

Tennessee Hogs

This brochure highlights 3 major areas of the pork production business in Tennessee and the United States:

- **Tennessee Inventory** (history of the industry)
- **Prices** (historic prices received by Tennessee farmers for market hogs)
- **Latest U.S. Numbers** (inventory, pig crop, farrowing intentions, number of hog farms)

Tennessee Hogs - Quick Facts

- ☞ 12/1/04 - Inventory, at 215,000 head, **unchanged** from 2003.
- ☞ Ties with 2003 for the **smallest** hog herd on record.
- ☞ The 2004 pig crop, at 356,000 head, was 17 percent less than the 2003 pig crop.
- ☞ The average pigs saved per litter was 8.28 for December 2003-November 2004.

Did You Know?

✍ **The United States is the world's second largest producer, consumer, exporter, and importer of pork and pork products. Pork accounts for about a fourth of domestic meat consumption, with imports accounting for about 5 percent.**

Source: USDA, Economic Research Service

Historic Figures

Tennessee December 1 Inventory

Year	All Hogs (thousand head)	Breeding	Market Hogs
1966	1,164	210	954
1967	1,176	194	982
1968	1,163	204	959
1969	1,163	221	942
1970	1,395	230	1,165
1971	1,269	197	1,072
1972	1,050	149	901
1973	940	141	799
1974	880	131	749
1975	920	150	770
1976	1,010	167	843
1977	1,180	195	985
1978	1,300	247	1,053
1979	1,400	245	1,155
1980	1,140	190	950
1981	900	130	770
1982	750	130	620
1983	950	140	810
1984	1,100	150	950
1985	950	130	820
1986	770	115	655
1987	820	117	703
1988	1,000	150	850
1989	700	100	600
1990	620	90	530
1991	670	90	580
1992	600	85	515
1993	500	70	430
1994	580	75	505
1995	500	65	435
1996	400	51	349
1997	340	45	295
1998	300	40	260
1999	250	30	220
2000	230	35	195
2001	225	30	195
2002	225	30	195
2003	215	25	190
2004	215	23	192

Market Year Average Prices

Tennessee Prices Received

Year	Sows (dollars per cwt)	Barrows & Gilts	All
1965			19.80
1966			23.50
1967			19.00
1968			18.40
1969			21.90
1970			22.50
1971			17.30
1972			24.80
1973			37.70
1974			34.20
1975			45.90
1976			42.90
1977			38.90
1978			46.70
1979			41.70
1980			38.20
1981	40.10	44.30	43.80
1982	48.70	51.90	51.40
1983	40.20	47.60	46.70
1984	41.00	47.90	47.10
1985	38.70	44.40	43.20
1986	39.40	46.80	45.70
1987	42.00	51.40	50.40
1988	31.80	42.80	41.60
1989	33.70	42.30	39.90
1990	43.70	51.10	50.40
1991	38.60	47.70	46.80
1992	30.20	40.40	39.30
1993	34.30	44.50	43.50
1994	30.50	39.40	38.50
1995	29.40	39.10	38.10
1996	40.50	49.80	48.90
1997	43.30	50.20	49.60
1998	24.60	33.90	33.00
1999	24.10	29.70	29.20
2000	36.00	42.00	41.00
2001	37.00	44.00	43.00
2002	23.00	33.00	32.10
2003	27.00	37.00	36.00

U.S. Hog Inventory Up Slightly

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was 60.5 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2003, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from December 1, 2003, but up slightly from last quarter.

Market hog inventory, at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

U.S. Pig Crop

The September-November 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from 2003 and up 2 percent from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down slightly from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.96 for the September-November period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. Farrowing Intentions

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2004-February 2005 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrows during the same period in 2004, and 3 percent above 2003. Intended farrowings for March-May 2005, at 2.87 million sows, are down slightly from the same period in 2004, and down 1 percent from the same period in 2003. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 35 percent last year.

FACTS

✓ Tennessee's December 2004 **Hog Inventory** remains unchanged from the 2003 level.

✓ *Around two* percent of Tennessee farms produce hogs, while **65 percent** had hogs in 1950.

✓ U.S. *pork exports*, which account for about 6 percent of domestic production, were up for 2003 because of continued strength in Asian, Canadian, and Mexican markets.

✓ U.S. inspected *hogs are slaughtered* at the rate of around 300,000 per day.

✓ Per capita *consumption of pork* in the U.S. was 48.2 pounds in 2002.

✓ U.S. *hog herd* stands at approximately 60 million animals, with about 68 percent of them in the Corn Belt area, and another 20 percent in the Southeast.



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