



# December Hog and Pig Report

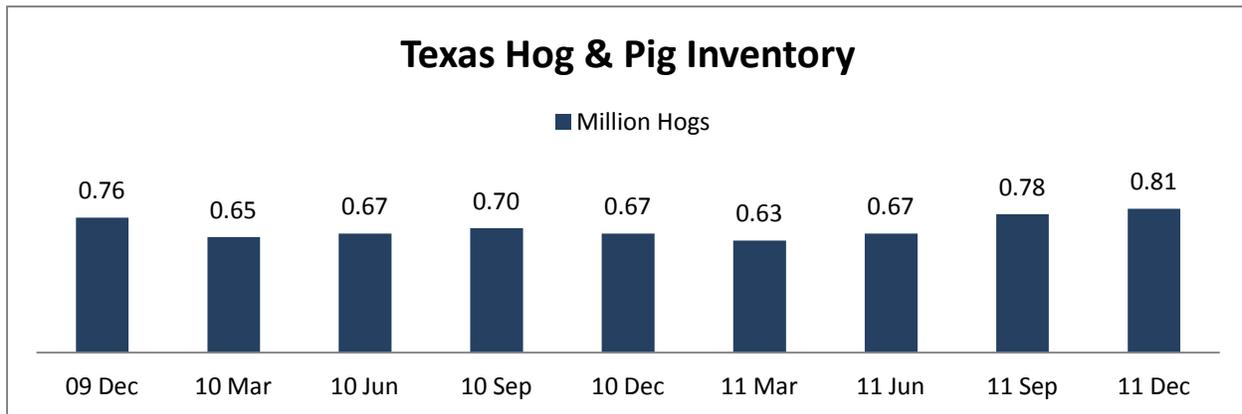
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This report contains the results from the December 2011 Hog and Pig Survey. Completed surveys from a national sample of about 10,600 hog producers provided the foundation for these official estimates. Our thanks to all producers who responded to the survey.

**Texas Inventory:** The December 1, 2011 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 810 thousand head, was 21 percent more than December 2010. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 90 thousand head, up 50 percent from last year. The December 1 **market hog inventory** was up 18 percent from a year ago at 720 thousand head, 89 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



**Pig Crop:** The September-November 2011 Texas pig crop totaled 344 thousand head, a increase of 33 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.6, unchanged from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 40 thousand sows farrowed in Texas during September through November 2011, up 33 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011, is estimated at 65.9 million head, up 2 percent from a year ago but down 1 percent from September 1, 2011. The **breeding hog inventory**, at 5.80 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for September-November 2011, at 29.0 million head, was up 2 percent from 2010. U.S. producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December 2011-February 2012 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same quarter in 2011.

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### December 1, 2011 Texas Hog and Pig Inventory

	2009	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hogs and Pigs, Dec. 1	760	670	810	121
Breeding	60	60	90	150
Market				
Under 50 lbs	145	170	200	118
50 to 119 lbs	160	140	160	114
120 to 179 lbs	160	130	145	112
180 lbs and over	235	170	215	126
Farrowing, Sep - Nov				
Sows Farrowing	30	30	40	133
Pigs/Litter	9.35	8.60	8.60	100
Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	281	258	344	133

<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, 2011. The next quarterly survey will have a reference date of March 1, 2012; results will be available March 30.*

Link to full U.S. report at:

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