

Feeder pig imports from Canada have taken off since the end of June after spending most of the second quarter well below a year ago. Year to date feeder pig imports from Canada are up 1.3%, a result of the rapid increase seen over the third quarter. Since July, The U.S. has imported 123,039 more feeder pigs than last year. Although as seen by the graph last summer saw a noticeable decrease.

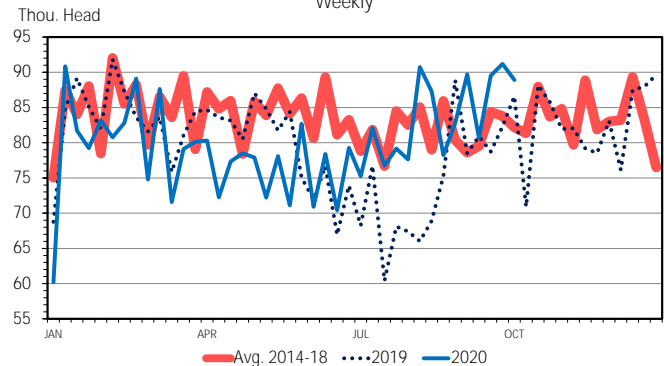
USDA uses a 10 region system to identify where the destinations of feeder pigs are going to and also tracks the state of entry that imported those live animals. The majority of feeder pigs enter the U.S. through North Dakota, and Michigan takes up most of the rest. By destination, primary regions are Region 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI), Region 7 (IA, KS, MO & NE) and Region 8 (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY).

In third quarter Region 5 was the leading destination taking 84,233 more feeder pigs than a year ago, or nearly 70% of the total increase. Region 8 took the bulk of the rest of the increase, up 59,942 head. Colorado and South Dakota offer the only by state breakout in Hogs and Pigs Market hog weight groups. South Dakota showed a strong increase as of September 1 in the light weight category of 105,000 head (18%), and 5,000-25,000 head increases in the other three market weight categories. Colorado reported small changes compared to a year ago.

A quick look at domestic trade over the last couple of weeks in the National Feeder Pig report indicates that much of the domestic feeder pig supply moving through this market is coming from Illinois. In every week in September more than 20% of the feeder pig sales originated from Illinois, and Iowa was the number one destination, reportedly taking over 70% of the sales in each of those weeks. Weeks ending in October has shown greater diversity in origin with Iowa still the number one destination. Hogs and Pigs as of September 1 indicated Iowa had 610 thousand head more in the 180lbs. and over category, a 15% increase. The next largest increase was in the under 50lbs, up 7% from a year ago. The second lightest category, 50-119lbs was up less than half a percent and the 120-179lbs category was down 1.6%. Interesting the largest hog state in the U.S. did not follow national trends across all categories.

Further it seems several states are gearing up for better profits ahead by increasing inventories that will be market ready in early 2021. The larger imports in the third quarter will only

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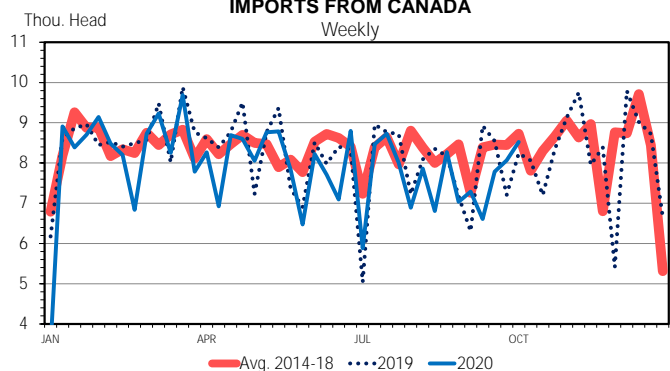
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offset a very small proportion of the large decrease in the pig crop during the June-August timeframe, down 1.3 million head. The increase in feeder pig imports for all of the third quarter are about 9.8% of the decline in the pig crop compared to last year.

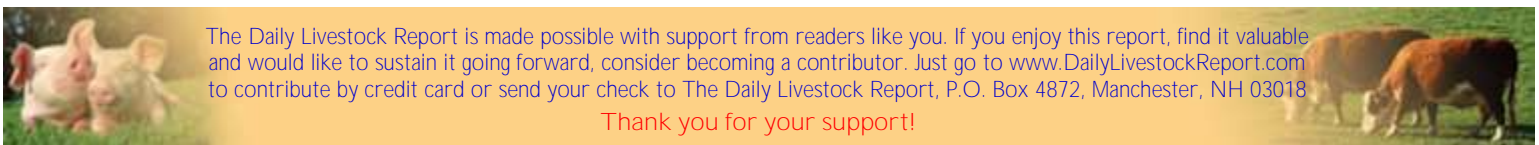
On a different note, imports of slaughter sows and boars have slowed significantly, down 4% year to date, or 13 thousand head. Sow kill in the U.S. has been quite large (+12% year to date). The Canadian imports are not contributing for that excess. Third quarter slaughter and boar imports from Canada are down 3.2%, a similar pace to earlier this year.

SLAUGHTER SOWS & BOARS IMPORTS FROM CANADA
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