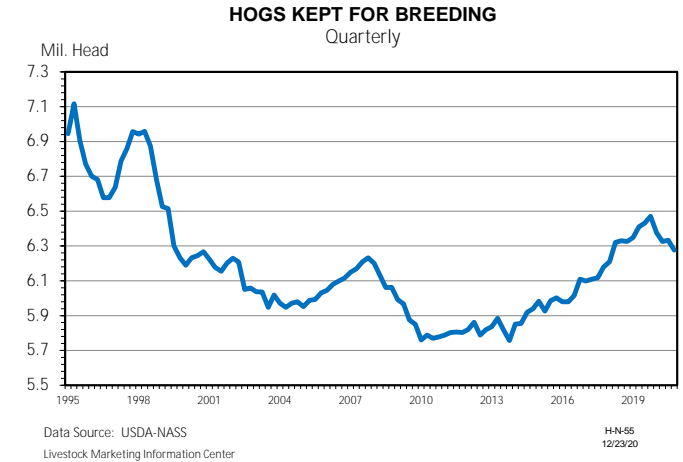


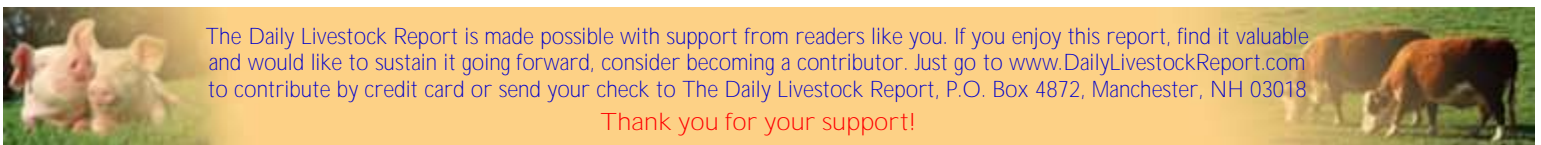
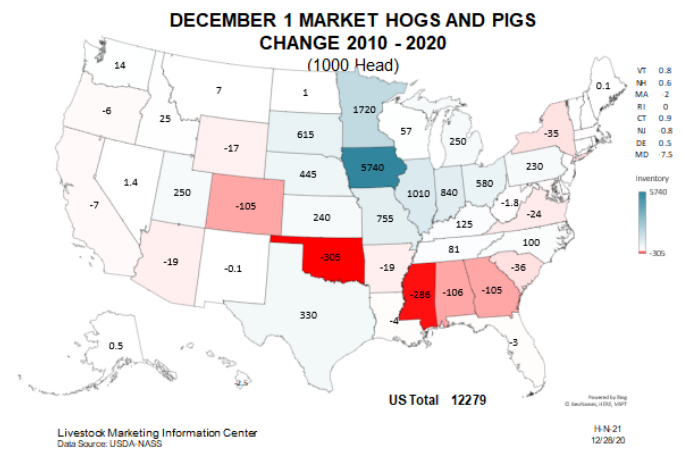
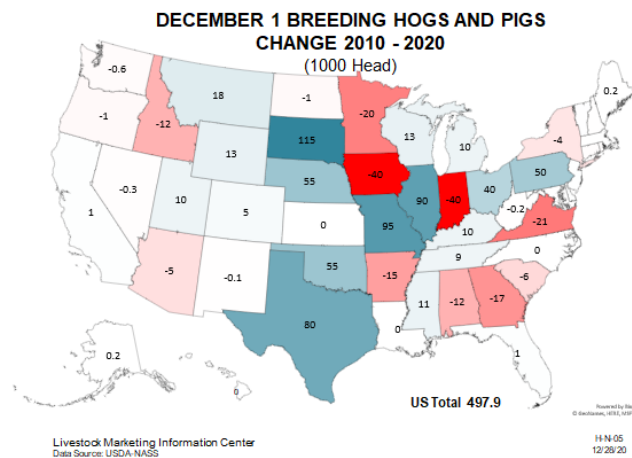
In 2019, the breeding herd reached its highest level in nearly two decades at almost 6.5 million head, but one year later the breeding herd declined 195,000 head (down 3.0%) to nearly 6.3 million head. Total market hog inventories saw a smaller decline dropping less than one percent (-0.7% or 530,000 head) in 2020 from the prior year to 71.2 million head. The Dec 1 Hogs and Pigs Report currently shows lower levels for the breeding herd and market hog inventories from a year ago but compared to the last decade both categories have seen significant gains. This DLR will focus on the changes over the last ten years in both the breeding herd and market hog inventories that occurred at the state level.

In the last decade, the Dec 1 total breeding herd has increased nearly half a million head (498,000 head or 8.6%). In 2020, the breeding herd saw Iowa and North Carolina ranked as the top two states at 980 and 840 thousand head, respectively, followed by Illinois (570,000 head), Minnesota (540,000 head) and Oklahoma (465,000 head). Interestingly, since 2010, both Iowa and Indiana saw the most significant declines each with a 40,000 head drop, a decline of 3.9% and 13.8%, respectively. Minnesota, with the fourth largest breeding herd, saw a 20,000 head (3.6%) decrease to 540,000 head, while North Carolina's breeding inventory remained flat at 840,000 head. On the other hand, South Dakota saw the largest increase in the breeding herd, up 115,000 head followed by Missouri (up 95,000 head), Illinois (up 90,000 head), and Texas (up 80,000 head) while Nebraska and Oklahoma both rose 55,000 head.

Over the last ten years the number of market hogs has



increased 20.8% almost 12.3 million head. Iowa accounted for the bulk of growth with a 31.7% (5.74 million head) increase over the last decade. The next closest state to post an increase from ten years ago was Minnesota which saw a rise of 1.72 million head, up 24.1% from 2010. Illinois (up 1.01 million head), Indiana (up 840,000 head), and Missouri (up 755,000 head) round out the top five states posting gains in market hog inventories with increases at or just below one million head. Oklahoma and Mississippi were the top states to see market hog inventory levels decline over the last decade, each down 305,000 and 286,000 head, respectively. Alabama, Georgia, and Colorado all decreased just over 100,000 head since 2010.



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