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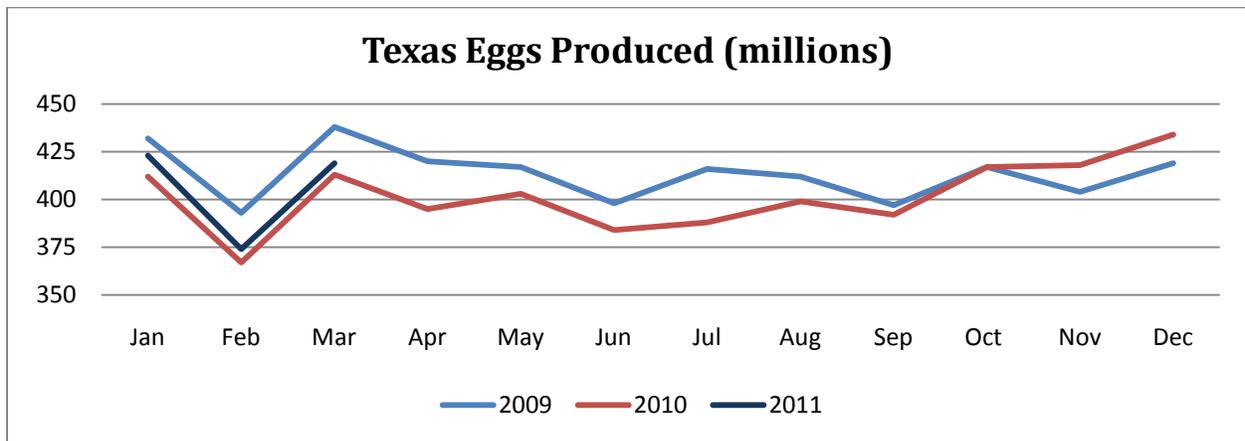
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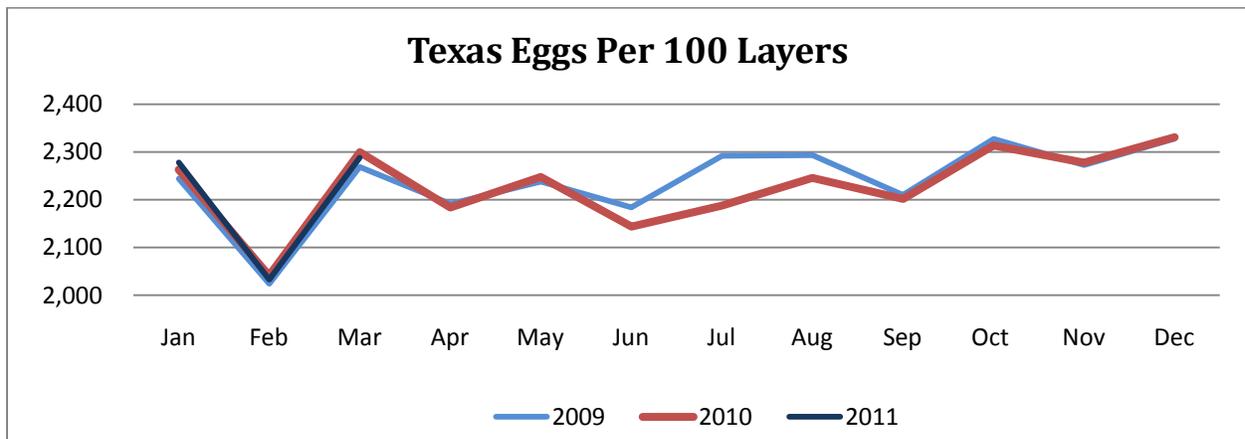
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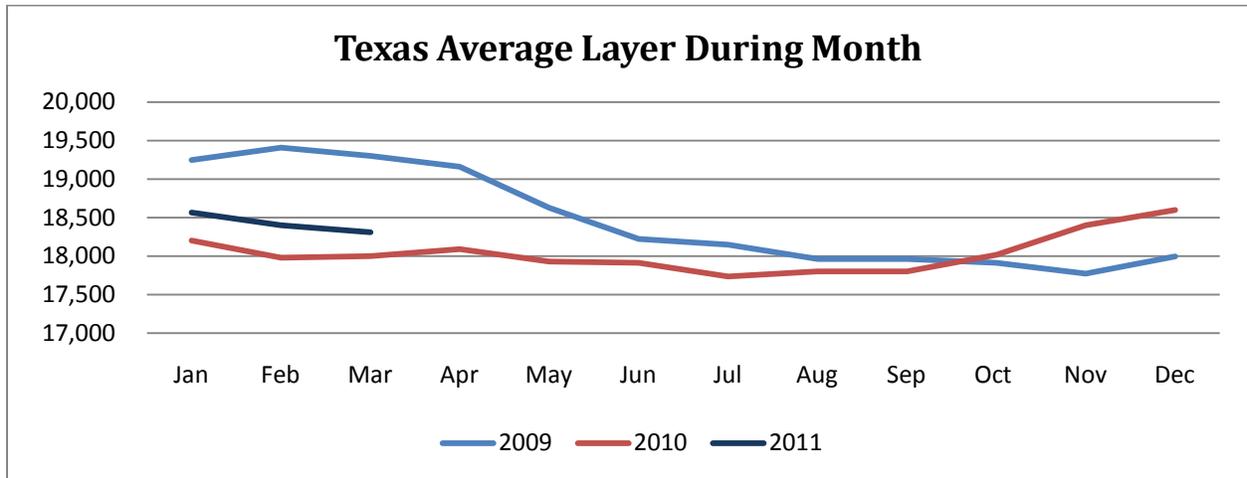
## March Egg Production Up 1 Percent from a Year Ago

March 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 419 million eggs, up 1 percent from March 2010 and up 12 percent from February 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during March averaged 18.3 million, up 2 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from February 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,288 eggs, down from last year's 2,300 eggs but up from last month's 2,033 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.1 million, down 4 percent from last year.





**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion eggs during March 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during March 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up slightly from March 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 44.0 million, down 2 percent from March 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 794 million, was up 1 percent from March of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2011, up 1 percent from March 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2011/ChicEggs-04-21-2011.pdf>

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