The number under six months of age was also 1 percent above last June, with an increase of 2 percent in the 3-6 months age group, and a 1 percent increase in the number of pigs under 3 months old. The 1 percent increase in pigs under 6 months old compares with a decline of 2 percent in the number of sows farrowing during the spring season (December 1956 through May 1957) and reflects the record number of pigs saved per litter.

The 26,625,000 pigs under 3 months old on farms June 1, 1957 were 57.3 percent of all hogs as compared with 26,448,000 pigs under 3 months old and 57.5 percent of the total on June 1 last year. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 10,720,000 head this year--up 2 percent from the 10,512,000 head on farms June 1, 1956.

The intended number of sows for 1957 fall farrow in the 9 Corn Belt States, at 3,646,000 head, is up 3 percent from 1956. Since breeding stock is included in inventories, the supply of hogs available for marketing this summer is not much different from 1956.

Present intentions indicate that the major proportion of the 3 percent increase in 1957 fall farrowings will take place in the summer quarter of June through August with the fall quarter of September through November showing only a 1 percent increase. Sows expected to farrow during June, July and August at 1,932,000 head, are up 4 percent from the 1,851,000 head for 1956. The current June survey shows a 1 percent increase over the early intentions of 1,912,000 head reported on March 1, 1957. The 1,714,000 sows intended for farrowing in September, October, and November of 1957 for these 9 States are 1 percent, or 25,000 head above the 1,689,000 sows farrowed in these same months of 1956.

The 9 States covered in this supplementary report accounted for 69 percent of the 1956 fall pig crop and 71 percent of the 1957 spring pig crop.

The additional data on inventories and the seasonal distribution of farrowing intentions for the 9 States are made possible by matching funds provided jointly by State agencies and the United States Department of Agriculture under provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

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Sows farrowing, pigs per litter, and pigs saved, spring and fall, 1/ 1953-57

Year	Sows farrowing		Pigs per litter		Pigs saved		Year
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	
	1,000	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	Number	Number	head	head	head
UNITED STATES							
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	5,586	6.90	6.81	57,690	38,029	95,719
1956.....	7,665	5,215	6.94	7.00	53,186	36,535	89,721
1957.....	7,466	2/ 5,308	7.12	3/ 7.00	53,170	3/ 37,000	4/ 90,170
CORN BELT (North Central States)							
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	4,102	6.96	6.85	46,308	28,085	74,393
1956.....	5,889	3,790	7.03	7.10	41,404	26,891	68,295
1957.....	5,761	2/ 3,907	7.21	3/ 7.05	41,552	3/ 27,500	4/ 69,052

1/ Spring, December through May; fall, June through November. 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, 1952-57

United States and North Central States

Year	United States		Year	United States	
	1,000	head		1,000	head
1952.....	20,938	13,580	1955.....	15,756	10,618
1953.....	16,407	10,482	1956.....	15,588	9,981
1954.....	14,951	10,154	1957.....	15,159	9,945

Spring farrowings, by months, United States

Year	Sows farrowing in the spring						
	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	head	head	head	head	head	head	head
1946-55...	269	446	1,060	2,375	2,708	1,474	8,332
1955.....	307	674	1,520	2,312	2,255	1,291	8,359
1956.....	390	727	1,419	2,154	1,919	1,047	7,665
1957.....	398	726	1,361	2,060	1,878	1,043	7,466

Percentage distribution of spring farrowings

Year	Percentage distribution of spring farrowings						
	Dec. 1/	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	Total
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
1946-55...	3.2	5.4	12.7	28.5	32.5	17.7	100.0
1955.....	3.7	8.1	18.2	27.6	27.0	15.4	100.0
1956.....	5.2	9.5	18.5	28.1	25.0	13.7	100.0
1957.....	5.3	9.7	18.2	27.6	25.2	14.0	100.0

1/ December of preceding year.

Sows Farrowing

State and division	Spring (Dec. through May)				Fall (June through November)			
	Average	1956	1957	1957 as	Average	1956	1957 1/	1957 as
	1946-55			percent of 1956 2/	1946-55			percent of 1956 2/
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Maine.....	4	2	2	92	3	2	2	82
N.H.....	2	1	1	92	1	1	1	100
Vt.....	2	2	1	87	2	1	1	100
Mass.....	14	14	13	93	10	12	11	92
R.I.....	1	1	1	111	1	1	1	111
Conn.....	3	2	2	95	3	2	2	91
N.Y.....	26	20	17	85	18	15	13	87
N.J.....	18	18	17	94	13	15	13	87
Pa.....	80	78	65	83	69	59	52	88
N. A.....	150	138	119	87	120	108	96	88
Ohio.....	397	390	374	96	344	315	318	101
Ind.....	567	595	607	102	520	536	557	104
Ill.....	918	930	930	100	592	680	700	103
Mich.....	112	107	95	89	87	85	85	100
Wis.....	320	295	298	101	172	187	194	104
E.N.C.....	2,313	2,317	2,304	99	1,715	1,803	1,854	103
Minn.....	653	548	548	100	269	292	301	103
Iowa.....	1,922	1,701	1,633	96	868	956	994	104
Mo.....	482	513	487	95	413	422	422	100
N.Dak.....	97	80	79	99	15	16	17	106
S.Dak.....	335	265	265	100	59	69	76	110
Nebr.....	477	340	326	96	164	149	159	107
Kans.....	161	125	119	95	107	83	84	101
W.N.C.....	4,125	3,572	3,457	97	1,894	1,987	2,053	103
N. C.....	6,439	5,889	5,761	98	3,609	3,790	3,907	103
Del.....	4	5	5	94	4	4	4	100
MD.....	30	27	23	85	26	21	21	100
Va.....	86	79	79	100	78	71	71	100
W.Va.....	20	18	13	72	20	14	10	72
N.C.....	145	168	176	105	111	119	117	98
S.C.....	73	69	70	101	68	58	62	107
Ga.....	193	212	212	100	172	172	184	107
Fla.....	76	67	67	100	60	46	46	100
S. A.....	628	645	645	100	539	505	515	102
Ky.....	150	158	160	101	125	132	135	102
Tenn.....	139	158	159	102	124	125	128	102
Ala.....	119	127	124	98	118	110	113	103
Miss.....	88	85	83	98	76	72	69	96
Ark.....	85	57	51	89	68	53	43	81
La.....	79	60	55	92	66	50	42	85
Okl.....	86	63	53	84	73	49	45	92
Texas.....	154	128	108	84	148	103	93	90
S. C.....	900	834	793	95	798	694	668	96
Mont.....	24	17	15	88	14	10	11	110
Idaho.....	23	15	14	93	16	10	11	109
Wyo.....	9	4	3	79	6	4	3	94
Colo.....	34	23	21	91	24	16	16	100
N.Mex.....	8	6	6	97	5	4	4	95
Ariz.....	3	3	3	93	2	2	2	100
Utah.....	11	7	7	102	7	6	6	100
Nev.....	3	3	3	100	2	2	2	133
Wash.....	17	15	14	93	14	12	13	108
Oreg.....	21	20	18	90	15	14	15	110
Calif.....	63	46	44	96	52	38	39	103
W.....	215	159	148	93	158	118	122	104
U. S.....	8,332	7,665	7,466	97	5,224	5,215	5,308	102

1/ Number indicated to farrow from breeding intentions reports.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded numbers.

Pigs saved and pigs per litter

State and division	Spring (Dec. through May)							Fall (June - Nov.)	
	Pigs saved			Pigs per litter				Pigs saved	
	Average : 1946-55 :	1956 :	1957 :	1957 as % of 1956 :	Average : 1946-55 :	1956 :	1957 :	Average : 1946-55 :	1956 :
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	Number	Number	Number	1,000 head	1,000 head
Maine....	29	17	16	94	6.7	6.9	7.0	23	13
N.H.....	12	8	8	100	6.6	6.4	7.2	10	7
Vt.....	14	10	9	90	6.9	6.9	6.7	11	8
Mass.....	79	76	74	97	5.6	5.4	5.7	59	71
R.I.....	5	5	6	120	5.8	5.7	6.3	5	6
Conn.....	21	13	13	100	6.4	6.3	6.3	20	15
N.Y.....	185	144	126	88	7.2	7.2	7.4	135	111
N.J.....	106	106	104	98	6.0	5.9	6.1	79	82
Pa.....	545	530	468	88	6.8	6.8	7.2	477	425
N. A....	997	909	824	91	6.63	6.58	6.88	820	738
Ohio.....	2,690	2,652	2,633	99	6.80	6.80	7.04	2,376	2,233
Ind.....	3,809	4,159	4,304	103	6.73	6.99	7.09	3,490	3,795
Ill.....	5,950	6,473	6,631	102	6.49	6.96	7.13	3,908	4,794
Mich.....	773	758	689	91	6.90	7.08	7.25	602	604
Wis.....	2,172	2,083	2,181	105	6.79	7.06	7.32	1,170	1,326
E.N.C..	15,393	16,125	16,438	102	6.66	6.96	7.13	11,545	12,752
Minn.....	4,259	3,803	3,962	104	6.53	6.94	7.23	1,758	2,050
Iowa.....	12,840	12,281	12,117	99	6.69	7.22	7.42	5,802	6,835
Mo.....	3,238	3,612	3,448	95	6.74	7.04	7.08	2,809	3,034
N.Dak....	635	532	549	103	6.58	6.65	6.95	99	112
S.Dak....	2,088	1,813	1,847	102	6.24	6.84	6.97	373	475
Nebr.....	2,992	2,373	2,341	99	6.29	6.98	7.18	1,052	1,053
Kans.....	1,049	865	850	98	6.56	6.92	7.14	711	580
W.N.C..	27,101	25,279	25,114	99	6.58	7.08	7.26	12,603	14,139
N. C....	42,494	41,404	41,552	100	6.61	7.03	7.21	24,148	26,891
Del.....	29	32	32	100	6.7	6.4	6.9	27	23
MD.....	202	184	161	88	6.8	6.8	7.0	175	153
Va.....	571	529	553	105	6.6	6.7	7.0	533	504
W.Va....	145	124	94	76	7.2	6.9	7.2	142	104
N.C.....	940	1,126	1,232	109	6.5	6.7	7.0	733	821
S.C.....	440	428	462	108	6.0	6.2	6.6	426	383
Ga.....	1,201	1,442	1,442	100	6.2	6.8	6.8	1,075	1,152
Fla.....	424	422	409	97	5.7	6.3	6.1	332	285
S. A....	3,951	4,287	4,385	102	6.29	6.65	6.80	3,443	3,425
Ky.....	999	1,090	1,120	103	6.7	6.9	7.0	859	937
Tenn.....	905	1,061	1,113	105	6.5	6.8	7.0	835	875
Ala.....	761	864	856	99	6.4	6.8	6.9	763	748
Miss.....	487	484	506	105	5.6	5.7	6.1	437	418
Ark.....	532	382	342	90	6.3	6.7	6.7	440	376
La.....	435	366	336	92	5.6	6.1	6.1	366	305
Okl.....	555	428	366	86	6.5	6.8	6.9	484	328
Texas....	980	870	756	87	6.4	6.8	7.0	944	700
S. C....	5,656	5,545	5,395	97	6.32	6.65	6.80	5,126	4,687
Mont....	160	119	110	92	6.6	7.0	7.3	95	76
Idaho....	151	105	102	97	6.5	7.0	7.3	105	69
Wyo.....	54	28	23	82	6.3	6.5	6.7	40	24
Colo.....	210	145	141	97	6.2	6.3	6.7	154	104
N.Mex..	51	38	40	105	6.3	6.4	6.9	34	29
Ariz.....	18	19	20	105	6.0	6.2	7.0	14	16
Utah.....	69	45	51	113	6.4	6.3	7.0	49	42
Nev.....	16	16	16	100	6.1	6.0	6.1	11	10
Wash....	119	105	99	94	7.0	7.0	7.1	98	88
Oreg.....	142	140	130	93	6.9	7.0	7.2	110	104
Calif....	282	281	282	100	6.1	6.1	6.4	313	232
W.....	1,372	1,041	1,014	97	6.39	6.54	6.86	1,024	794
U. S....	54,470	53,186	53,170	100	6.55	6.94	7.12	34,561	36,535

Spring farrowings, by months, by States, 1956

State and division	Sows farrowing in the spring							Percentage distribution of spring farrowing					
	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
N.Y.....	1	2	4	4	6	3	20	6.0	7.9	17.6	20.6	30.5	17.4
Pa.....	6	8	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.....	9	14	25	35	34	21	138	6.5	10.2	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.....	31	98	164	171	84	47	595	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	20	57	89	79	38	295	4.1	6.8	19.3	30.3	26.6	12.9
E.N.C..	105	246	497	712	516	241	2,317	4.5	10.6	21.5	30.7	22.3	10.4
Minn.....	12	32	75	158	167	104	548	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	55	105	144	118	58	513	6.5	10.7	20.5	28.1	22.9	11.3
N.Dak....	—	1	4	16	36	23	80	.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	222	511	1,006	1,102	617	3,572	3.2	6.2	14.3	28.2	30.8	17.3
N.C.....	219	468	1,008	1,718	1,618	858	5,889	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
Okla.....	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	7	6	3	23	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/	2	5	9	14	15	10	55	4.7	8.3	15.8	26.2	27.2	17.8
W.....	13	18	32	41	35	20	159	8.2	11.3	20.1	25.8	22.0	12.6
U.S....	399	727	1,419	2,154	1,919	1,047	7,665	5.2	9.5	18.5	28.1	25.0	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.

Spring farrowings, by months, by States, 1957

State and division	Sows farrowing in the spring							Percentage distribution of spring farrowings					
	Deco.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Total	Deco.	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
N.Y.....	1	2	3	4	5	2	17	7.2	8.7	17.0	24.0	29.6	13.5
Pa.....	5	7	13	17	15	8	65	8.3	11.2	19.6	26.1	22.3	12.5
Other N.A. 1/	2	3	5	8	10	9	37	5.4	8.1	13.5	21.6	27.0	24.4
N. A....	8	12	21	29	30	19	119	6.7	10.0	17.7	24.4	25.2	16.0
Ohio.....	21	45	81	119	76	32	374	5.6	12.1	21.6	31.7	20.3	8.7
Ind.....	44	98	173	163	81	48	607	7.3	16.1	28.4	26.9	13.4	7.9
Ill.....	40	78	177	298	230	107	930	4.3	8.4	19.0	32.1	24.7	11.5
Mich.....	4	7	15	26	27	16	95	4.1	6.9	16.2	27.2	28.6	17.0
Wis.....	10	22	53	86	84	43	298	3.5	7.4	17.6	28.8	28.3	14.4
E.N.C..	119	250	499	692	498	246	2,304	5.2	10.8	21.7	30.0	21.6	10.7
Minn.....	8	26	70	154	180	110	548	1.5	4.7	12.8	28.1	32.8	20.1
Iowa.....	49	98	220	465	523	278	1,633	3.0	6.0	13.5	28.5	32.0	17.0
Mo.....	34	52	99	140	106	56	487	7.1	10.6	20.3	28.8	21.7	11.5
N.Dak....	—	1	4	16	34	24	79	.4	1.5	5.3	20.6	42.6	29.6
S.Dak....	2	4	17	60	113	69	265	.7	1.4	6.5	22.7	42.6	26.1
Nebr.....	8	15	42	87	108	66	326	2.4	4.6	12.9	26.8	33.2	20.1
Kans.....	8	11	20	35	27	18	119	6.6	9.5	16.5	29.1	22.9	15.4
W.N.C..	109	207	472	957	1,091	621	3,457	3.1	6.0	13.6	27.7	31.6	18.0
N. C....	228	457	971	1,649	1,589	867	5,761	4.0	7.9	16.9	28.6	27.6	15.0
Del.&Md.	3	4	7	6	6	2	28	10.7	14.3	25.0	21.4	21.4	7.2
Va.....	6	12	19	20	14	8	79	7.9	15.5	23.1	25.5	17.8	10.2
W.Va.....	1	1	2	4	4	1	13	5.2	7.0	14.5	34.7	27.1	11.5
N.C.....	18	32	37	42	28	19	176	10.4	18.2	21.0	23.6	15.9	10.9
S.C.....	10	12	17	14	10	7	70	13.5	16.7	24.6	20.6	14.6	10.0
Ga.....	21	40	54	46	30	21	212	9.9	18.7	25.4	21.6	14.3	10.1
Fla.....	10	10	17	14	9	7	67	14.8	15.0	25.5	20.6	14.1	10.0
S.A.....	69	111	153	146	101	65	645	10.7	17.2	23.7	22.6	15.7	10.1
Ky.....	12	20	41	45	27	15	160	7.6	12.2	25.9	28.1	16.6	9.6
Tenn.....	17	26	34	41	25	16	159	10.7	16.1	21.4	25.8	15.9	10.1
Ala.....	15	29	28	25	17	10	124	12.3	23.0	22.8	19.9	13.9	8.1
Miss.....	9	14	21	19	12	8	83	11.2	16.4	24.9	23.1	14.6	9.8
Ark.....	6	8	12	12	8	5	51	12.1	15.8	23.6	24.1	14.6	9.8
La.....	7	12	13	11	8	4	55	13.6	22.5	23.7	19.1	14.4	6.7
Okla.....	4	6	12	17	9	5	53	7.8	12.4	21.9	31.4	17.2	9.3
Texas....	12	15	27	26	18	10	108	11.4	14.1	25.0	24.0	16.5	9.0
S. C....	82	130	188	196	124	73	793	10.4	16.4	23.7	24.7	15.6	9.2
Colo.....	1	2	4	5	6	3	21	6.1	8.8	17.0	24.4	28.4	15.3
Wash.....	1	1	2	5	4	1	14	3.8	9.5	17.1	34.9	26.2	8.5
Oreg.....	2	2	4	6	3	1	18	10.0	13.8	21.8	31.2	15.4	7.8
Calif....	5	7	10	10	7	5	44	10.7	15.7	22.5	23.5	15.6	12.0
Other													
W. 2/...	2	4	8	14	14	9	51	3.9	7.8	15.7	27.5	27.5	17.6
W.....	11	16	28	40	34	19	148	7.4	10.8	18.9	27.0	23.0	12.9
U. S....	398	726	1,361	2,060	1,878	1,043	7,466	5.3	9.7	18.2	27.6	25.2	14.0

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

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

Sows farrowing by quarters, selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February 1/				March through May			
	Average	1956	1957	1957 as	Average	1956	1957	1957 as
	1946-55			percent	1946-55			percent
	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1956
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio.....	109	157	147	94	288	233	227	97
Ind.....	191	293	315	108	376	302	292	97
Ill.....	152	280	295	105	766	650	635	98
Wis.....	44	89	85	96	276	206	213	103
Minn.....	56	119	104	87	596	429	444	103
Iowa.....	190	391	367	94	1,732	1,310	1,266	97
Mo.....	126	193	185	96	356	320	302	94
S.Dak....	14	25	23	92	321	240	242	101
Kans.....	36	47	39	83	125	78	80	103
Total 9 States	918	1,594	1,560	98	4,835	3,768	3,701	98

State	June through August				September through November			
	Average	1956	1957 2/	1957 as	Average	1956	1957 2/	1957 as
	1946-55			percent	1946-55			percent
	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1956	1,000	1,000	1,000	of 1956
	head	head	head	Percent	head	head	head	Percent
Ohio.....	148	155	158	102	196	160	160	100
Ind.....	287	326	340	104	233	210	217	103
Ill.....	260	331	351	106	331	349	349	100
Wis.....	88	100	106	106	84	87	88	101
Minn.....	150	162	168	104	118	130	133	102
Iowa.....	451	505	525	104	417	451	469	104
Mo.....	175	198	204	103	238	224	218	97
S.Dak....	33	38	41	108	26	31	35	113
Kans.....	40	36	39	108	66	47	45	96
Total 9 States	1,633	1,851	1,932	104	1,710	1,689	1,714	101

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes June 1, selected Corn Belt States

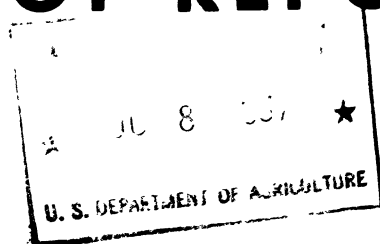
State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1955	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956	1955	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent
Ohio....	1,585	1,595	1,600	100	1,000	990	975	98
Ind....	2,050	2,090	2,060	99	1,920	2,035	2,225	109
Ill....	4,880	4,520	4,520	100	1,680	1,850	2,000	108
Wis....	1,840	1,434	1,515	106	585	580	610	105
Minn....	3,775	2,970	3,190	107	825	795	730	92
Iowa....	11,320	9,430	9,340	99	2,670	2,650	2,640	100
Mo.....	2,300	2,230	2,145	96	1,040	1,190	1,175	99
S.Dak...	2,150	1,641	1,680	102	195	145	135	93
Kans....	655	538	575	107	245	277	230	83
Total 9 States:	30,555	26,448	26,625	101	10,160	10,512	10,720	102

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1955	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956	1955	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956	1955	1956	1957	1957 as % of 1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Per- cent
Ohio....	2,585	2,585	2,575	100	720	720	730	101	3,305	3,305	3,305	100
Ind....	3,970	4,125	4,285	104	1,066	1,062	1,109	104	5,036	5,187	5,394	104
Ill....	6,560	6,370	6,520	102	1,568	1,595	1,604	101	8,128	7,965	8,124	102
Wis....	2,425	2,014	2,125	106	561	464	477	103	2,986	2,478	2,602	105
Minn....	4,600	3,765	3,920	104	915	868	852	98	5,515	4,633	4,772	103
Iowa....	13,990	12,080	11,980	99	3,118	2,633	2,733	104	17,108	14,713	14,713	100
Mo.....	3,340	3,420	3,320	97	945	1,079	1,044	97	4,285	4,499	4,364	97
S.Dak...	2,345	1,786	1,815	102	431	379	350	92	2,776	2,165	2,165	100
Kans....	900	815	805	99	230	225	204	91	1,130	1,040	1,009	97
Total 9 States:	40,715	36,960	37,345	101	9,554	9,025	9,103	101	50,269	45,585	46,448	101

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The number of sows farrowed and to farrow in the fall of 1957 (June through November) for 10 Corn Belt States is 4 percent larger than in 1956 according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 3,841,000 head for the 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Farrowings in all of the above-named States this fall will increase over a year earlier, ranging from 1 percent in Missouri to 12 percent in South Dakota. An increase of 9 percent is indicated in Nebraska, 7 percent in Wisconsin, 5 percent in Illinois, 4 percent each in Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas, and 3 percent in both Ohio and Minnesota. The September 1 survey indicates an increase of 1 percent or 36,000 head from the farrowing intentions reported for these States as of June 1, 1957. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 72 percent of the United States fall pig crop in 1956. This is the first quarterly pig crop report for Nebraska.

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during June, July, and August totaled 1,997,000 head, 4 percent more than for the same period a year earlier. Excluding Nebraska, this is practically the same number farrowed for the 9 States as was indicated for this period in June. These farrowings for the 10 States represent 52 percent of the estimated June-November total--the same percentage as a year earlier. Based on reports from farmers, most of the increase for the June-August period occurred in June farrowings. The July farrowings were up only slightly while little change is indicated in the August farrowings.

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in September, October, and November this year in the 10 States totaled 1,844,000 head, 4 percent more than a year earlier and 2 percent above average. Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Kansas now report 35,000 more sows to farrow than the intentions reported in June. The remaining States show no change in intentions for this period.

Reported breeding intentions indicate 1,733,000 sows to farrow during the 1958 winter quarter (December 1957 through February 1958). This would be an increase of 7 percent or 108,000 head from the 1,625,000 that farrowed during the same period a year earlier. All States show increases ranging from 2 percent in Ohio to 35 percent in South Dakota. Iowa, Indiana and Illinois, the major producing States for this period, show increases of 10 percent, 3 percent, and 7 percent, respectively.

The number of all hogs and pigs on farms September 1, 1957, in the 9 States for which comparable data are available totaled 45,301,000 head, 1 percent

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**Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes September 1,
Selected Corn Belt States**

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1955	1956	1957	1957: as % of 1956:	1955	1956	1957	1957: as % of 1956:
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Ohio.....	1,200	1,086	1,112	102	1,380	1,390	1,395	100
Indiana...	2,370	2,310	2,370	103	1,900	1,905	1,905	100
Ill.....	2,300	2,320	2,450	106	4,355	4,072	4,098	101
Wis.....	755	668	720	108	1,510	1,200	1,252	104
Minn.....	1,340	1,110	1,150	104	3,193	2,530	2,700	107
Iowa.....	3,930	3,589	3,730	104	10,784	8,967	8,907	99
Mo.....	1,515	1,410	1,480	105	1,860	1,810	1,750	97
S. Dak....	312	250	275	110	1,927	1,494	1,535	103
Nebr.....	1/	1/	478	1/	1/	1/	1,727	1/
Kans.....	280	247	258	104	556	466	492	106
Total 9 States..	14,002	12,990	13,545	104	27,465	23,834	24,034	101
Total 10 States..	1/	1/	14,023	1/	1/	1/	25,761	1/
1/ Not available.								

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1955	1956	1957	1957: as % of 1956:	1955	1956	1957	1957: as % of 1956:	1955	1956	1957	1957: as % of 1956:
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-	1,000	1,000	1,000	Per-
	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent	head	head	head	cent
Ohio.....	2,580	2,476	2,507	101	810	812	748	92	3,390	3,288	3,255	99
Ind....	4,270	4,215	4,275	101	1,304	1,248	1,188	95	5,574	5,463	5,463	100
Ill.....	6,655	6,392	6,548	102	1,450	1,470	1,471	100	8,105	7,862	8,019	102
Wisc.....	2,265	1,868	1,972	106	575	461	473	103	2,840	2,329	2,445	105
Minn.....	4,533	3,640	3,850	106	921	778	656	84	5,454	4,418	4,506	102
Iowa.....	14,714	12,556	12,637	101	2,296	1,732	1,794	104	17,010	14,288	14,431	101
Mo.....	3,375	3,220	3,230	100	1,125	965	955	99	4,500	4,185	4,185	100
S. Dak....	2,239	1,744	1,810	104	311	296	250	84	2,550	2,040	2,060	101
Nebr.....	1/	1/	2,205	1/	1/	1/	375	1/	1/	1/	2,580	1/
Kans..	836	713	750	105	243	215	187	87	1,079	928	937	101
Total 9 States..	41,467	36,824	37,579	102	9,035	7,977	7,722	97	50,502	44,801	45,301	101
Total 10 States:	1/	1/	39,784	1/	1/	1/	8,097	1/	1/	1/	47,881	1/
1/ Not available.												

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more than the 44,801,000 head a year earlier, but 10 percent less than the 50,502,000 head on farms on September 1, 1955. All States except Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri show more hogs on farms this September as compared with a year earlier. Hogs and pigs six months old or over totaled 7,722,000 head, 3 percent less than the 7,977,000 a year earlier. The number under 6 months of age was 2 percent more than last September, with an increase of 1 percent in the 3-6 months age group, and a 4-percent increase in the number of pigs under 3 months old. The increase in the number of pigs under 3 months of age is the same as the increase in the number of sows farrowed during the June through August period, indicating a litter size approximately the same as a year earlier. The 13,545,000 pigs under 3 months old on farms on September 1 accounted for 30 percent of all hogs, compared with 12,990,000 head a year earlier or 29 percent of the total hogs. Pigs 3-6 months of age totaled 24,034,000 head, compared with 23,834,000 head a year earlier.

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