



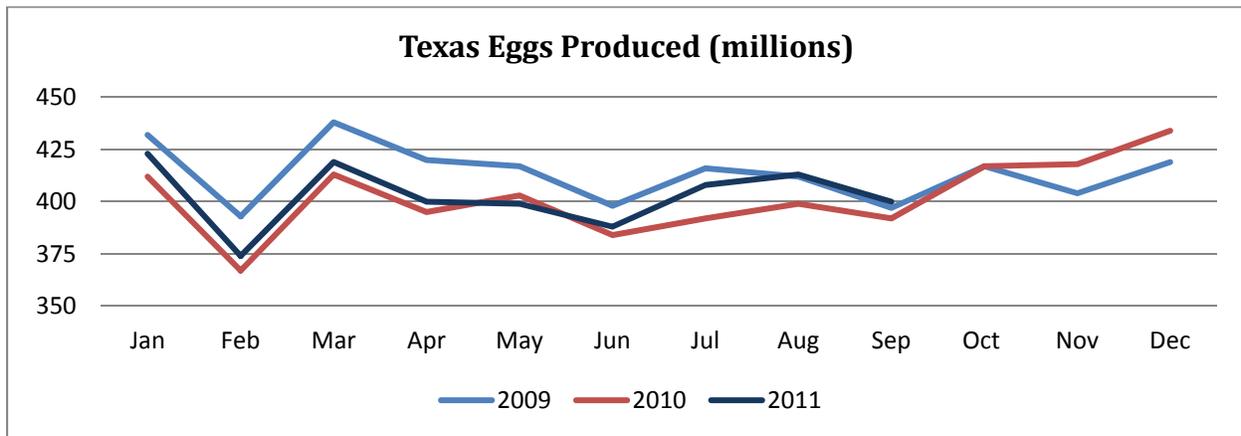
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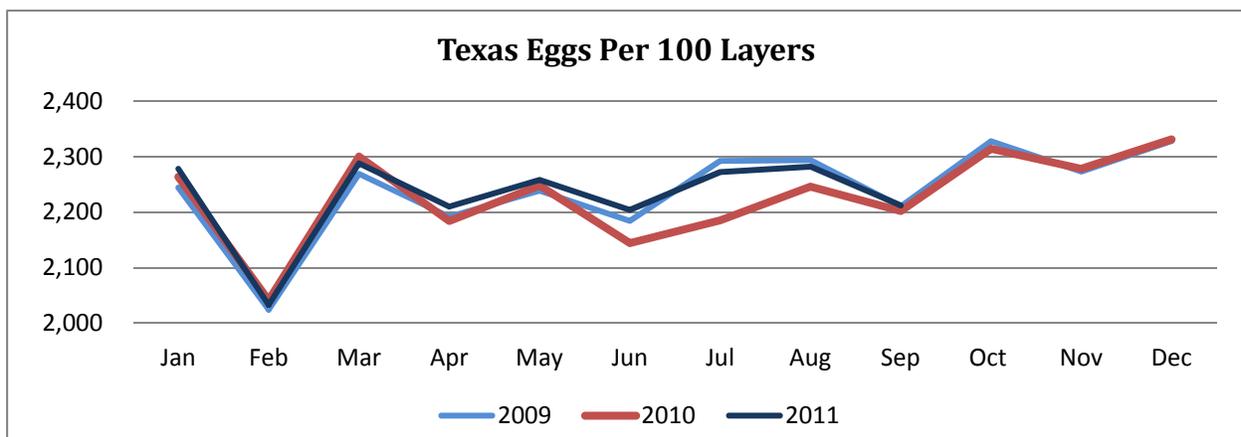
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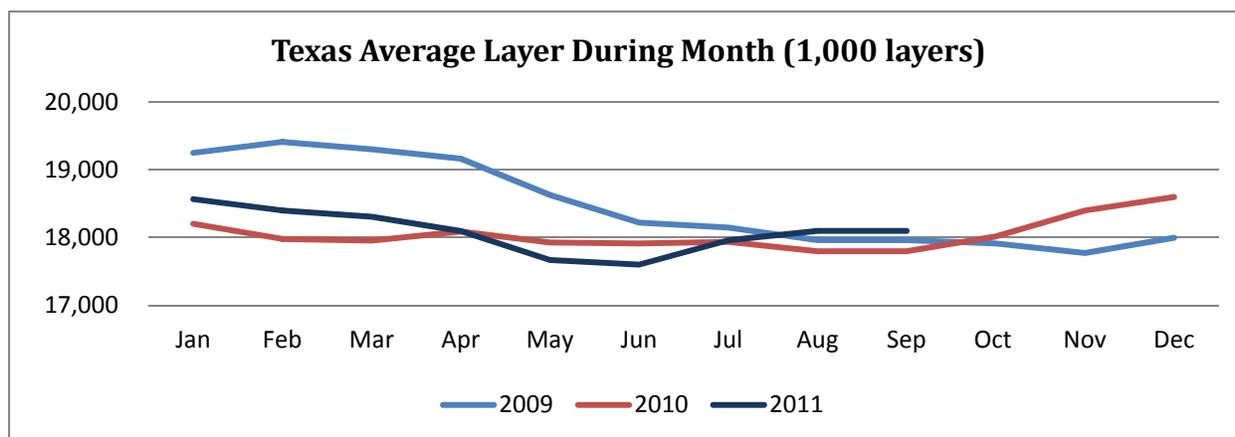
September 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 400 million eggs, up 2 percent from September 2010 and down 3 percent from August 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during September averaged 18.1 million, up 2 percent from last year and unchanged from August 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,212 eggs, up from last year's 2,202 eggs and down from last month's 2,282 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.1 million, down 13 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.51 billion during September 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, 952 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers was 335 million on October 1, 2011, down slightly from a year ago. Rate of lay per day on October 1, 2011, averaged 74.6 per 100 layers, up 1 percent from October 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.3 million, up slightly from September 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 721 million, was down 5 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2011, down 7 percent from September 2010.

Link to U.S. Report:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1028>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov