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On: MARCH HOG AND PIG INVENTORY
UNCHANGED FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . The March 1, 2005 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 920,000 head, was unchanged from March 2004.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 95,000 head, down 14 percent from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The March 1 market hog inventory was up 2 percent from a year ago at 825,000 head, 90 percent of the total hog and pig inventory. The inventory of market hogs weighing less than 60 pounds, at 295,000 head, was up 11 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 200,000 head, was up 11 percent from the March 2004 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 160,000 head, an 18 percent decrease from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 170,000 head, were unchanged from the previous year.

The December 2004-February 2005 Texas pig crop totaled 405,000 head, an increase of 5 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.20, up 10 percent from the previous year. State Director, Robin Roark, reported that 44,000 sows farrowed in Texas during December 2004 through February 2005, down 4 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2005, is estimated at 59.9 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago but down 1 percent December 1, 2004. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down slightly from last year and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for December 2004-February 2005, at 25.5 million head, was up 2 percent from 2004. U.S. producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the March-May 2005 period, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004. Intended farrowings for June-August 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same quarter in 2004.