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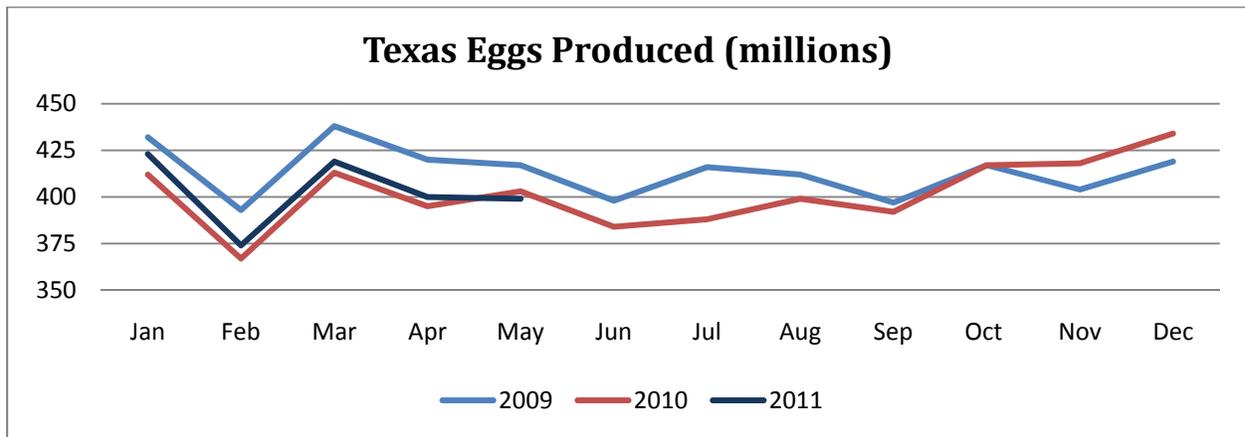
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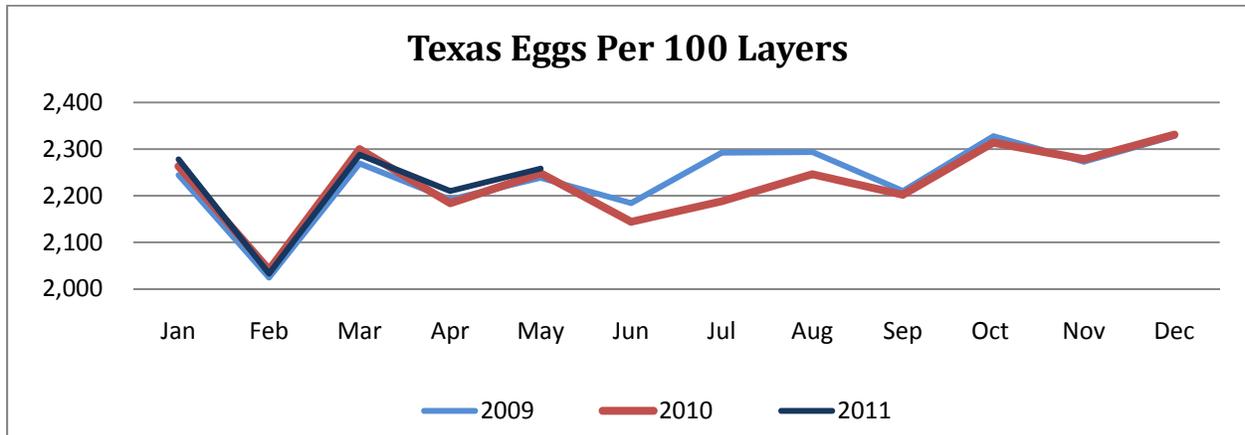
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May Egg Production Down 1 Percent from A Year Ago

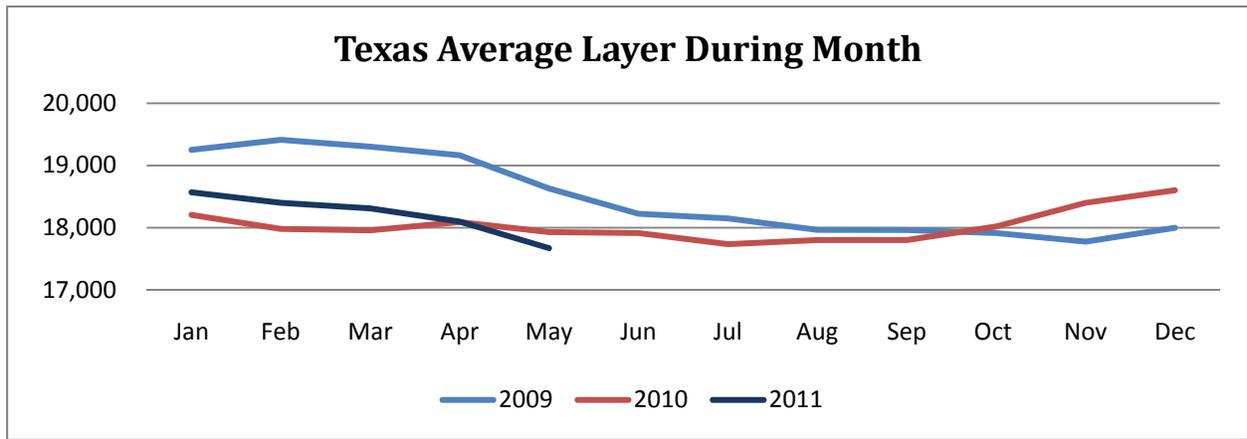
May 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 399 million eggs, down 1 percent from May 2010 and virtually unchanged from April 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during May averaged 17.7 million, down 1 percent from last year and down 2 percent from April 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,258 eggs, up from last year's 2,248 eggs and up from last month's 2,210 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.1 million, down 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.78 billion during May 2011, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.67 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 72 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during May 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,302 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 43.3 million, up slightly from May 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 807 million, was up 1 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.72 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2011, down 8 percent from May 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ChicEggs/ChicEggs-06-21-2011.pdf>

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