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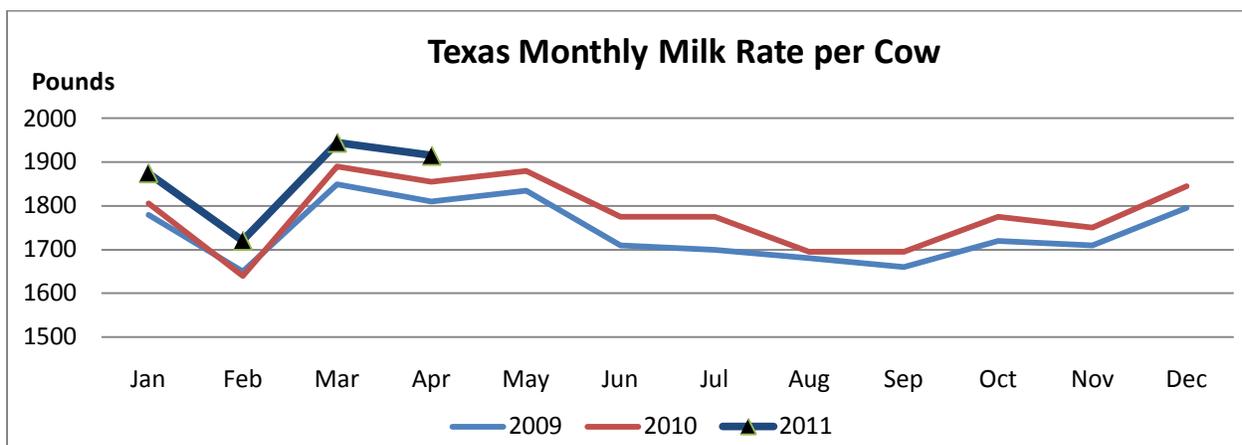
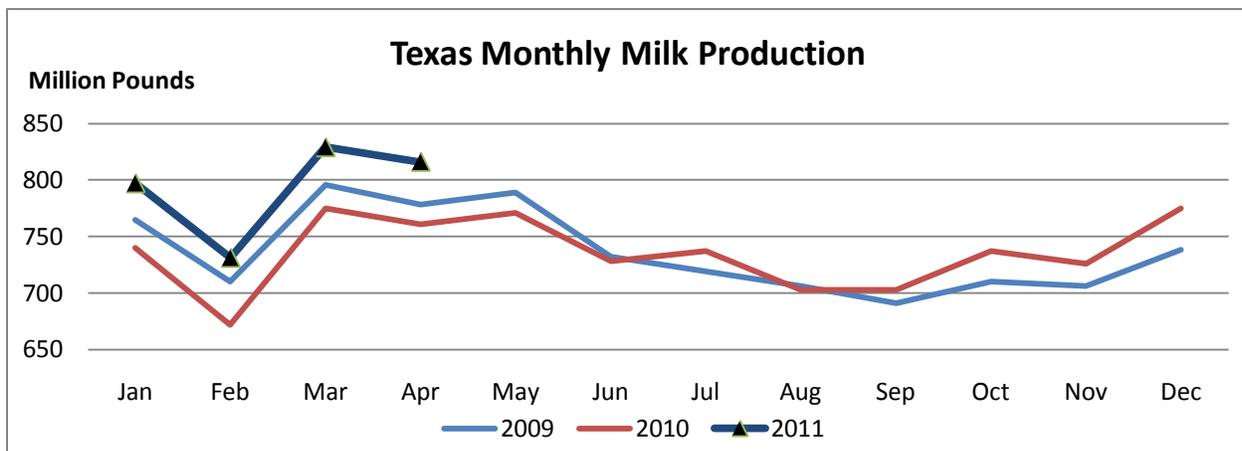
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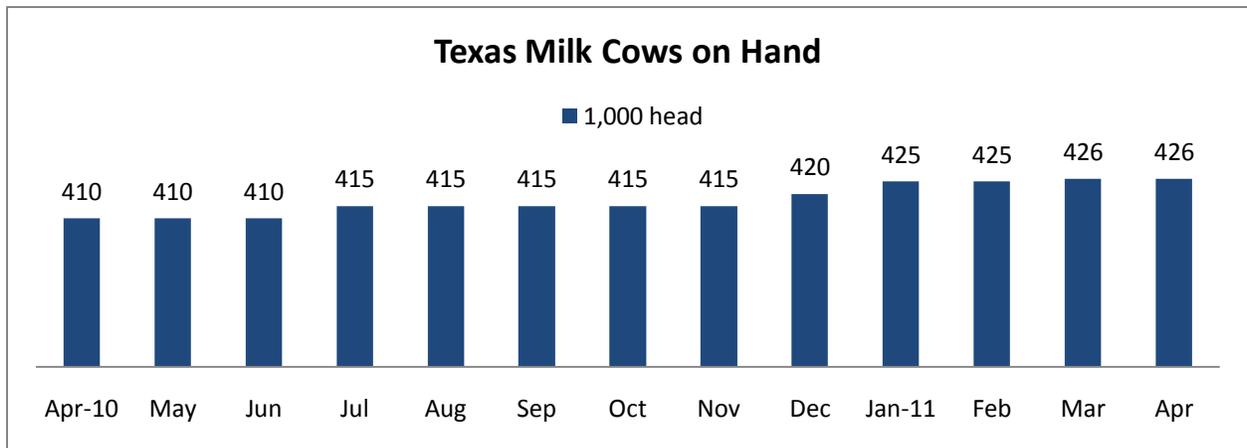
Texas Milk Production Up 7 Percent from Last Year

Texas milk production totaled 816 million pounds during April, up 7 percent from last year's production of 761 million pounds. March 2011 production totaled 829 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during April averaged 426,000 head, up 16,000 head from last year but unchanged from the March 2011 number. Production per cow averaged 1,915 pounds during April, 60 pounds more than last year but 30 pounds less than March 2011.



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U.S. Highlights: Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 15.5 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from production in these same states in April 2010. March revised production, at 15.8 billion pounds, was up 2.4 percent from March 2010.

Production per cow during April averaged 1,834 pounds, 9 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.43 million head, 97,000 head more than last year and 8,000 head more than March 2011.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/MilkProd//2010s/2011/MilkProd-05-18-2011.pdf>

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