



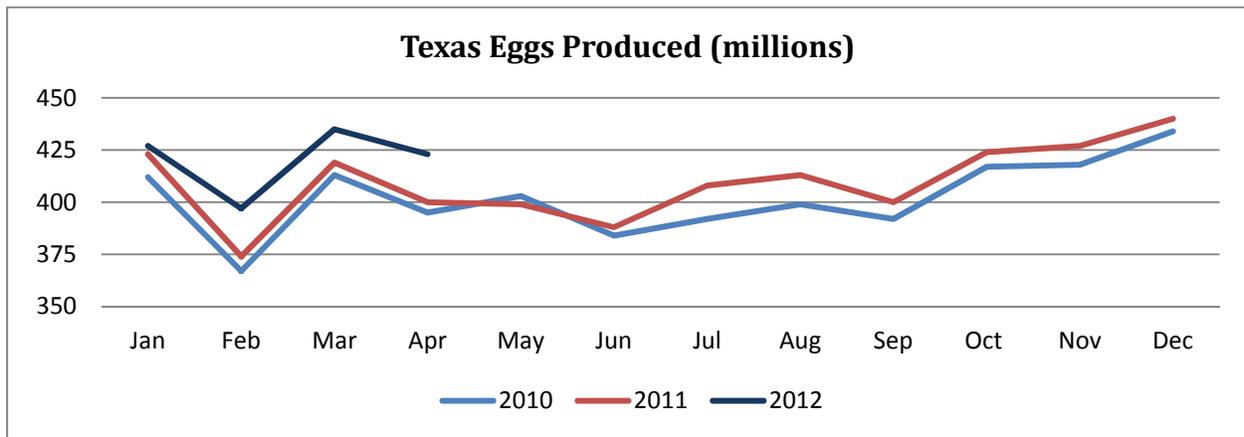
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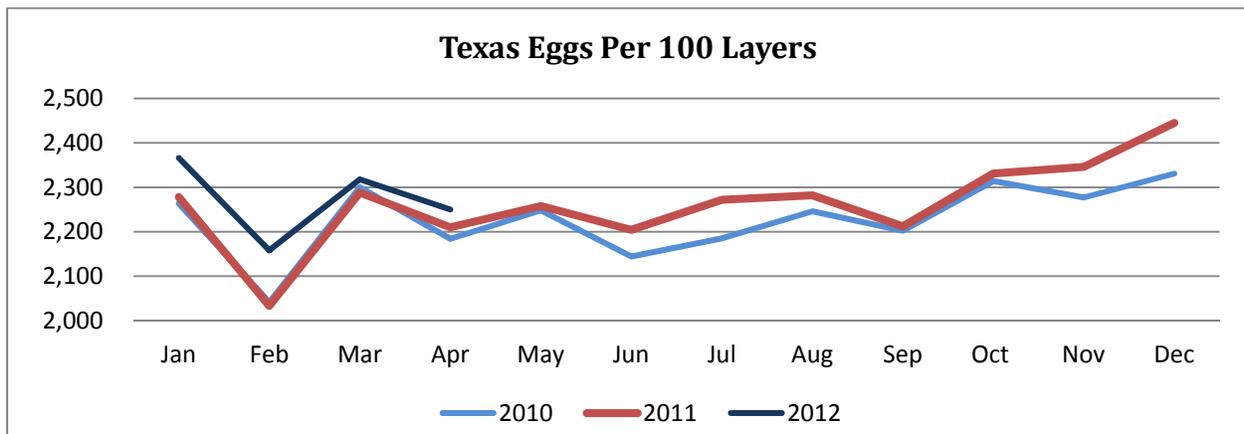
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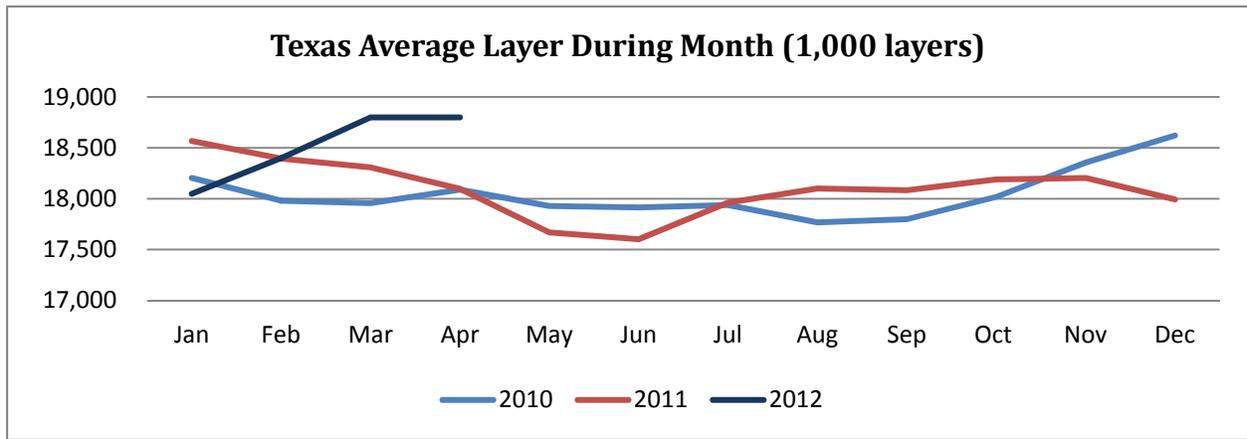
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April 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 423 million eggs, up 6 percent from April 2011, but down 3 percent from March 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during April averaged 18.8 million, up 4 percent from last year, but virtually unchanged from March 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,250 eggs, up from last year's 2,210 eggs, but down from last month's 2,318 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.8 million, down 2 percent from last year.





U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.58 billion eggs during April 2012, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, 964 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during April 2012, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,233 eggs during April, down slightly from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 39.7 million, down 8 percent from April 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 748 million, was down 4 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.52 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2012, down 7 percent from April 2011.

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