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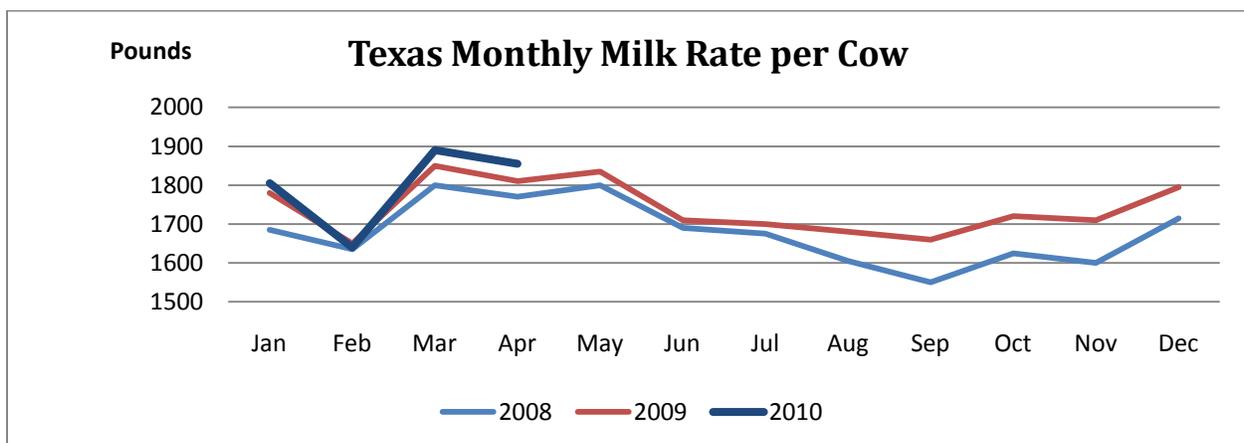
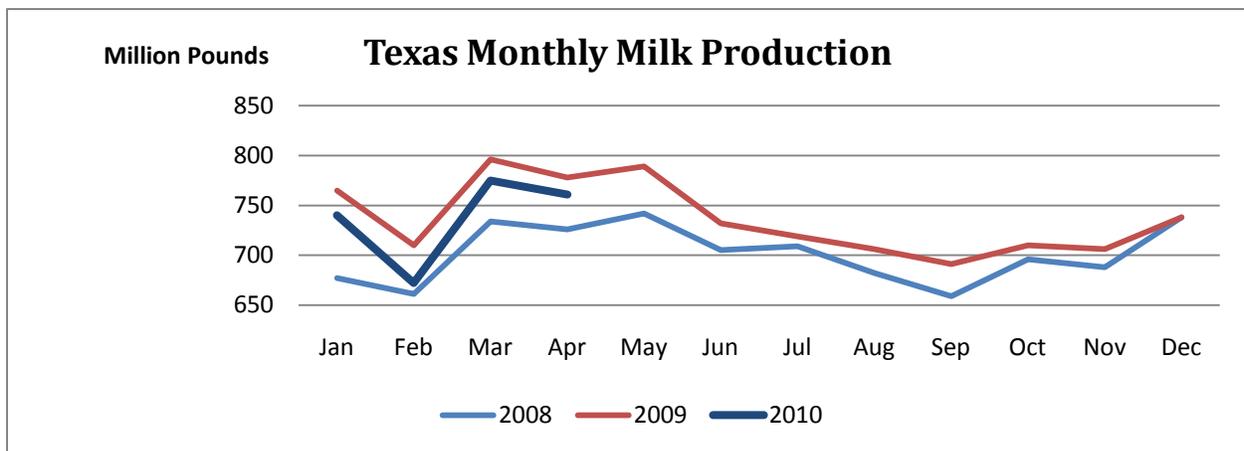
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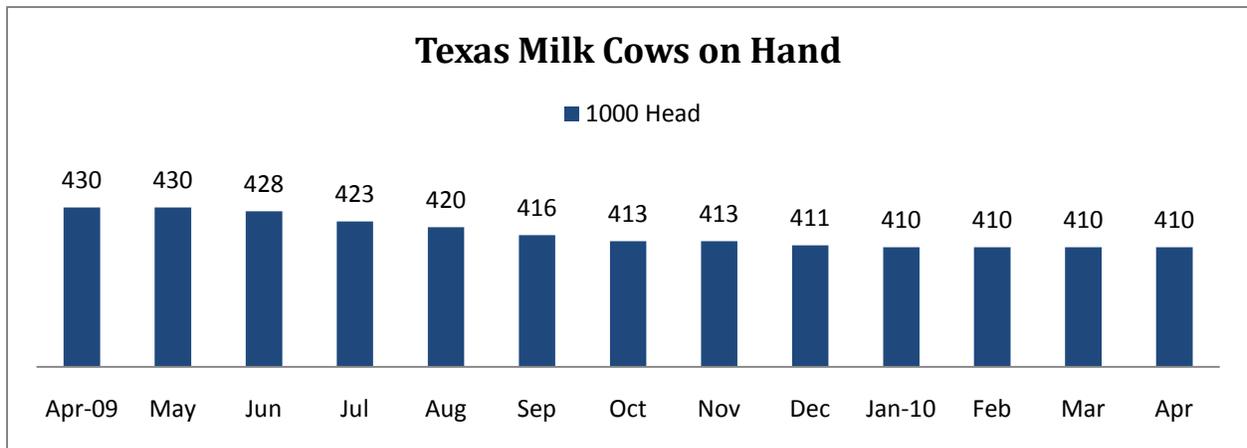
Texas Milk Production Down 2 Percent from Last Year

Texas milk production totaled 761 million pounds during March, down 2 percent from last year's production of 778 million pounds. March 2010 production totaled 775 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 410,000 head, down 20,000 head from last year but unchanged from the March 2010 number. Production per cow averaged 1,855 pounds during March, 45 pounds more than last year but 35 pounds less than March 2010.



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U.S. Highlights: Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same states in April 2009. March revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from March 2009.

Production per cow during April averaged 1,823 pounds, 63 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.33 million head, 155,000 head less than last year but 3,000 head more than March 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/MilkProd//2010s/2010/MilkProd-05-18-2010.pdf>

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