



Texas Milk Production

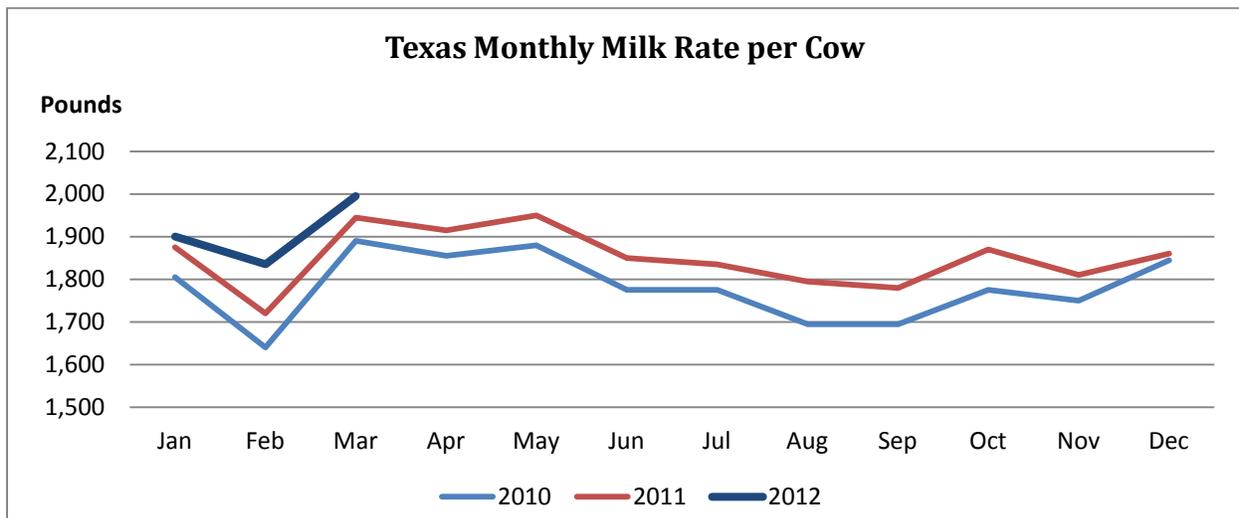
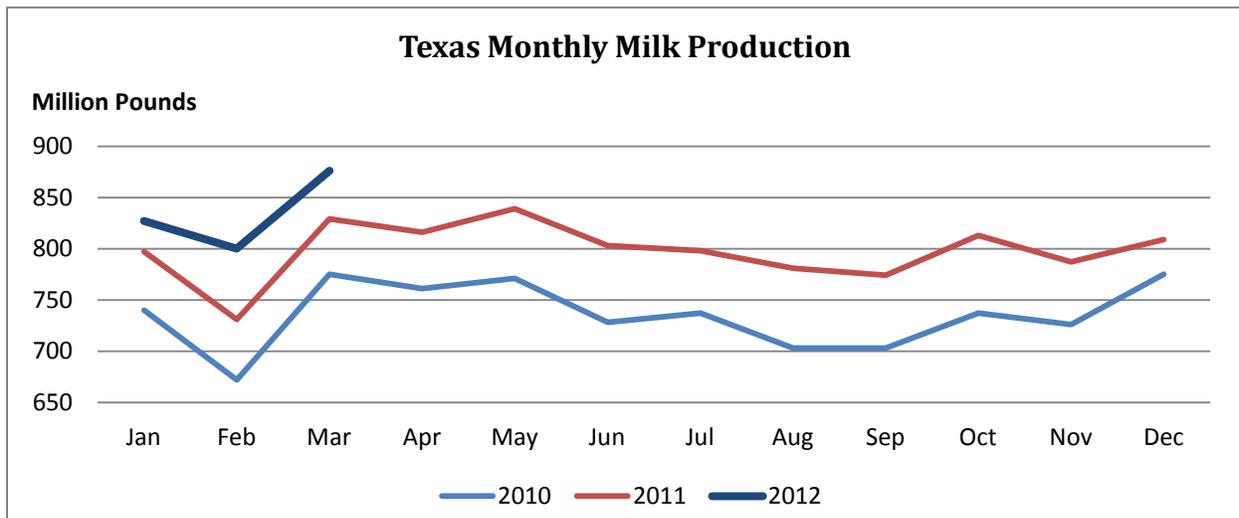
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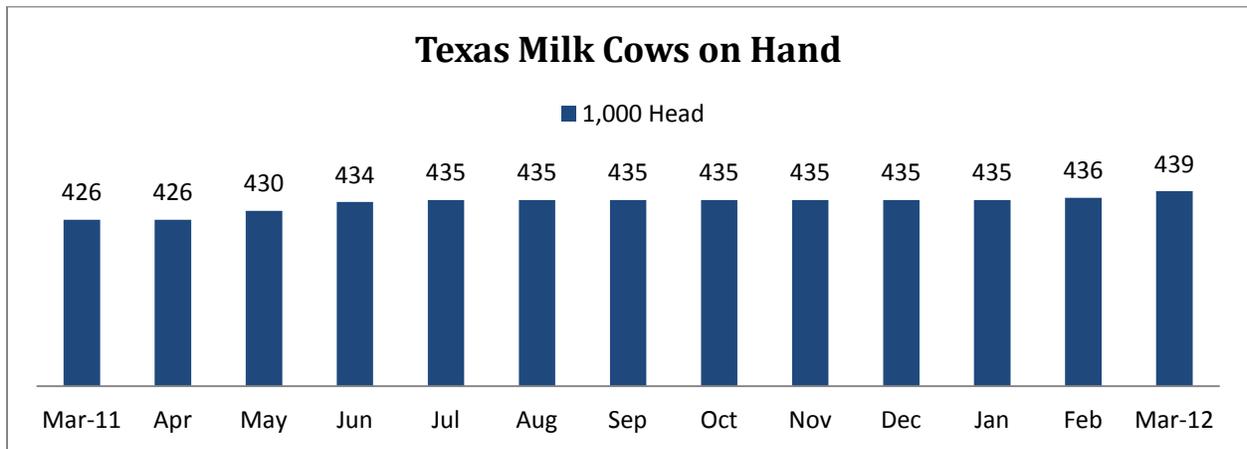
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Texas milk production totaled 876 million pounds during March, up 6 percent from last year's production of 829 million pounds. February 2012 production totaled 800 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 439 thousand head, up 13 thousand head from last year and up 3 thousand head from the February 2012 number. Production per cow averaged 1,995 pounds during March, 50 pounds more than last year and 160 pounds more than February 2012.



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U.S. Highlights: Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 16.5 billion pounds, up 4.3 percent from production in these same states in March 2011. February revised production, at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 8.2 percent from February 2011.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,931 pounds, 59 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.52 million head, 94 thousand head more than last year and 9 thousand head more than February 2012.

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