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On: SEPTEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The September 1, 2006 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 980,000, was down 1 percent from the September 2005 total of 990,000 head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 100,000 head, equal to last year's total, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The September 1 market hog inventory was down 1 percent from a year ago to 880,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 320,000 head, was up 10 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 195,000 head, was down 7 percent from the September 2005 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 180,000 head, an 8 percent decrease from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 185,000 head, were down 5 percent.

The June-August 2006 Texas pig crop totaled 483,000 head, an increase of 18 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.65, up 6 percent from the previous year. State Director, David Abbe, reported that 50,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June through August 2006, up 11 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2006, is estimated at 62.7 million head, up 1 percent from September 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from the June 1, 2006, inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 2 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 56.6 million head, was up 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for June-August 2006, at 26.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005. U.S. producers intend to have 2.92 million sows farrow during the September-November 2006 period, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2005. Intended farrowings for December 2006-February 2007, at 2.90 million sows, are up 2 percent from the same period last year.