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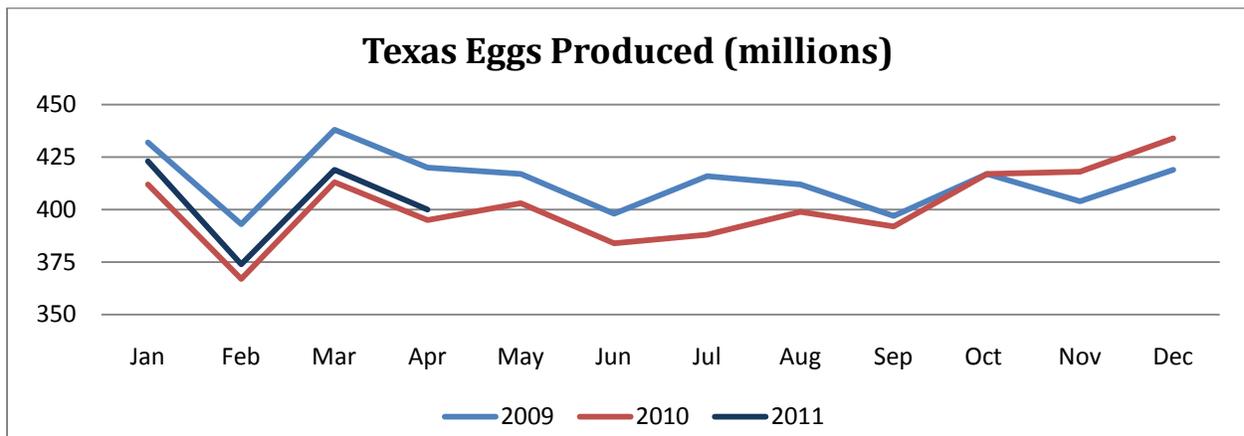
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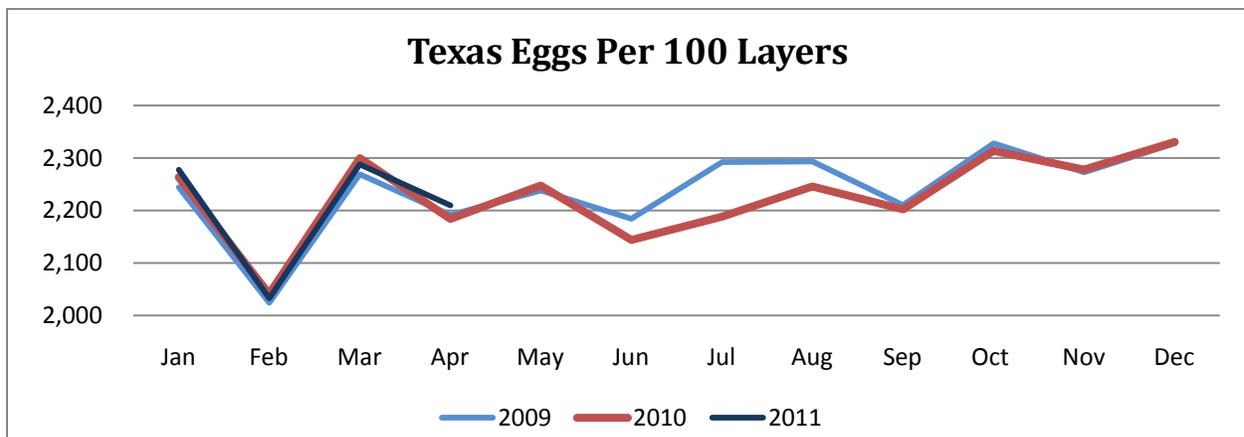
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April Egg Production Up 1 Percent from a Year Ago

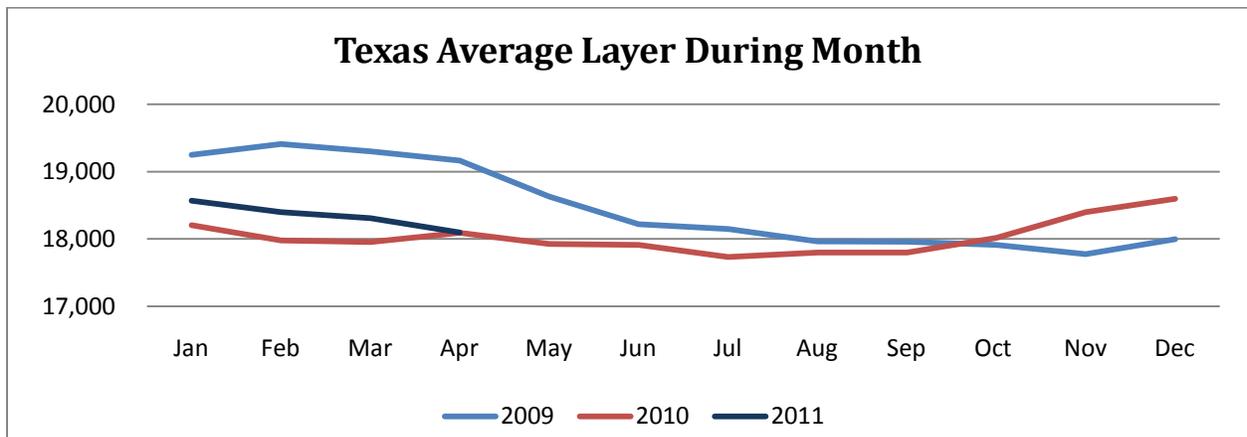
April 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 400 million eggs, up 1 percent from April 2010 but down 5 percent from March 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during April averaged 18.1 million, up slightly from last year but down 1 percent from March 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,210 eggs, up from last year's 2,184 eggs but down from last month's 2,288 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.6 million, up 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion during April 2011, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, 987 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 70 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during April 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,236 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 43.4 million, down 9 percent from April 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 780 million, was up 2 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.90 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2011, up 1 percent from April 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2011/ChicEggs-05-23-2011.pdf>

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