

Hogs.—The inventory number of hogs was obtained through the use of three inquiries. The first asked the total number of hogs and pigs of all ages including sows and boars, followed by questions for the number in each of two groups: (1) Born since June 1, and (2) born before June 1.

Two inquiries were made to obtain the number of litters farrowed. The first inquiry asked for the number of litters farrowed since June 1, 1959, and before Dec. 1, 1959. The second inquiry asked for the number of litters farrowed between

Dec. 1, 1958, and June 1, 1959. The total for these two inquiries represents the number of litters farrowed during the 12-month period Dec. 1, 1958, through Nov. 30, 1959.

There was underreporting for the number of litters. The extent of the underreporting was greater outside than for the principal hog-producing areas. The underreporting was greater for the number of litters farrowed between Dec. 1, 1958, and June 1, 1959, than during the period of June 1 to Nov. 30, 1959.

