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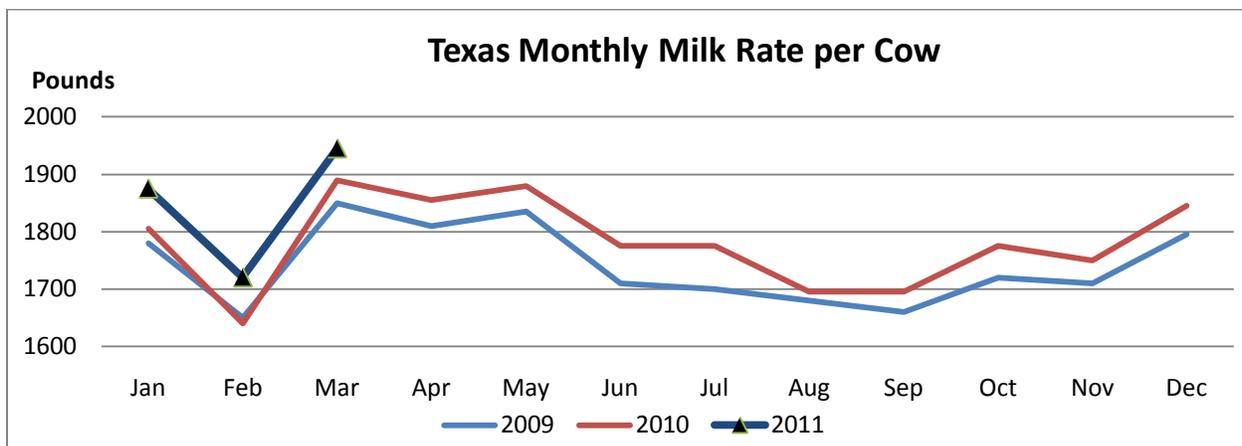
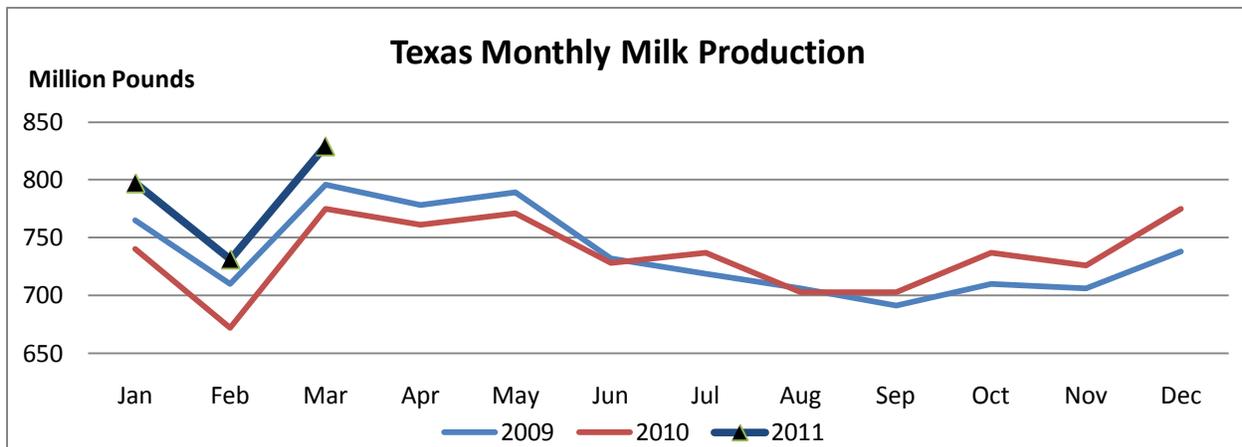
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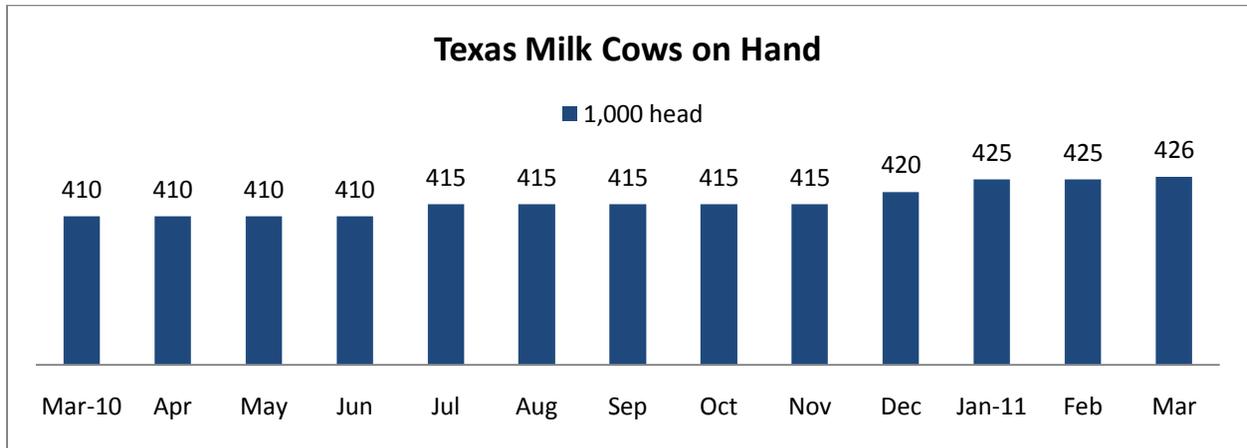
Texas Milk Production Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Texas milk production totaled 829 million pounds during March, up 7 percent from last year's production of 775 million pounds. February 2011 production totaled 731 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 426,000 head, up 16,000 head from last year and up 1,000 head from the February 2011 number. Production per cow averaged 1,945 pounds during March, 55 pounds more than last year and 225 pounds more than February 2011.



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U.S. Highlights: Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 15.8 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from production in these same states in March 2010. February revised production, at 14.0 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2010.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,872 pounds, 24 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.42 million head, 93,000 head more than last year and 17,000 head more than February 2011.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/MilkProd//2010s/2011/MilkProd-04-19-2011.pdf>

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