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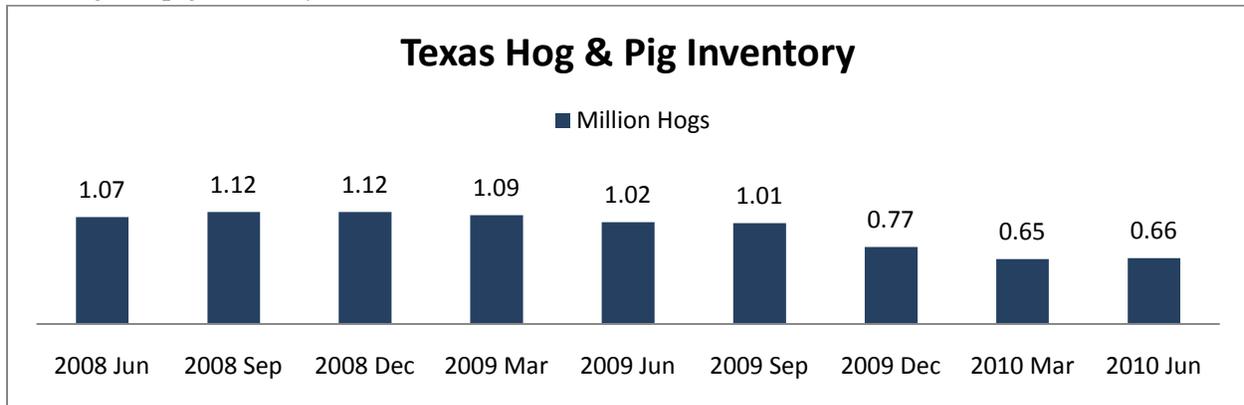
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June Hog and Pig Inventory Down 35 Percent from a Year Ago

Texas Inventory: The June 1, 2010 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 660,000 head, was 35 percent less than June 2009. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 55 head, down 40 head from last year.

The June 1 **market hog inventory** was down 35 percent from a year ago at 605 head, 92 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



Pig Crop: The March 2010-May 2010 Texas pig crop totaled 264,000 head, a decrease of 43 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.5, down 12 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 31,000 sows farrowed in Texas during March 2010 through May 2010, down 35 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2010, is estimated at 64.4 million head, down 4 percent from a year ago and up 1 percent from March 1, 2010. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.6 million head, was down 4 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March 2010-May 2010, at 28.2 million head, was down 3 percent from 2009. U.S. producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the June-August 2010 period, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009. Intended farrowings for September-November 2010, at 2.90 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

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June 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, Jun. 1	1,070	1,020	660	65
Breeding	105	95	55	58
Market	965	925	605	65
Under 50 lbs	280	265	150	65
50 to 119 lbs	260	255	135	53
120 to 179 lbs	205	205	140	68
180 lbs and over	220	200	180	90
Farrowing, Mar - May				
Sows Farrowing	51	48	31	65
Pigs/Litter	8.6	9.7	8.5	88
Pig Crop ¹	439	466	264	57

¹ Number of pigs born March through May that were on hand June 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 June 1, 2010. The next quarter survey will have a reference date of September 1, 2010; results will be available September 24.

Link to the US report:

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

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov