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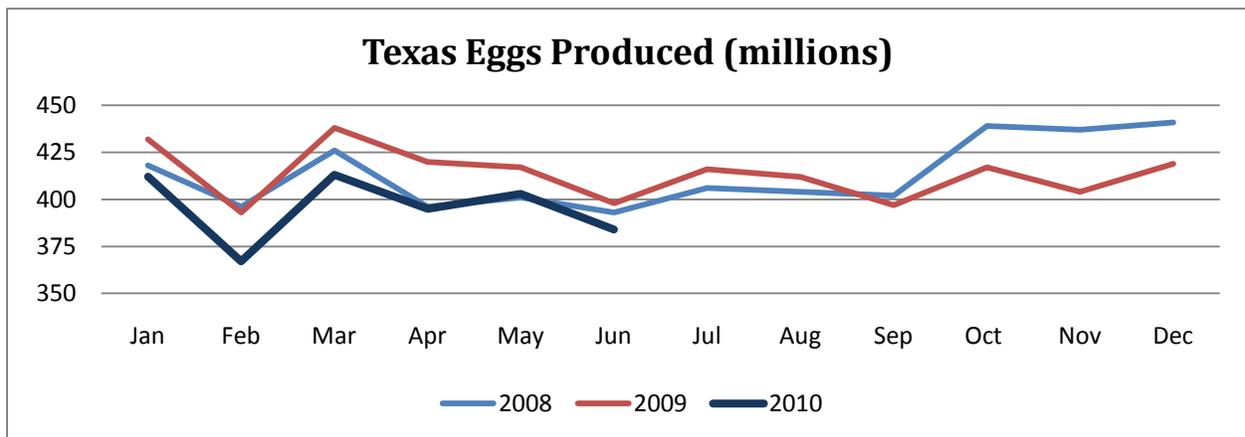
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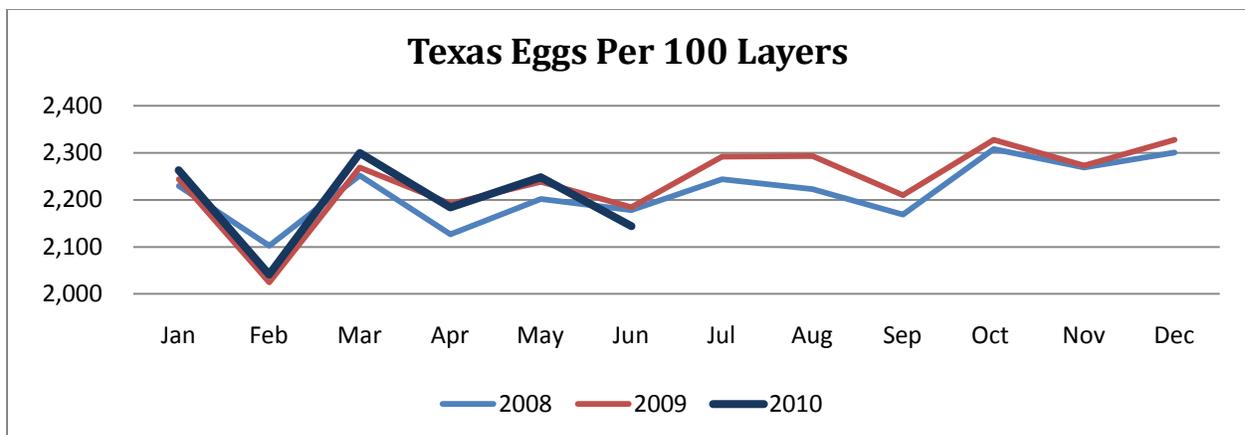
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June Egg Production Down 4 Percent from a Year Ago

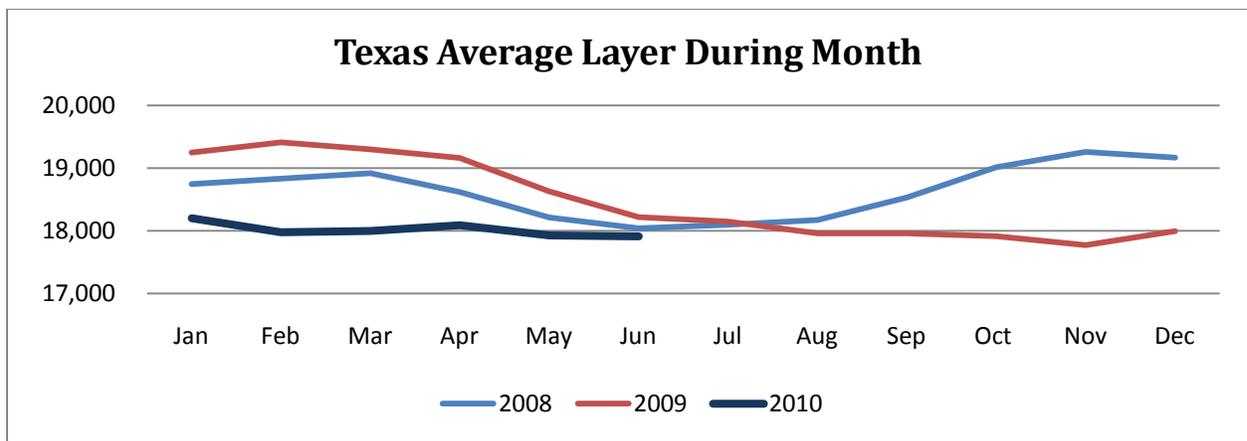
June 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 384 million eggs, down 4 percent from June 2009 and down 5 percent from May 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during June averaged 17.9 million, down 2percent from last year and down slightly from May 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,144 eggs, down from last year’s 2,184 eggs and down from last month’s 2,248 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.0 million, down 2 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.45 billion during June 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.38 billion table eggs, 1 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during June 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,203 eggs, unchanged from June 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 42.6 million, up 2 percent from June 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 787 million, was up 2 percent from June of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2010, up 6 percent from June 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-07-23-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov