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DECEMBER 2021 HOG REPORT

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, totaled 8.0 million head, down 2.4% from September 1. Market hogs, at 7.19 million head, are down 10% from last year and down 2.7% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 810,000 head, down 4% from last year and same as September 1, 2021. The State's pig crop during the September - November 2021 period totaled 4.5 million head, down 3.0% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 410,000 sows; a 7% decrease from 2020. Pigs saved per litter averaged at 10.9, compared to 10.5 the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 405,000 sows during the December 2021 - February 2022 quarter and 415,000 sows during the March - May 2022 quarter. North Carolina currently ranks 3rd nationally, behind Iowa and Minnesota, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	December 1 Inventory			September 1 Inventory		
	2020	2021	Percent Change	2020	2021	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		+/-	<i>Thousand Head</i>		+/-
North Carolina						
All Hogs and Pigs	8,800	8,000	-9	9,600	8,200	-15
Breeding Hogs	840	810	-4	870	810	-7
Market Hogs	7,960	7,190	-10	8,730	7,390	-15
Under 50 Lbs.	2,955	2,825	-4	3,350	3,040	-9
50-119 Lbs.	1,845	1,500	-19	2,130	1,620	-24
120-179 Lbs.	1,620	1,445	-11	1,610	1,340	-17
180 Lbs. and Over	1,540	1,420	-8	1,640	1,390	-15
United States						
All Hogs and Pigs	77,312	74,201	-4	78,104	74,617	-4
Breeding Hogs	6,176	6,180	0	6,333	6,190	-2
Market Hogs	71,136	68,021	-4	71,771	68,427	-5

NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)

