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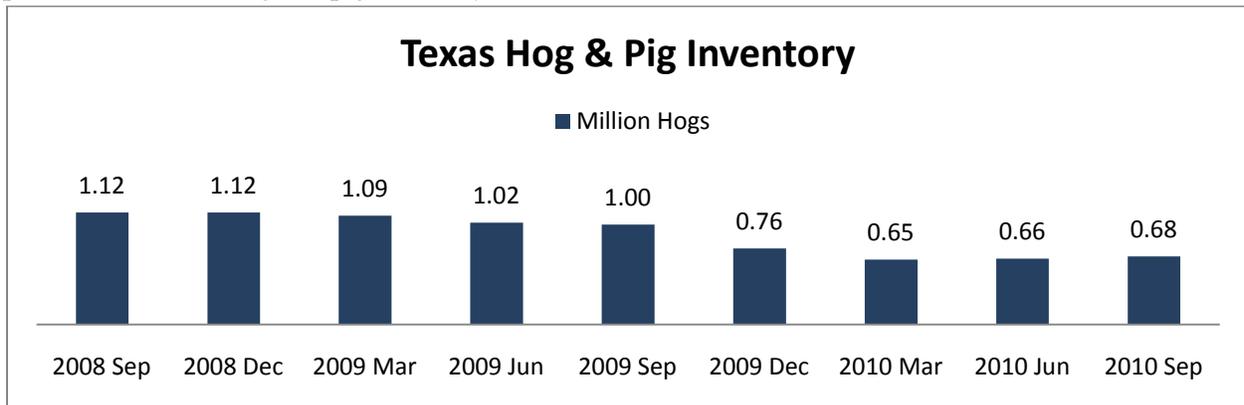
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September Hog and Pig Inventory Down 32 Percent from a Year Ago

Texas Inventory: The September 1, 2010 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 680,000 head, was 32 percent less than September 2009. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 55,000 head, down 15,000 head from last year.

The September 1 **market hog inventory** was down 33 percent from a year ago at 625,000 head, 92 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



Pig Crop: The June 2010-August 2010 Texas pig crop totaled 274,000 head, a decrease of 31 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.3, down 8 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 33,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June 2010 through August 2010, down 25 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2010, is estimated at 65.0 million head, down 3 percent from a year ago but up 1 percent from June 1, 2010. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.77 million head, was down 2 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.2 million head, was down 3 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for June 2010-August 2010, at 28.5 million head, was down 1 percent from 2009. U.S. producers intend to have 2.88 million sows farrow during the September-November 2010 period, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009. Intended farrowings for December-February 2010, at 2.89 million sows, are down 4 percent from the same quarter in 2009.

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September 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, Sep. 1	1,120	1,000	680	68
Breeding	105	70	55	79
Market	1,015	930	625	67
Under 50 lbs	295	260	175	67
50 to 119 lbs	280	230	130	57
120 to 179 lbs	205	200	130	65
180 lbs and over	235	240	190	79
Farrowing, Jun - Aug				
Sows Farrowing	52	44	33	75
Pigs/Litter	8.55	9.00	8.30	92
Pig Crop ¹	445	396	274	69

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

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>