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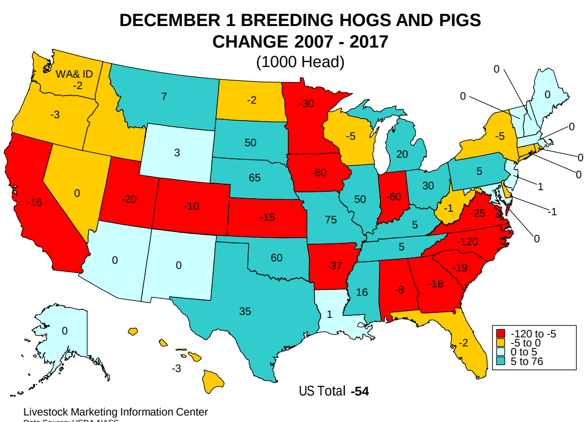
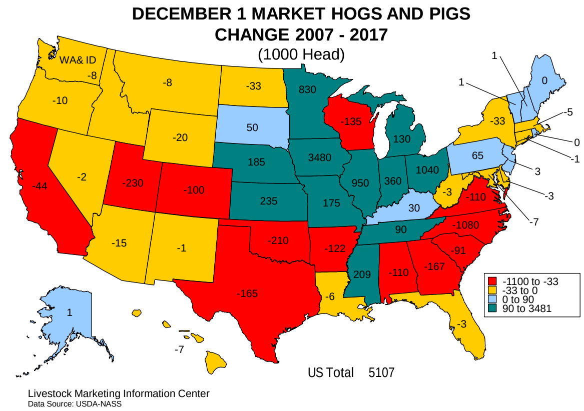
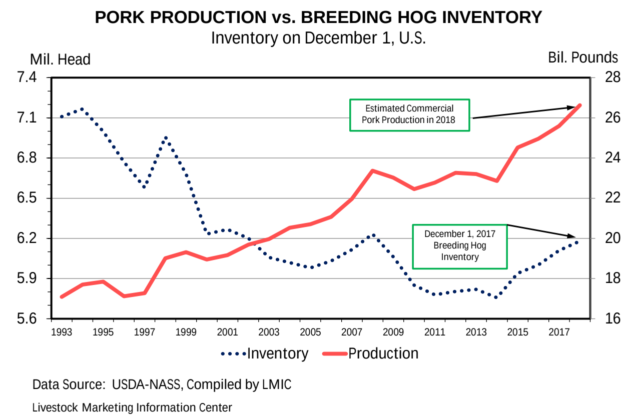
On the second page of this newsletter is a summary of USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (Market News) production and price reports for last week (data are preliminary). Today, we step back and take a longer-term look at some changes that have happened in the U.S. hog sector. In that regard, four graphics are included.

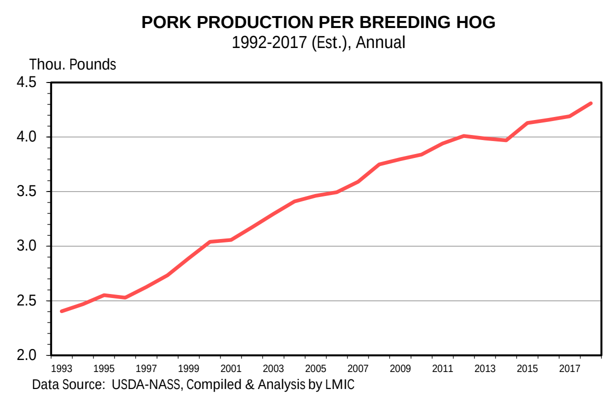
The first graphic shows the by-state change in the number of breeding hogs since 2007. From 2007 until December 1, 2017, the largest breeding hog decline was in North Carolina (dropping 125,000 head), followed by Iowa (down 80,000 animals). Missouri had the most growth (rising 75,000 head), followed by Nebraska (up 65,000 animals). North Carolina posted the biggest drop in the number of market hogs (see the second graphic), dropping by nearly 1.1 million animals. Nationwide, the number of market hogs has surged in the Midwestern states, led by Iowa (increasing by about 3.5 million head) and then Ohio, Illinois, and Minnesota. Since 2007, the December 1 count of breeding hogs by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has declined by 54,000 animals, while the inventory of market hogs increased by 5.1 million. Dramatic improvements in the productivity of the U.S. breeding herd has occurred (i.e., the number of pigs weaned per litter).

Besides more pigs per litter, there has been a trend of heavier carcass weights of slaughter hogs. Increased carcass weights and pigs weaned are combined into commercial pork production in the third graphic. December 1 breeding herds were about the same size in 2007 and 2017; however, 2018's U.S production level will be 3.3 billion pounds or 14% above 2008's. The fourth graphic underscores increasing productivity of the U.S.; it shows the amount of pork output per breeding hog. Since 1993, tonnage per breeding animal has risen by just over 1,900 pounds or about 73 pounds each year.









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PRODUCTION & PRICE SUMMARY

Week Ending 4/14/2018

Source: Various USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (Market News) reports. DATA ARE PRELIMINARY.

	Item	Units	Current Week	Last Week	Pct. Change	Last Year	Pct. Change	YTD	Y/Y % Change
			14-Apr-18	7-Apr-18		15-Apr-17			
	Beef, Pork, Chicken, & Turkey	Mil Lbs., cwe	1,846	1,834	0.7%	1,800	2.6%	26,847	1.5%
C	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	605	615	-1.6%	589	2.7%	8,975	2.2%
A	FI Cow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	115	120	-4.1%	110	4.9%	7,330	6.6%
T	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	818	820	-0.2%	803	1.9%	822	0.7%
T	Beef Production	Million Lbs.	493.5	502.9	-1.9%	472.2	4.5%	7,378	2.9%
L	Live Fed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	117.47	116.73	0.6%	128.01	-8.2%		
E	Dressed Steer Price, 5-Mkt	$ per cwt	187.62	187.74	-0.1%	205.30	-8.6%		
	Oklahoma Steer (600-700 lbs)	$ per cwt	156.05	153.67	1.5%	151.43	3.1%		
&	Choice Beef Cutout	$ per cwt	213.34	217.41	-1.9%	209.94	1.6%		
	Hide/Offal	$ per cwt, live wt	9.76	9.98	-2.2%	11.89	-17.9%		
B	Rib, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	350.29	359.82	-2.6%	336.34	4.2%		
E	Round, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	165.30	166.21	-0.5%	165.12	0.1%		
E	Chuck, Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	172.07	174.08	-1.2%	162.74	5.7%		
F	Trimmings, 50%, Fresh	$ per cwt	91.83	92.46	-0.7%	100.47	-8.6%		
	Trimmings, 90%, Fresh	$ per cwt	218.31	217.48	0.4%	216.76	0.7%		
	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	2,385	2,335	2.1%	2,227	7.1%	35,610	2.7%
H	FI Sow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	55.1	60.4	-8.8%	59.9	-8.0%	3,709	2.1%
O	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	214.0	214.0	0.0%	213.0	0.5%	214	0.7%
G	Pork Production	Million Lbs.	510.8	500.3	2.1%	473.8	7.8%	7,622	3.4%
S	Iowa-S. Minn. Direct	Wtd. Avg.	48.24	45.69	5.6%	56.86	-15.2%		
	Natl. Base Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	55.42	56.80	-2.4%	62.36	-11.1%		
&	Natl. Net Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	57.45	58.80	-2.3%	64.73	-11.3%		
	Pork Cutout	$ per cwt	66.29	69.60	-4.8%	75.27	-11.9%		
P	By-product Value	$ per cwt, live wt	3.61	3.63	-0.6%	3.96	-8.8%		
O	Ham, Primal	$ per cwt	53.43	52.96	0.9%	56.48	-5.4%		
R	Loin, Primal	$ per cwt	67.70	68.49	-1.1%	74.52	-9.1%		
K	Belly, Primal	$ per cwt	85.37	102.61	-16.8%	122.84	-30.5%		
	Trimmings, 72%, Fresh	$ per cwt	57.18	58.48	-2.2%	67.49	-15.3%		
C	Young Chicken Slaughter *	Million Head	158.7	158.7	0.0%	161.48	-1.7%	2,216	-0.9%
H	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	4.67	4.67	-0.2%	4.64	0.5%	4.69	0.6%
I	Young Chicken Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	740.7	741.7	-0.1%	749.8	-1.2%	10,395	-0.3%
C	Eggs Set (US)	Million	228.1	228.0	0.1%	223.1	2.3%	14,751	2.8%
K	Chicks Placed (US)	Million Head	183.3	183.1	0.1%	181.5	1.0%	11,923	1.7%
E	National Composite Whole Bird	Composite	108.34	108.74	-0.4%	96.49	12.3%		
N	Northeast Breast, B/S	$ per cwt	139.33	142.30	-2.1%	128.51	8.4%		
	Northeast Leg Quarters	$ per cwt	41.35	39.89	3.7%	38.17	8.3%		
T	Total Turkey Slaughter *	Million Head	3.95	3.42	15.6%	4.11	-4.0%	56.5	-2.1%
U	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	25.55	26.00	-1.8%	25.23	1.3%	25.70	0.0%
R	Turkey Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	100.9	88.8	13.6%	103.8	-2.8%	1,453	-2.1%
K	National Hen (8-12 Lbs)	$ per cwt	80.50	79.50	1.3%	99.00	-18.7%		
G	Corn, Omaha	$ per Bushel	3.71	3.69	0.4%	3.39	9.5%		
R	Distillers Grain, Chicago	$ per Ton	165.00	165.00	0.0%	97.50	69.2%		
A	Wheat, Kansas City (delivered)	$ per Bushel	5.87	5.65	3.9%	4.65	26.2%		
I	Soybean, Cntrl IL	$ per Bushel	10.47	10.14	3.3%	9.46	10.7%		
N	Soybn Meal 48%, Cntrl IL	$ per Ton	391.40	386.60	1.2%	310.00	26.3%		

* Chicken & turkey slaughter & production are 1 week earlier than the date at the top of this sheet.

** Cow and sow slaughter reflect levels from two weeks ago (part of 'actual" rather than "preliminary" weekly slaughter report).