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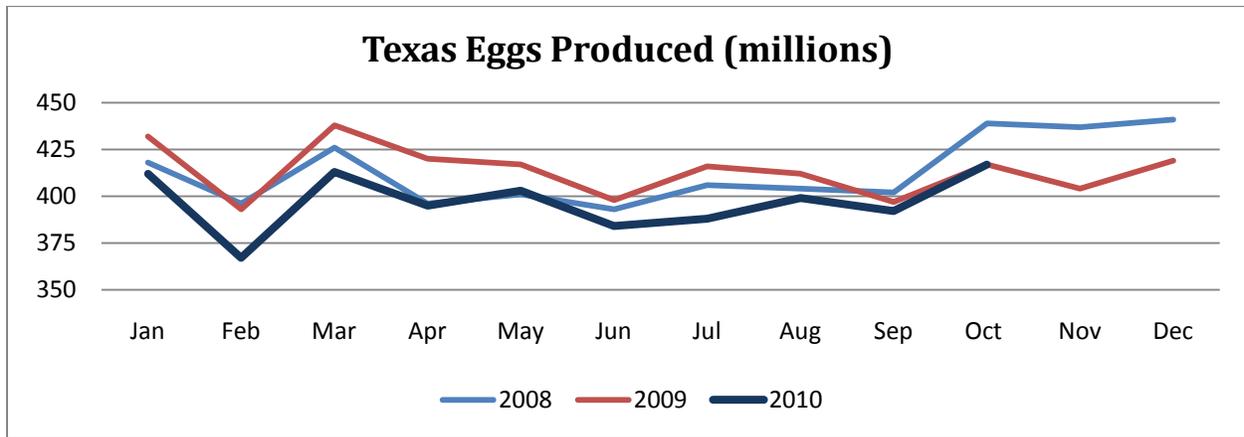
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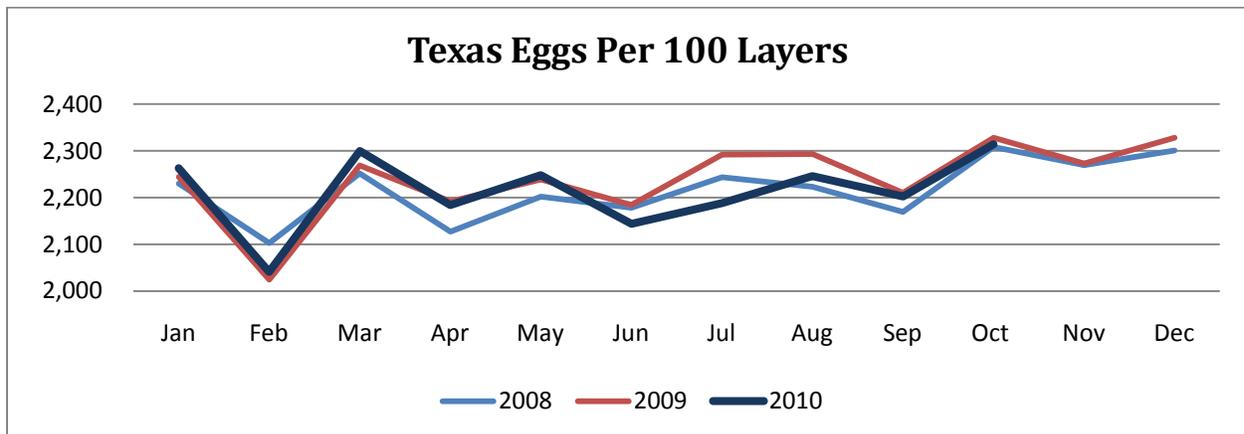
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October Egg Production Up 6 Percent from Last Month

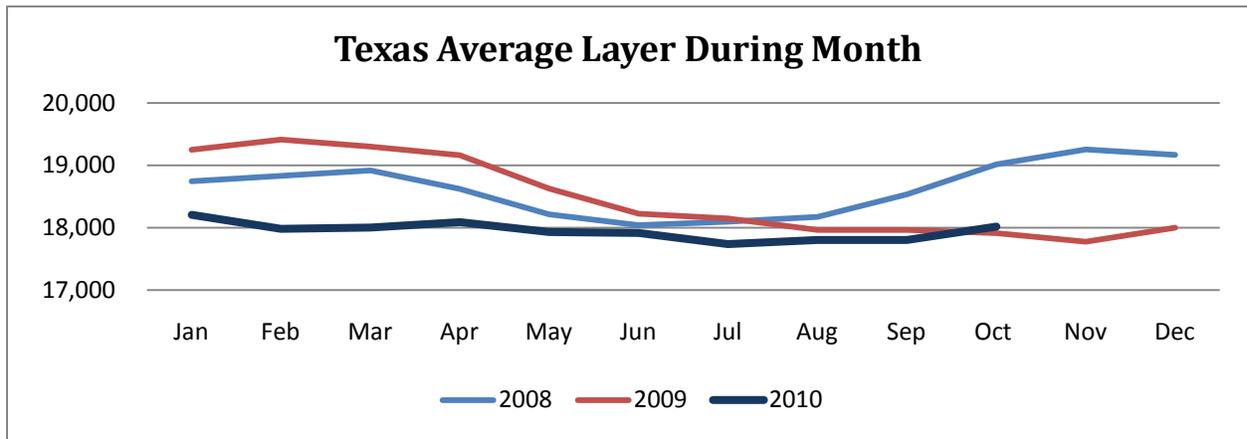
October 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 417 million eggs, unchanged from October 2009 and up 6 percent from September 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during October averaged 18.0 million, up 1 percent from both last year and from September 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,314 eggs, down from last year's 2,328 eggs but up from last month's 2,202 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 57.0 million, up 5 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.68 billion during October 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, 1.01 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 71 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 336 million during October 2010, down slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 73.8 eggs, down 1 percent from October 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 41.3 million, up 10 percent from October 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 767 million, was up 5 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.88 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2010, up 8 percent from October 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-11-22-2010.pdf>

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