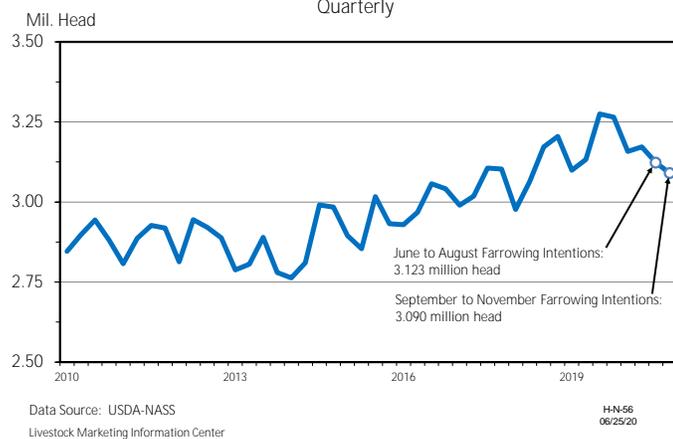


USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) released the [June 1 Hogs & Pigs](#) report yesterday. All hogs and pigs totaled 79.6 million head on June 1, this is a 5.2% (3.9 million head) increase from 2019. Total market hogs increased 5.8% to 73.3 million head while hogs kept for breeding declined 1.3% to just over 6.3 million head. In the [June 24, 2020, DLR](#) pre-report estimates were discussed and the focus was on three items: Hogs weighing 180 pounds and over, farrowings, and pigs per litter. This DLR will discuss the results for these same categories.

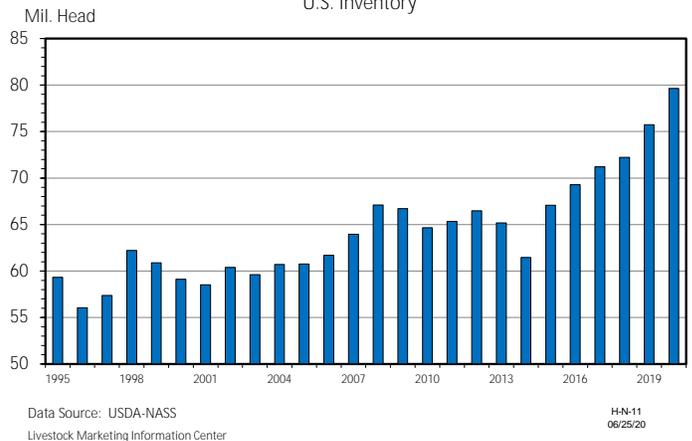
**Hogs weighing 180 pounds and over:** Average estimates were expecting a 16.6% increase to 15.2 million head from last year with a wide range from up 2.2% to 26.8% (13.3-16.5 million head). The actual number was nearly 14.7 million head, up 12.8%, and almost half a million head lower than pre-report estimates. Surprisingly, the 120-179 pound category was 16.1 million head, an 11.8% increase from last year and well above pre-report estimates which expected a 5.2% increase. Likely, the hogs in this category would have been just weaned when the COVID-19 events started to unfold. Instead of euthanizing these hogs, producers may have switched to slow, no growth, maintenance rations to slow the hog's progression through the supply chain until slaughter capacity issues could be resolved. The under 50 pounds and 50-119 pound categories were 22.2 and 20.4 million head, respectively, down 0.2% and up 3.4% from last year.

**Farrowings and farrowing intentions:** March to May farrowings were 3.2 million head, up 1.2% from last year. June to August farrowing intentions are 3.1 million head, which would be a 4.6% decrease from 2019. September to November farrowing intentions is expected to further decline 5.4% to just under 3.1 million. The continued slide in farrowing intentions indicates that producer expectations for the remainder of 2020 are slipping.

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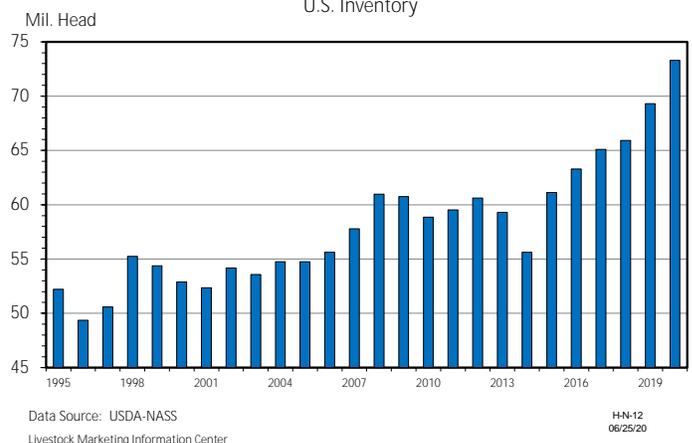


**Pigs per litter:** Actual March to May pigs per litter were up 0.1% to 11.01 which is better than pre-report expectations of down 0.4%. Although there was a wide range of expectations on pigs per litter, the report highlights the continued improvement which may partially offset declines in farrowing intentions.

A large number of hogs in the heavy-weight categories highlights the backlog of hogs in the supply chain which could lead to larger than expected pork supplies in the third quarter. Although March to May farrowings were higher, farrowing intentions for the outlying quarters indicate that producers will likely slow production leading to potentially lower hog numbers in 2021.

For further information on what is included in NASS estimates for the Hogs & Pigs report please refer to the following [link](#).

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