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Austin . . . The June 1, 2008 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 1.08 million head, was up 8 percent from the June 2007 total of 1.00 million head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled up 110,000 head, equal to last year, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The June 1 market hog inventory was up 9 percent from a year ago to 970,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 325,000 head, was up 14 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 225,000 head, was up 5 percent from the June 2007 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 220,000 head, equal to last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 220,000 head, were up 16 percent.

The March-May 2008 Texas pig crop totaled 447,000 head, down 1 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.60, down 7 percent from the previous year. State Director, Dave Abbe, reported that 52,000 sows farrowed in Texas during March through May 2008, up 6 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2008, is estimated at 67.7 million head, up 6 percent from June 1, 2007 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2008. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.07 million head, was down 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 61.6 million head, was up 7 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March-May 2008, at 29.0 million head, was up 4 percent from 2007 and up 9 percent from 2006. U.S. producers intend to have 3.07 million sows farrow during the June-August 2008 quarter, down 2 percent from actual farrowings in 2007.

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