



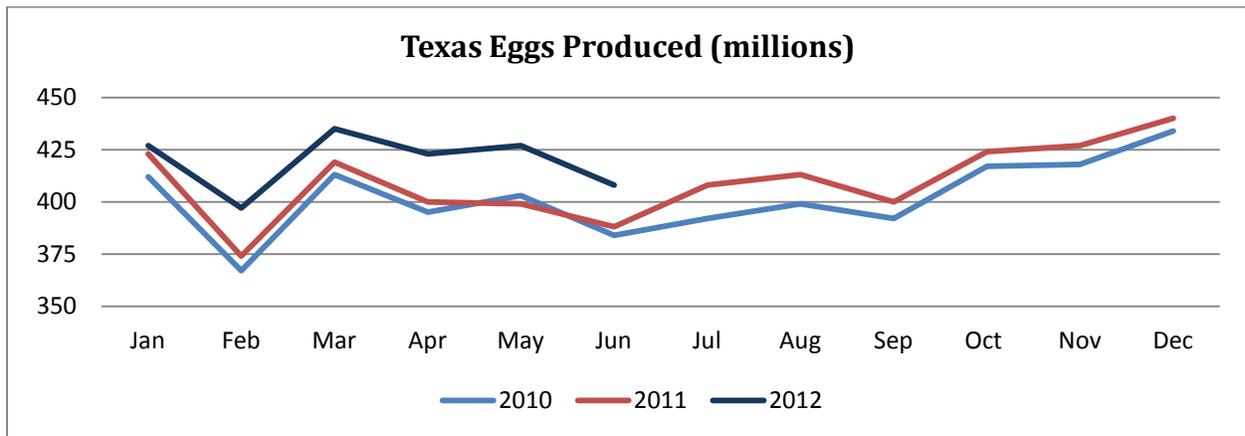
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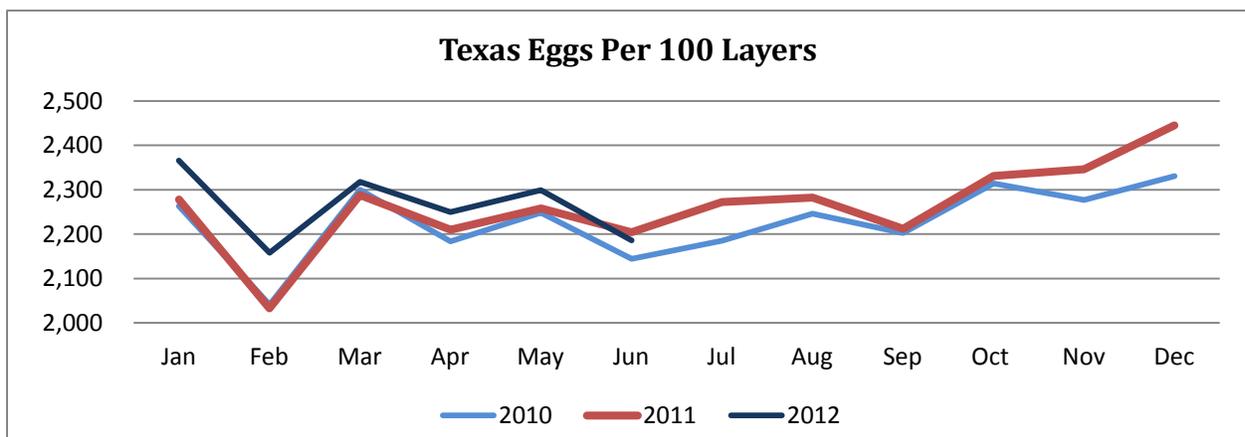
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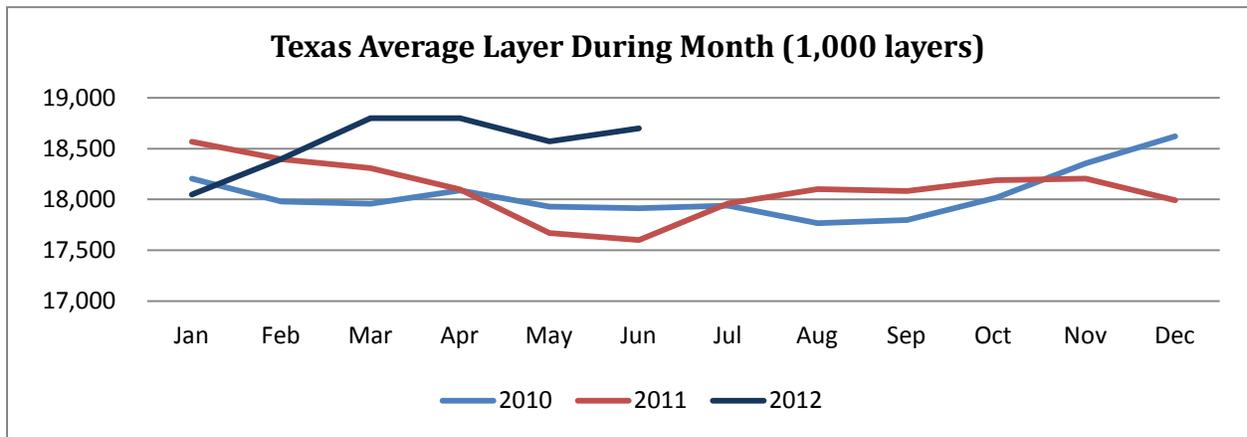
June 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 408 million eggs, up 5 percent from June 2011, but down 4 percent from May 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during June averaged 18.7 million, up 6 percent from last year and up 1 percent from May 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,186 eggs, down from last year's 2,204 eggs and down from last month's 2,299 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.4 million, up 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.50 billion during June 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, 965 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 337 million during June 2012, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,227 eggs, down slightly from June 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 39.4 million, up 1 percent from June 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 756 million, was down 1 percent from June of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.80 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2012, down 6 percent from June 2011.

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