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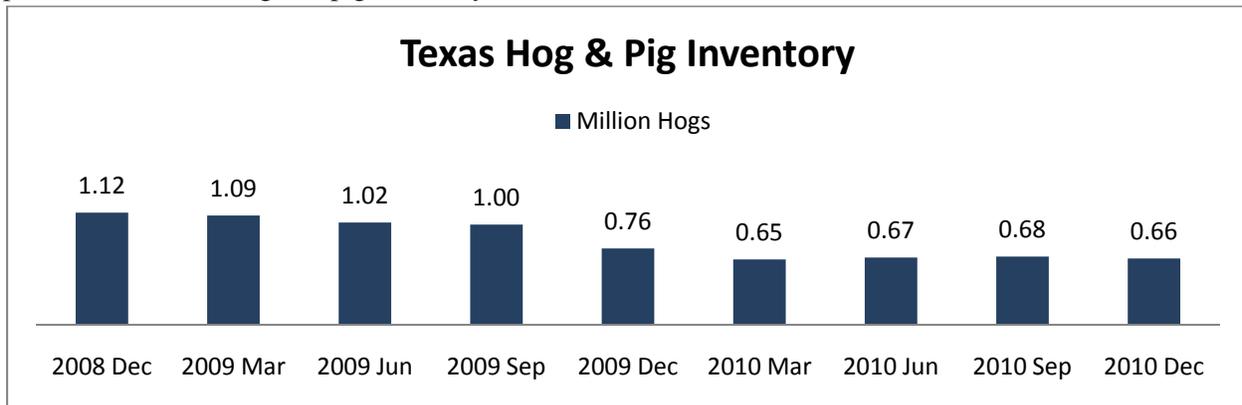
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## December Hog and Pig Inventory Down 13 Percent from a Year Ago

**Texas Inventory:** The December 1, 2010 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 660 thousand head, was 13 percent less than December 2009. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 60 thousand head, unchanged from last year.

The December 1 **market hog inventory** was down 14 percent from a year ago at 600 thousand head, 91 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



**Pig Crop:** The September-November 2010 Texas pig crop totaled 258 thousand head, a decrease of 8 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.60, down 8 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 30 thousand sows farrowed in Texas during September through November 2010, unchanged from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010, is estimated at 64.3 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. The **breeding hog inventory**, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for September-November 2010, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. U.S. producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2011, at 2.86 million sows, are down 2 percent from the same quarter in 2010.

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### December 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, Dec. 1	1,120	760	660	87
Breeding	100	60	60	100
Market				
Under 50 lbs	285	145	160	110
50 to 119 lbs	235	160	140	88
120 to 179 lbs	205	160	130	81
180 lbs and over	295	235	170	72
Farrowing, Sep - Nov				
Sows Farrowing	50	30	30	100
Pigs/Litter	9.55	9.35	8.60	
Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	478	281	258	92

<sup>1</sup> Number of pigs born September through November that were on hand December 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 December 1, 2010. The next quarterly survey will have a reference date of March 1, 2011, results will be available March 24.*

Link to the US report:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Quarterlyhogpig//2010s/2010/Quaterlyhogpig-12-27-2010.pdf>

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