



Chicken and Egg Report

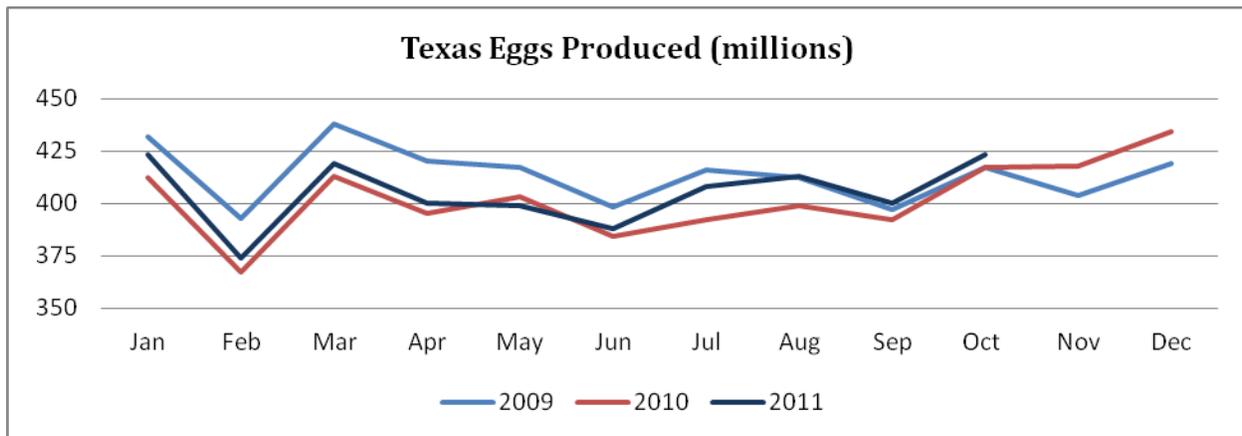
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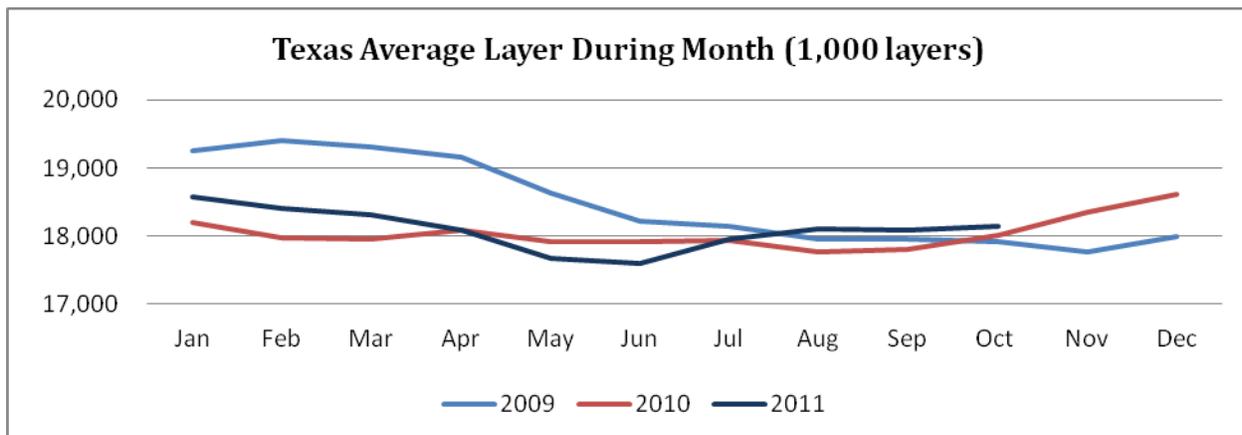
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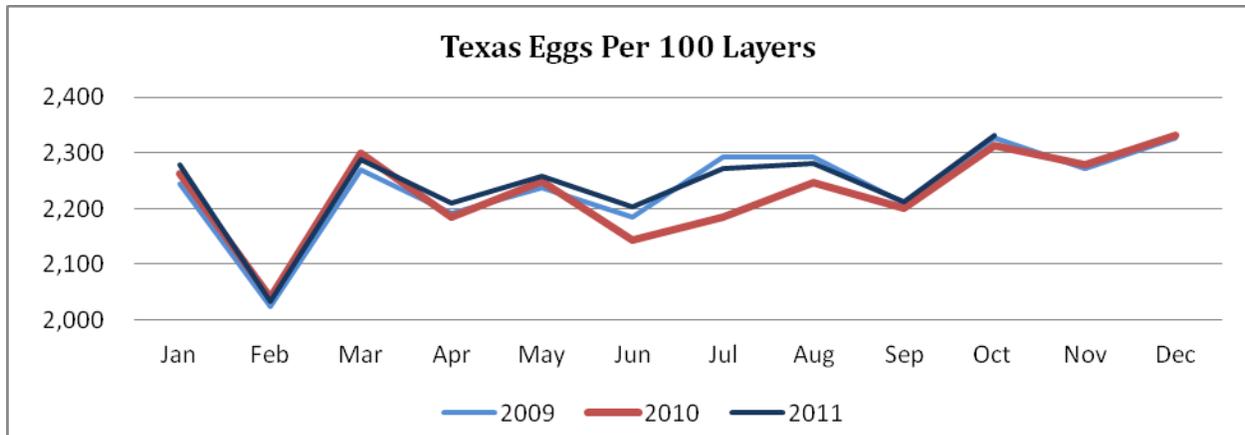
October 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 423 million eggs, 1 percent higher than October 2010 and up 6 percent from September 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during October averaged 18.1 million, up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from September 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,331 eggs, down from last year's 2,314 eggs but up from last month's 2,212 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.8 million, down 11 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.78 billion during October 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.74 billion table eggs, 968 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 70 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 336 million during October 2011, down slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,317 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2010.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.8 million, down 8 percent from October 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 717 million, was down 7 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2011, down 9 percent from October 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1028>

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