



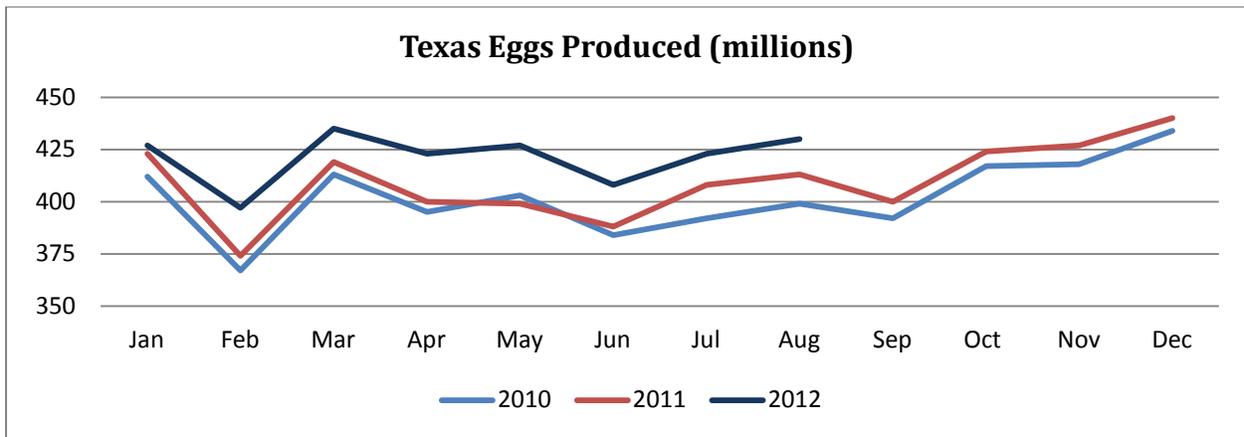
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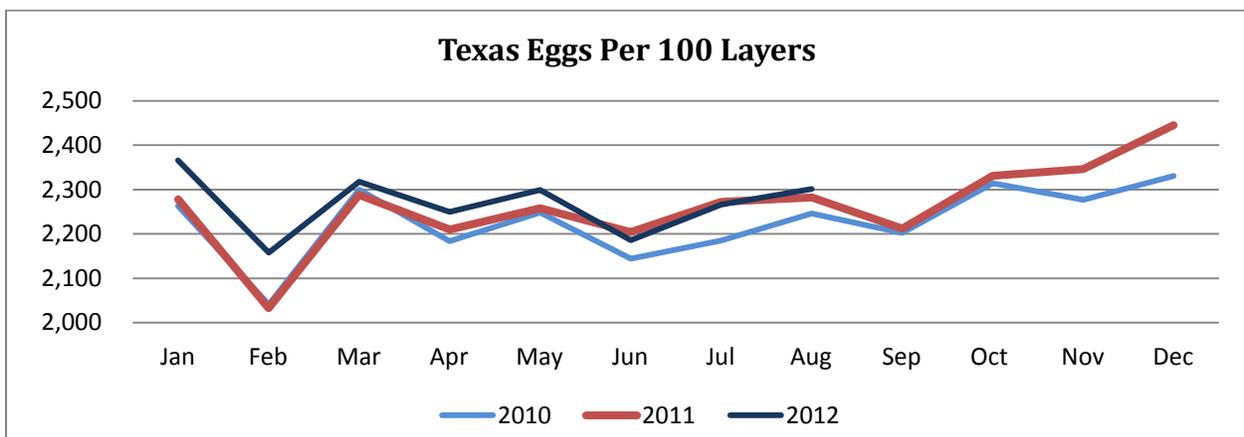
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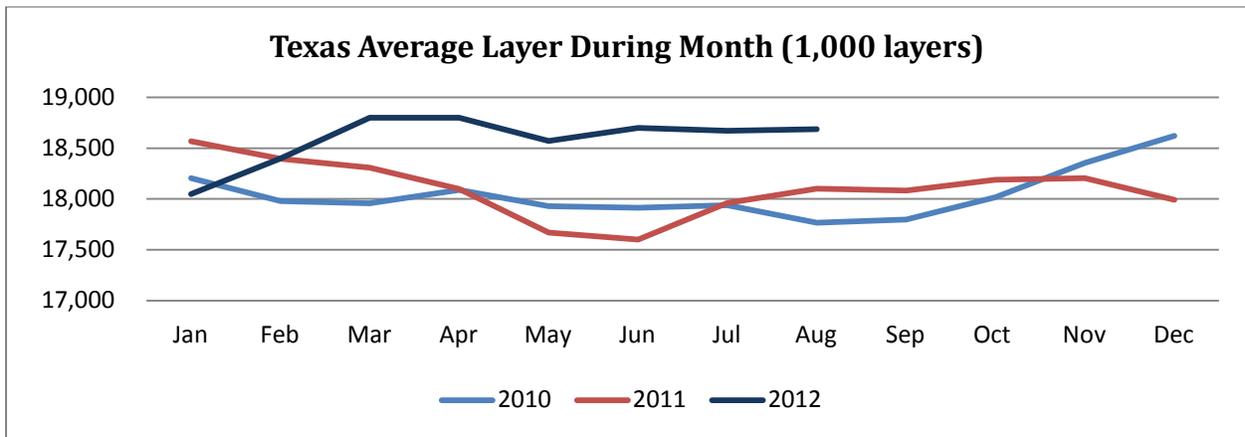
August 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 430 million eggs, up 4 percent from August 2011 and up 2 percent from July 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during August averaged 18.7 million, up 3 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from July 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,301 eggs, up from last year's 2,282 eggs and up from last month's 2,266 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.3 million, down 1 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.80 billion during August 2012, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, 971 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers was 336 million on September 1, 2012, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 75.1 eggs, up 1 percent from September 1, 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 41.4 million, down slightly from August 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 758 million, was down slightly from August of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.05 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2012, down 3 percent from August 2011.

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