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On: MARCH HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The March 1, 2007 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 950,000 head, was up 2 percent from March 2006.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 100,000 head, unchanged from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Field Office.

The March 1 market hog inventory was up 2 percent from a year ago at 850,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 305,000 head, was up 15 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 195,000 head, was 3 percent above the March 2006 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 185,000 head, a 5 percent decline from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 165,000 head, were down 8 percent from the previous year.

The December 2006-February 2007 Texas pig crop totaled 401,000 head, an increase of 11 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.90, up 3 percent from the previous year. State Director, David Abbe, reported that 45,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2006 through February 2007, up 7 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2007, is estimated at 61.1 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago but down 2 percent December 1, 2006. The breeding hog inventory, at 6.08 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 55.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2006-February 2007, at 26.1 million head, was up 2 percent from 2006. U.S. producers intend to have 2.91 million sows farrow during the March-May 2007 period, down slightly from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2006. Intended farrowings for June-August 2007, at 2.92 million sows, are virtually unchanged from the same quarter in 2006.