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On: MARCH HOG AND PIG INVENTORY  
EQUAL TO A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The March 1, 2009 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.09 million head, was equal to March 2008.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 95,000 head, down 10,000 head from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The March 1 market hog inventory was up 1 percent from a year ago at 995,000 head, 91 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 310,000 head, was down 6 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 195,000 head, was 2 percent below the March 2008 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 200,000 head, a 5 percent decrease from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 290,000 head, were up 18 percent from the previous year.

The December 2008-February 2009 Texas pig crop totaled 434,000 head, a decrease of 11 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.65, up 7 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 45,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2008 through February 2009, down 17 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2009, is estimated at 65.4 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago and down 2 percent from December 1, 2008. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.4 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2008-February 2009, at 28.2 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. U.S. producers intend to have 2.96 million sows farrow during the March-May 2009 period, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008. Intended farrowings for June-August 2009, at 2.95 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same quarter in 2008.