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On: SEPTEMBER HOG AND PIG INVENTORY  
DOWN 5 PERCENT

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Austin . . . The September 1, 2005 Texas hog and pig inventory, at 980,000, was down 5 percent from the September 2004 total of 1.03 million head.

The number of breeding hogs totaled 100,000 head, down 10,000 head from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The September 1 market hog inventory was down 4 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 280,000 head, was down 18 percent from the previous year. The inventory of hogs weighing 60 to 119 pounds, at 210,000 head, was up 14 percent from the September 2004 inventory. Market hogs weighing 120 to 179 pounds totaled 195,000 head, a 7 percent decrease from last year; hogs weighing 180 pounds or more, at 195,000 head, were up 5 percent.

The June-August 2005 Texas pig crop totaled 400,000 head, a decrease of 21 percent from last year. Pigs per litter averaged 9.10, up less than a percent from the previous year. State Statistician, Robin Roark, reported that 44,000 sows farrowed in Texas during June through August 2005, down 21 percent from last year.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2005, is estimated at 61.5 million head, up slightly from both September 1, 2004 and the June 1, 2005, inventory. The breeding hog inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up less than 1 percent from last year. Market hog inventory, at 55.6 million head, was virtually unchanged from last year.

The U.S. pig crop for June-August 2005, at 26.3 million head, was up slightly from 2004. U.S. producers intend to have 2.89 million sows farrow during the September-November 2005 period, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004.

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