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# Quarterly Hog and Pig

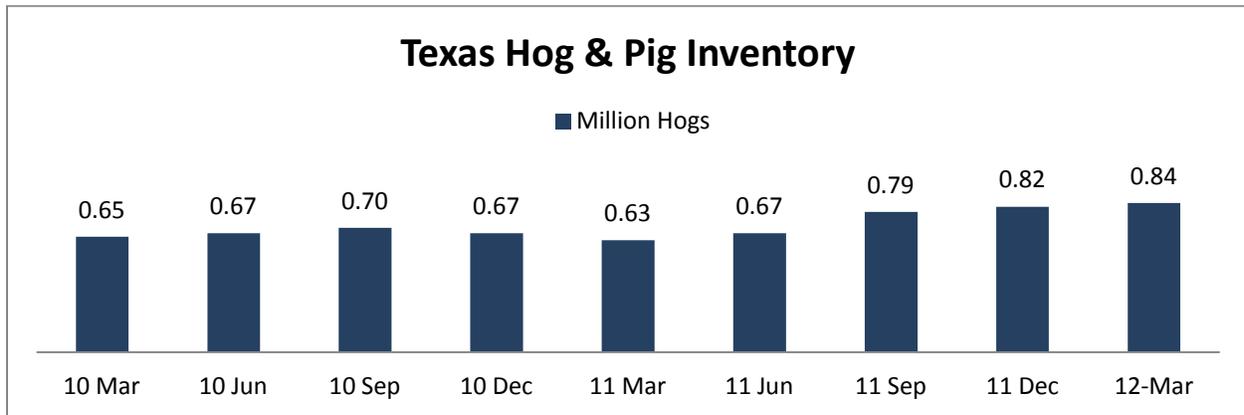


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**Texas Inventory:** The March 1, 2012 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 840,000 head, was 33 percent more than March 2011. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 90,000 head, up 25,000 head from last year. The March 1 **market hog inventory** was up 33 percent from a year ago at 750,000 head, 89 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



**Pig Crop:** The December 2011-February 2012 Texas pig crop totaled 370,000 head, 33 percent increase from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.6, down 1 percent from last year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 43,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2011 through February 2012, up 34 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2012, is estimated at 64.9 million head, up 2 percent from a year ago but down 2 percent from December 1, 2011. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.82 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2011-February 2012, at 28.7 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. U.S. producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the March-May 2012 period, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011. Intended farrowings for June-August 2012, at 2.88 million sows, are down 2 percent from the same quarter in 2011.

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### March 1, 2012 Texas Hog and Pig Inventory

	2010	2011	2012	2012 as % of 2011
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hogs and Pigs, Mar. 1	650	630	840	133.3
Breeding	55	65	90	138.5
Market	595	565	750	132.7
Under 50 lbs	145	150	230	153.3
50 to 119 lbs	150	110	150	136.4
120 to 179 lbs	140	125	140	112.0
180 lbs and over	160	180	230	127.8
Farrowing, Dec - Feb				
Sows Farrowing	29	32	43	134.4
Pigs/Litter	8.70	8.7	8.6	98.9
Pig Crop <sup>1</sup>	252	278	370	133.1

<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, 2012. The next quarter survey will have a reference date of June 1, 2012; results will be available June 29.*

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