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On: SEPTEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The September 1, 2009 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.01 million head, was down 10 percent from the September 2008 total of 1.12 million head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 70,000 head, down 33 percent from last year's total, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The September 1 market hog inventory was down 7 percent from a year ago to 940,000 head, 93 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 295,000 head, was down 9 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 205,000 head, was down 18 percent from the September 2008 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 200,000 head, down 2 percent from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds and over, at 240,000 head, were up 2 percent.

The June-August 2009 Texas pig crop totaled 414,000 head, down 7 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.0, up 5 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 46,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June through August 2009, down 12 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2009 is estimated at 66.6 million head, down 2 percent from September 1, 2008 but up 1 percent from the June 1, 2009, inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.87 million head, was down 3 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 60.8 million head, was down 2 percent from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for June-August 2009, at 28.8 million head, was down 2 percent from 2008. U.S. producers intend to have 2.94 million sows farrow during the September-November 2009 period, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2008. Intended farrowings for December 2009-February 2010, at 2.93 million sows, are down 3 percent from the same period last year.