



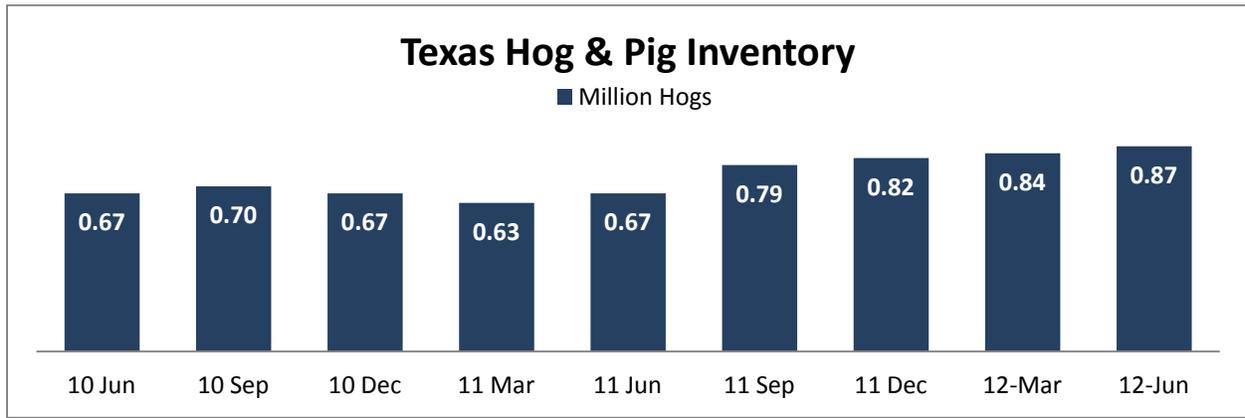
Quarterly Hog and Pig

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Texas Inventory: The June 1, 2012 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 870 thousand head, was 30 percent more than June 2011. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 100 thousand head, up 30 thousand head from last year. The June 1 **market hog inventory** was up 28 percent from a year ago at 770 thousand head, 89 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



Pig Crop: The March 2012-May 2012 Texas pig crop totaled 409 thousand head, an increase of 29 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.7, down 1 percent from the previous year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 47 thousand sows farrowed in Texas during March 2012 through May 2012, up 31 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2012, is estimated at 65.8 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago and up 1 percent from March 1, 2012. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.86 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March 2012-May 2012, at 29.4 million head, was up 1 percent from 2011. U.S. producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the June-August 2012 period, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2011. Intended farrowings for September-November 2012, at 2.89 million sows, are also down 1 percent from the same quarter in 2011.

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June 1, 2011 Texas Hog and Pig Inventory

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2012 as % of 2011 |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| | <i>1000 head</i> | <i>1000 head</i> | <i>1000 head</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Hogs and Pigs, Jun. 1 | 670 | 670 | 870 | 130 |
| Breeding | 55 | 70 | 100 | 143 |
| Market | 615 | 600 | 770 | 128 |
| Under 50 lbs | 160 | 160 | 195 | 122 |
| 50 to 119 lbs | 135 | 130 | 175 | 135 |
| 120 to 179 lbs | 140 | 120 | 150 | 125 |
| 180 lbs and over | 180 | 190 | 250 | 132 |
| Farrowing, Mar - May | | | | |
| Sows Farrowing | 30 | 36 | 47 | 131 |
| Pigs/Litter | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 99 |
| Pig Crop ¹ | 255 | 317 | 409 | 120 |

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, 2012. The next quarter survey will have a reference date of September 1, 2012; results will be available September 28.

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