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On: JUNE HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
UP 2 PERCENT

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Austin . . . The June 1, 2006 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 950,000 head, was up 2 percent from the June 2005 total of 930,000 head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 105,000 head, up 5 percent from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The June 1 market hog inventory was up 2 percent from a year ago to 845,000 head, 89 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 265,000 head, was down 18 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 215,000 head, was up 43 percent from the June 2005 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 200,000 head, up 25 percent from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 165,000 head, were down 15 percent.

The March-May 2006 Texas pig crop totaled 407,000 head, down 4 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.25, down 2 percent from the previous year. State Director, Dave Abbe, reported that 44,000 sows farrowed in Texas during March through May 2006, down 2 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2006, is estimated at 60.9 million head, up slightly from June 1, 2005 and up 1 percent from March 1, 2006. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.06 million head, was up 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 54.9 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for March-May 2006, at 26.3 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 3 percent from 2004. U.S. producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the June-August 2006 quarter, up slightly from actual farrowings in 2005.