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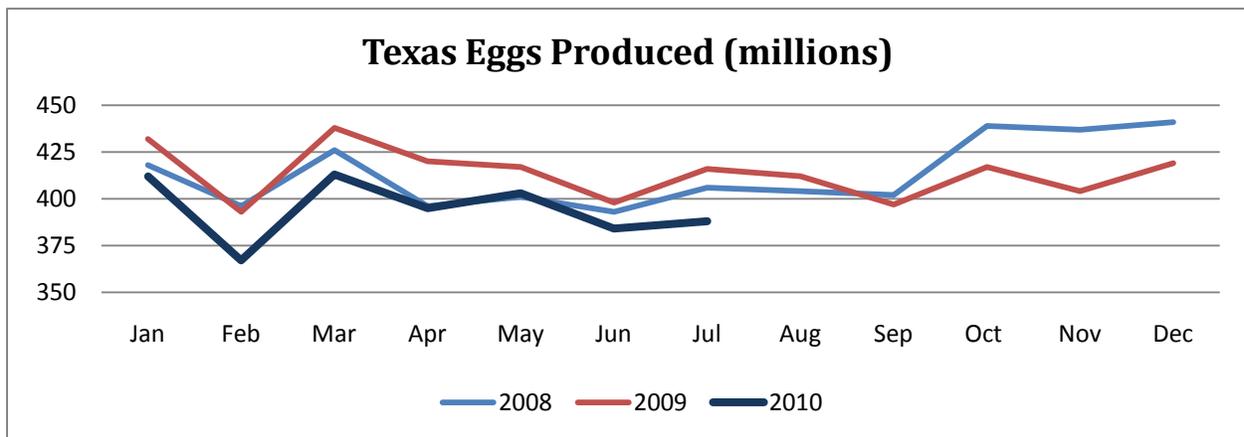
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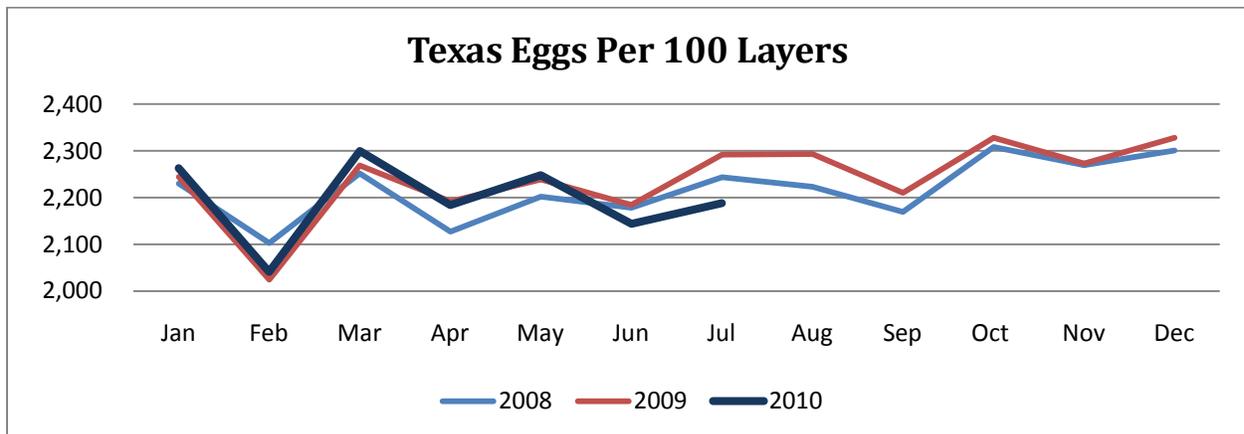
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July Egg Production Down 7 Percent from a Year Ago

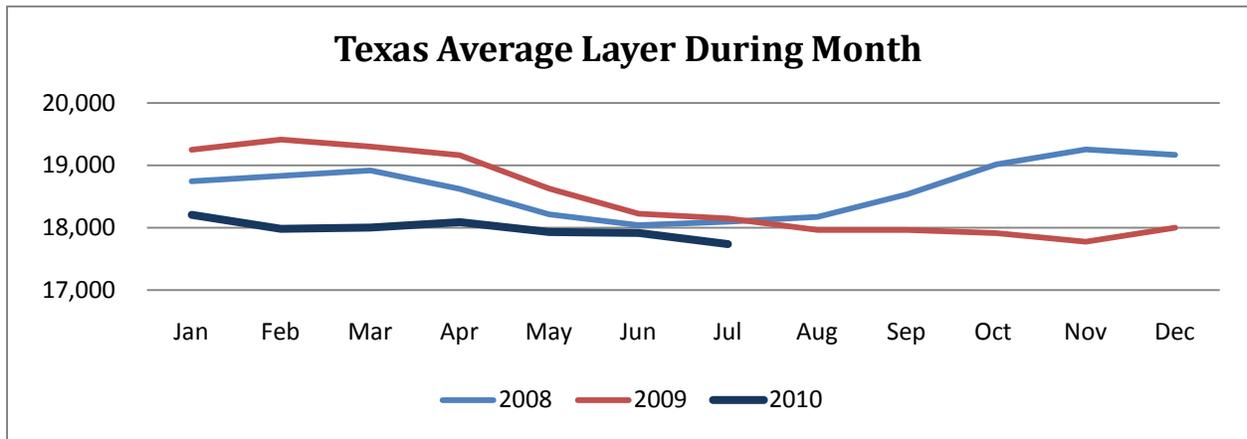
July 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 388 million eggs, down 7 percent from July 2009 and up 1 percent from June 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during July averaged 17.7 million, down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from June 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,188 eggs, down from last year's 2,292 eggs and up from last month's 2,144 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 59.1 million, down 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion during July 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 72 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during July 2010, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,270 eggs, down slightly from July 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.1 million, up 5 percent from July 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 801 million, was up 2 percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.52 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2010, up 5 percent from July 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-08-23-2010.pdf>

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