



Chicken and Egg Report

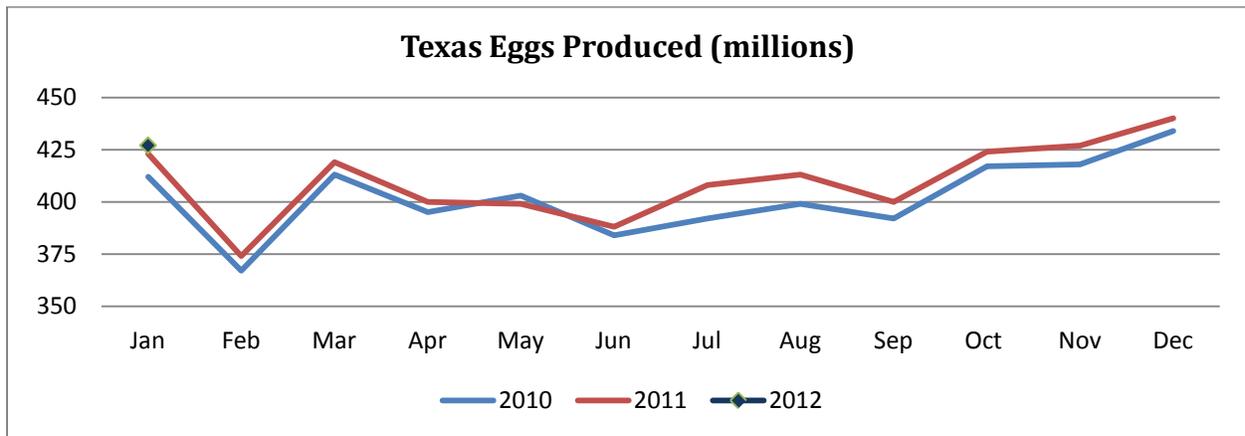
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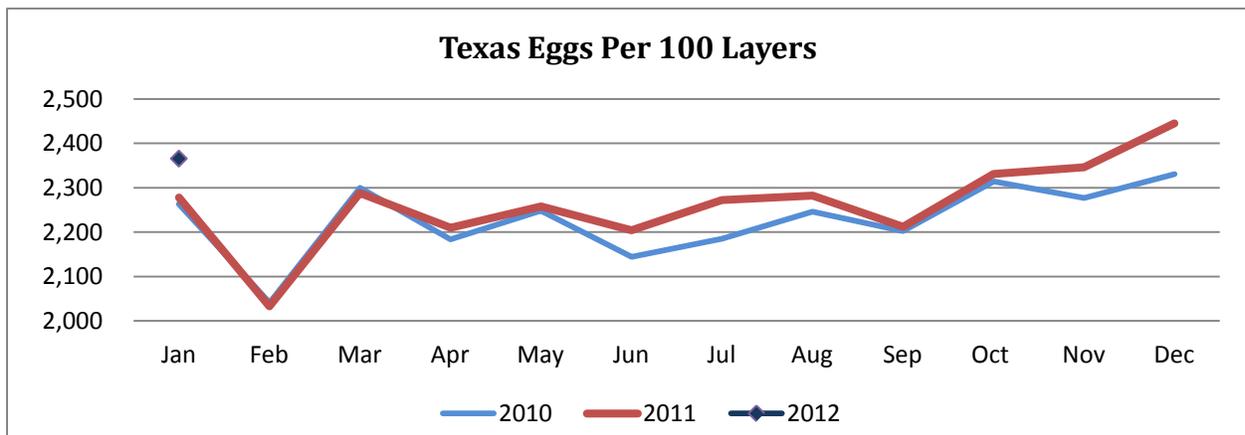
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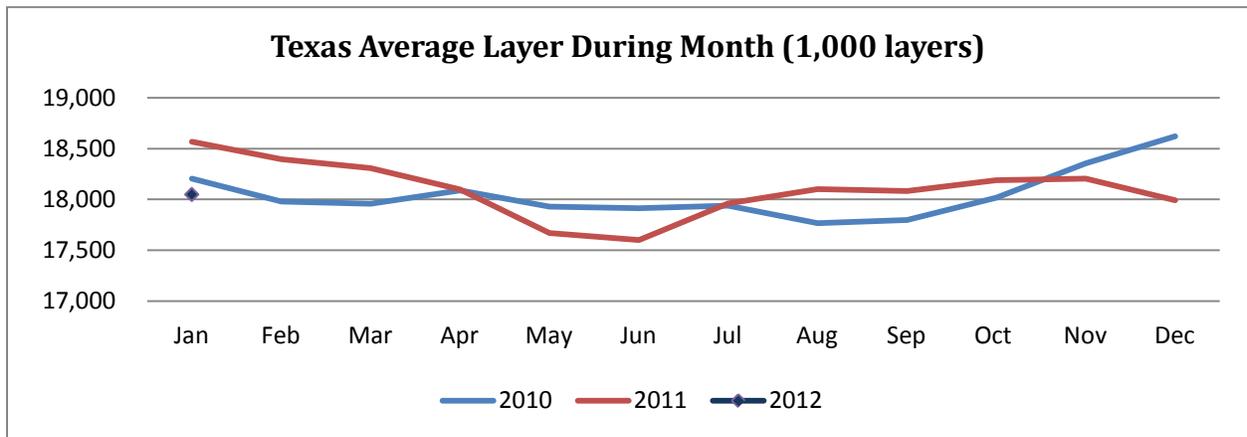
January 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 427 million eggs, up 1 percent from January 2011 but down 3 percent from December 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during January averaged 18.0 million, down 3 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from December 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,366 eggs, up from last year's 2,278 eggs, but down from last month's 2,445 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.8 million in January, down 7 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2012, slightly down from last year. Production included 6.78 billion table eggs, 972 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 337 million on February 1, down 1 percent from last year. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2012, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from February 1, 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.3 million during January 2012, down 3 percent from January 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 752 million, was down 4 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.71 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2012, down 4 percent from January 2011.

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