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Austin . . . The June 1, 2009 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.01 million head, was down 6 percent from the June 2008 total of 1.07 million head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 95,000 head, down from 105,000 in June 2008, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The June 1 market hog inventory was down 5 percent from a year ago to 915,000 head, 91 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 295,000 head, was down 6 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 215,000 head, was down 4 percent from the June 2008 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 205,000 head, equal to last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 200,000 head, were down 9 percent from a year ago.

The March-May 2009 Texas pig crop totaled 456,000 head, up 4 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.70, up 13 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 47,000 sows farrowed in Texas during March through May 2009, down 8 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2009, is estimated at 66.1 million head, down 2 percent from June 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from March 1, 2009. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 3 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was down 2 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March-May 2009, at 28.5 million head, was down slightly from 2008 but up 2 percent from 2007. U.S. producers intend to have 2.97 million sows farrow during the June-August 2009 quarter, down 3 percent from actual farrowings during the same period in 2008.