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On: SEPTEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The September 1, 2008 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.14 million head, was up 2 percent from the September 2007 total of 1.12 million head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 110,000 head, up 10 percent from last year's total, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The September 1 market hog inventory was up 1 percent from a year ago to 1.03 million head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 330,000 head, was down 7 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 250,000 head, was up 16 percent from the September 2007 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 215,000 head, down 2 percent from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds and over, at 235,000 head, were up 2 percent.

The June-August 2008 Texas pig crop totaled 445,000 head, down 15 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.55, down 6 percent from the previous year. State Director, David Abbe, reported that 52,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June through August 2008, down 10 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 is estimated at 68.7 million head, up 2 percent from September 1, 2007 and 1 percent above the June 1, 2008, inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.05 million head, was down 3 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 62.6 million head, was up 3 percent from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for June-August 2008, at 29.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2007. U.S. producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the September-November 2008 period, down 5 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, at 2.98 million sows, are down 3 percent from the same period last year.