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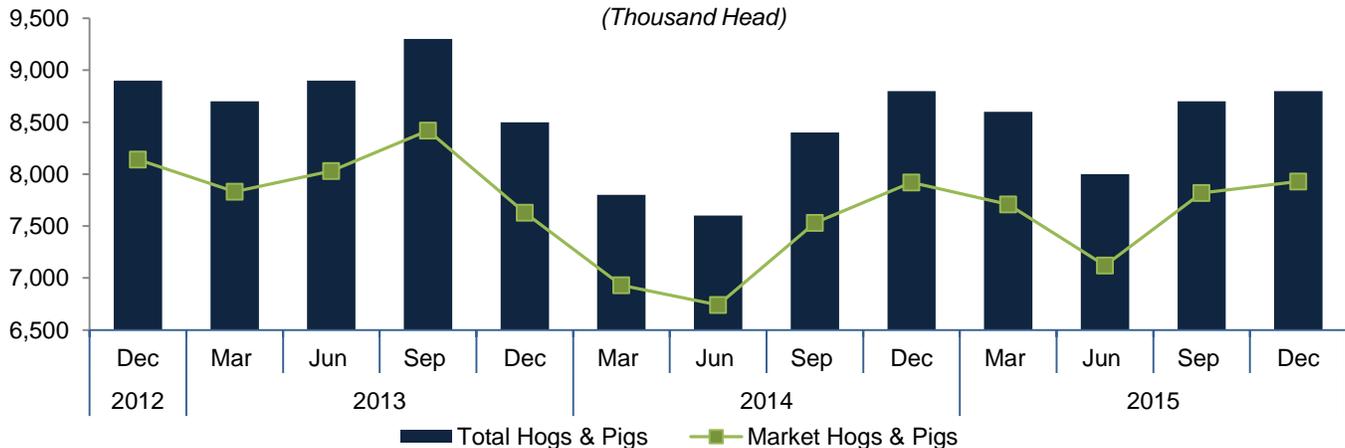
## December 2015 Hog Report

All hogs and pigs on **North Carolina** farms on December 1, 2015 totaled 8.8 million head, up 1% from September 1. Market hogs, at 7.93 million head, were up slightly from last year and up 1% from last quarter. Breeding stock totaled 870,000 head, down 1% from last year and from September 1, 2015. The State's pig crop during the September – November 2015 period totaled 4.57 million head, down 1% from the same period last year. These pigs were produced by 450,000 sows, down 2% from the same time last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged at 10.15, which is up from the 10.00 pigs saved during the same quarter last year. North Carolina producers intend to farrow 445,000 sows during the December 2015 – February 2016 quarter and 440,000 sows during the March – May 2016 quarter. North Carolina ranks 2nd nationally, behind Iowa, in the total number of hogs and pigs produced.

### HOG & PIG INVENTORY

Item	December 1 Inventory			September 1 Inventory		
	2014	2015	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
<b>North Carolina</b>						
All Hogs and Pigs	8,800	8,800	0	8,400	8,700	+4
Breeding Hogs	880	870	-1	870	880	+1
Market Hogs	7,920	7,930	0	7,530	7,820	+4
Under 50 Lbs.	3,010	2,950	-2	3,110	3,200	+3
50-119 Lbs.	1,830	1,880	+3	1,820	1,960	+8
120-179 Lbs.	1,580	1,590	+1	1,430	1,410	-1
180 Lbs. and Over	1,500	1,510	+1	1,170	1,250	+7
<b>United States</b>						
All Hogs and Pigs	67,776	68,299	+1	65,979	68,175	+3
Breeding Hogs	5,939	6,002	+1	5,920	5,986	+1
Market Hogs	61,838	62,297	+1	60,059	62,190	+4

### NORTH CAROLINA INVENTORY (Thousand Head)



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