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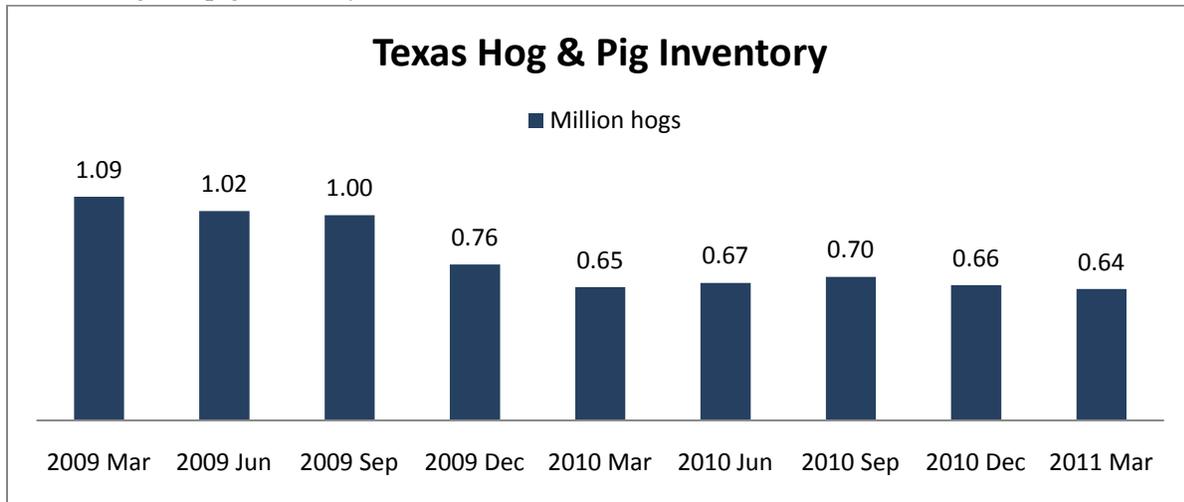
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March Hog and Pig Inventory Down 2 Percent from a Year Ago

Texas Inventory: The March 1, 2011 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 640,000 head, was 2 percent less than March 2010. The number of **breeding hogs** totaled 65,000 head, up 10,000 head from last year.

The March 1 **market hog inventory** was down 3 percent from a year ago at 575,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory.



Pig Crop: The December 2010-February 2011 Texas pig crop totaled 278,000 head, 10 percent increase from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 8.7, the same as last year. State Director, Doug Rundle, reported that 32,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2010 through February 2011, up 10 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011, is estimated at 64 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2010-February 2011, at 28 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010. U.S. producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2011 period, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011, at 2.87 million sows, are down 3 percent from the same quarter in 2010.

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March 1, 2010 Texas Hog and Pig Inventory

	2009	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1000 head</i>	<i>1000 head</i>	<i>1000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Hogs and Pigs, Mar. 1	1,090	650	640	98
Breeding	95	55	65	118
Market	995	595	575	97
Under 50 lbs	280	145	150	103
50 to 119 lbs	230	150	110	73
120 to 179 lbs	200	140	125	89
180 lbs and over	285	160	190	119
Farrowing, Dec - Feb				
Sows Farrowing	46	29	32	110
Pigs/Litter	9.65	8.70	8.7	100
Pig Crop ¹	444	252	278	110

¹ _ Number of pigs born December through February that were on hand March 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 March 1, 2011. The next quarter survey will have a reference date of June 1, 2011, results will be available June 24.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/HogsPigs//2010s/2011/HogsPigs-03-25-2011.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp>