



December Hog Report Info

Purpose: Information requested in the Hogs and Pigs Survey is used to make estimates of hog and pig inventory, pig crop, death loss, and farrowing intentions. These estimates are published in the Hogs and Pigs report, generally issued around the last Thursday of the quarterly reference month.

General Info:

[Quarterly Hog Report Overview Video](#) by Anthony Fischer

Questionnaires mail about one week before December 1 (reference date)

Sow: Adult female hog usually used for breeding

Gilt: Young female hog; can be used to replace sows or sold for slaughter

Boar: Adult male hog usually used for breeding

Barrow: Castrated male hog sold for slaughter

Age of Gilts When First Bred: Six to seven months of age

Litters per Sow per Year: Normally 2; maximum is 3 litters every 365 days.

Farrowing (action of giving birth): Size of Litters (pigs born per sow) - Normally between 6 and 13 pigs.

Slaughter Weights: Live weight at which hogs are slaughtered; normally 260-300 pounds for barrows and gilts and 350-500 pounds for sows

Many operations will farrow about half of their sow herd each quarter.

Growth rate of hogs

Age in weeks:	Age in months:	Weight:
Birth thru 8	Birth to 2	Under 50 pounds
9 thru 16	2 to 3.5	50-119 pounds
17 thru 21	3.5 to 5	120-179 pounds
22+	5+	180+ pounds



Be mindful of when pigs were born and which weight groups they should be reported in. For example: Pigs born the previous month should still be under 50 pounds and should be reported in the <50 lb. weight group or in gilts or young males kept for breeding.

Out-of-State Hogs and Pigs

Be sure the operator is only reporting hogs in the state you are working in/calling to. A separate report should be completed for each state where the operator owns hogs.

Death Loss

Record deaths of weaned pigs and older hogs only. Exclude any pigs that were born dead or died before they were weaned. Death rate typically runs about 1% to 3% of the total hog inventory each quarter.

Inventory Values

Be sure the operator is reporting the *total value per head* and not the value per cwt (100 Pounds).

Slaughter for consumption by this operation

These hogs must have been consumed by this operation. We are not talking about hogs that were sold and sent off to the slaughter market. Typically will only be a few head per year that are consumed by the operation.

Contract Hog Information

It is important to probe carefully to ensure the hogs are only collected in the owner's or contractor's questionnaire.

Ask additional questions and leave notes if:

Litter rate/size is less than 6 or greater than 13 pigs per sow

Death loss is zero or greater than 5% of total inventory

Slaughter for home consumption is greater than 5 hogs

Any out of state hogs are reported