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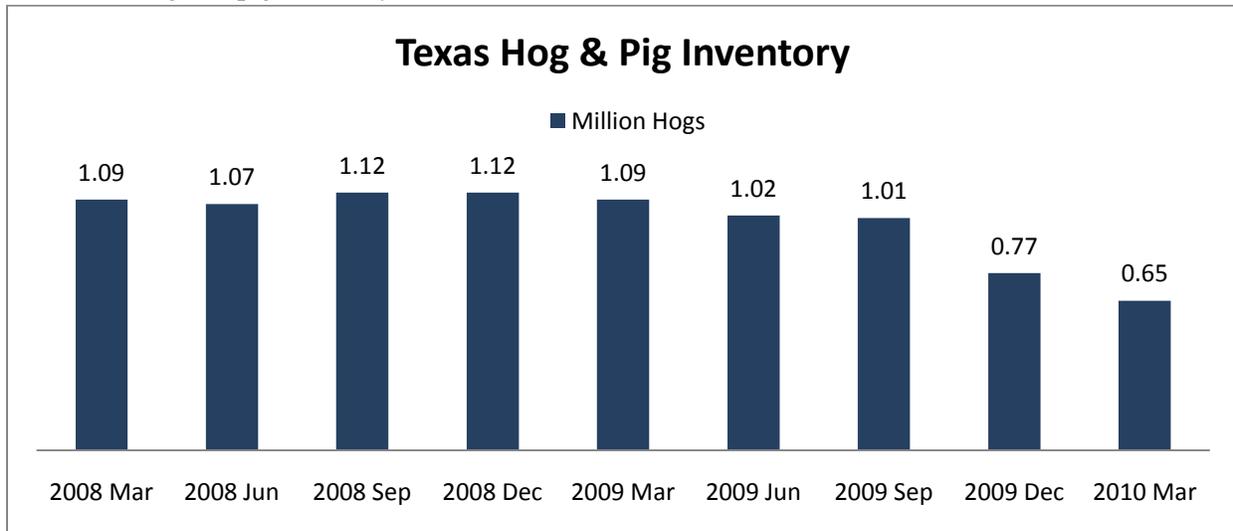
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## March Hog and Pig Inventory Down 40 Percent from a Year Ago

**Texas Inventory:** The March 1, 2010 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 650,000 head, was 40 percent less than March 2009. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 60,000 head, down 35,000 head from last year.

The March 1 **market hog inventory** was down 41 percent from a year ago at 590,000 head, 91 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



**Pig Crop:** The December 2009-February 2010 Texas pig crop totaled 270,000 head, a decrease of 39 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.7, down 10 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 31,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2009 through February 2010, down 33 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2010, is estimated at 64.0 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago and down 2 percent from December 1, 2009. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.76 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and down 2 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2009-February 2010, at 27.9 million head, was down 2 percent from 2009. U.S. producers intend to have 2.9 million sows farrow during the March-May 2010 period, down 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009. Intended farrowings for June-August 2010, at 2.89 million sows, are down 2 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

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### March 1, 2010 Texas Hog and Pig Inventory

	2008	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
Hogs and Pigs, Mar. 1	1,090	1,090	650	60
Breeding	105	95	60	63
Market	985	995	590	59
Under 50 lbs	300	280	145	52
50 to 119 lbs	230	230	150	65
120 to 179 lbs	210	200	140	70
180 lbs and over	245	285	155	54
Farrowing, Dec - Feb				
Sows Farrowing	54	46	31	67
Pigs/Litter	9.00	9.65	8.70	90
Pig Crop <sup>1/</sup>	486	444	270	61

<sup>1/</sup> Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 1 or had been sold.

*Estimates are based on the Quarterly Hog and Pig survey conducted by the USDA-NASS. The reference date for inventory numbers is March 1, 2010. The next quarter survey will have a reference date of June 1, 2010; results will be available June 25.*

Link to the US report:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1086>

Link to USDA-NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp>