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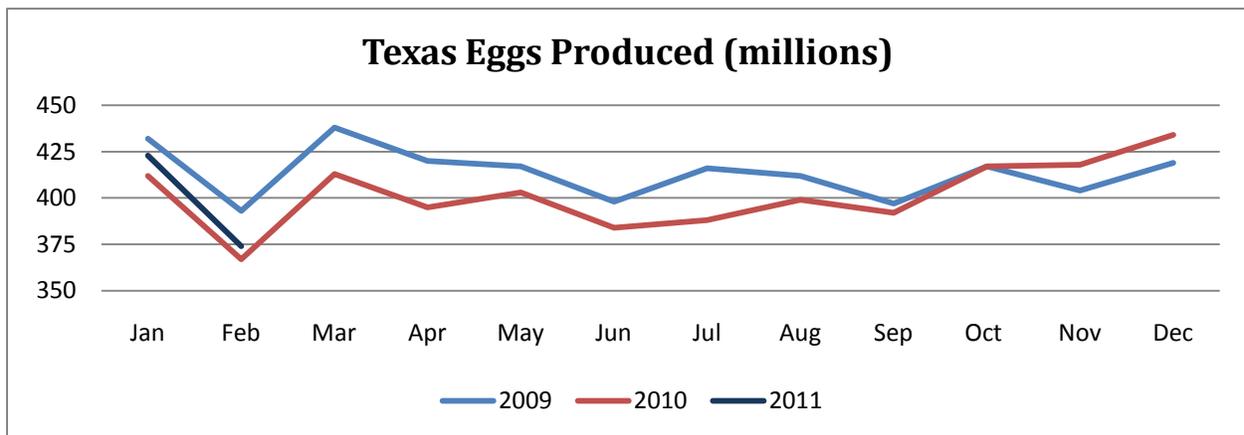
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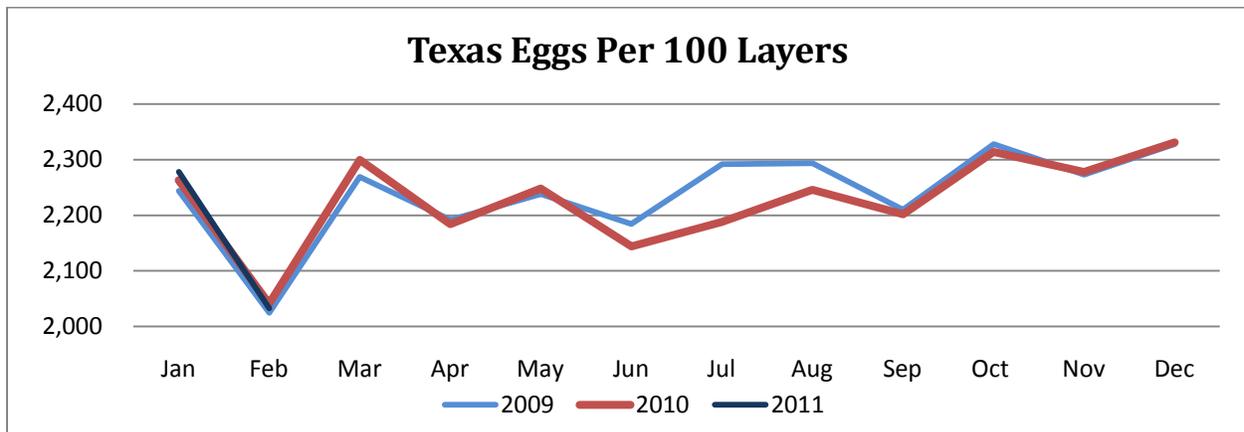
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February Egg Production Down 12 Percent from Last Month

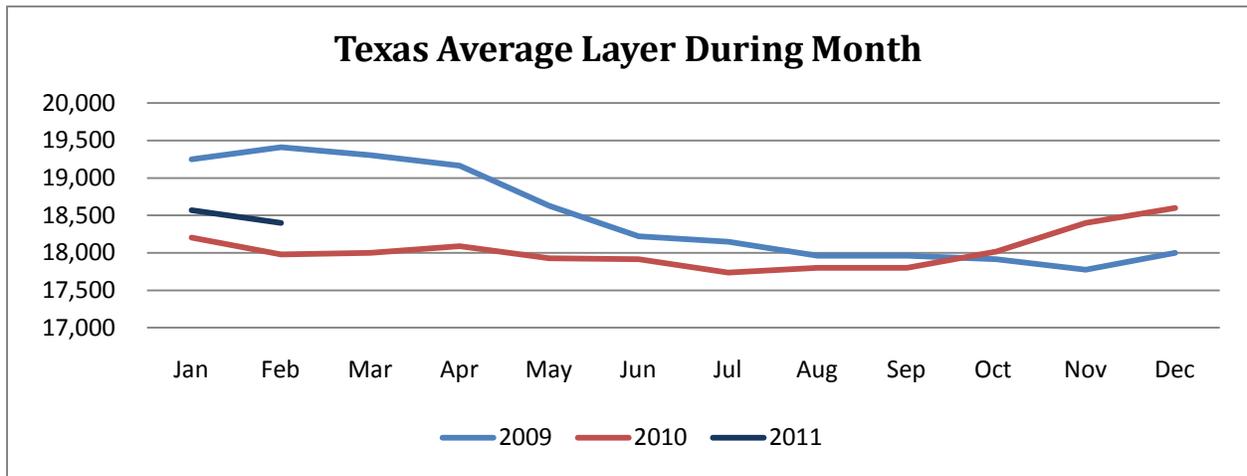
February 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 374 million eggs, up 2 percent from February 2010 but down 12 percent from January 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during February averaged 18.4 million, up 2 percent from last year but down 1 percent from January 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,033 eggs, down from last year's 2,041 eggs and down from last month's 2,278 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 49.3 million in February, down 4 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.01 billion during February 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.03 billion table eggs, 908 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 339 million on February 1, down 1 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,065 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.3 million, down 7 percent from February 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 709 million, was up 1 percent from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.11 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2011, up 2 percent from February 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2011/ChicEggs-03-22-2011.pdf>

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