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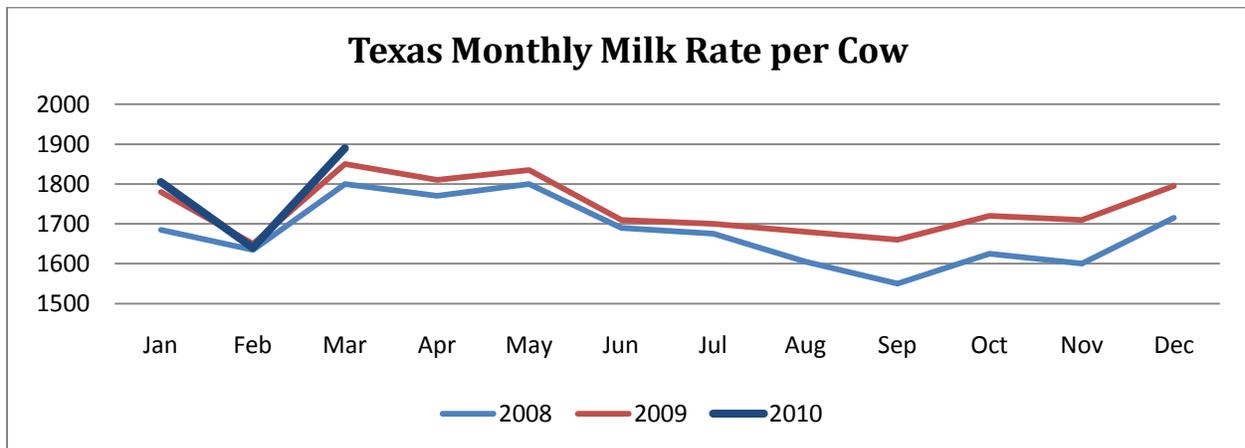
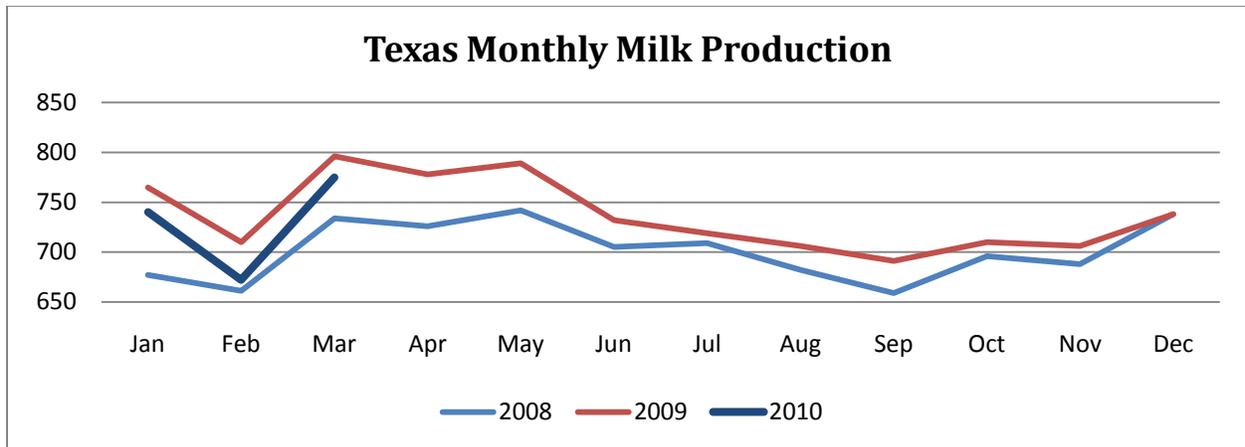
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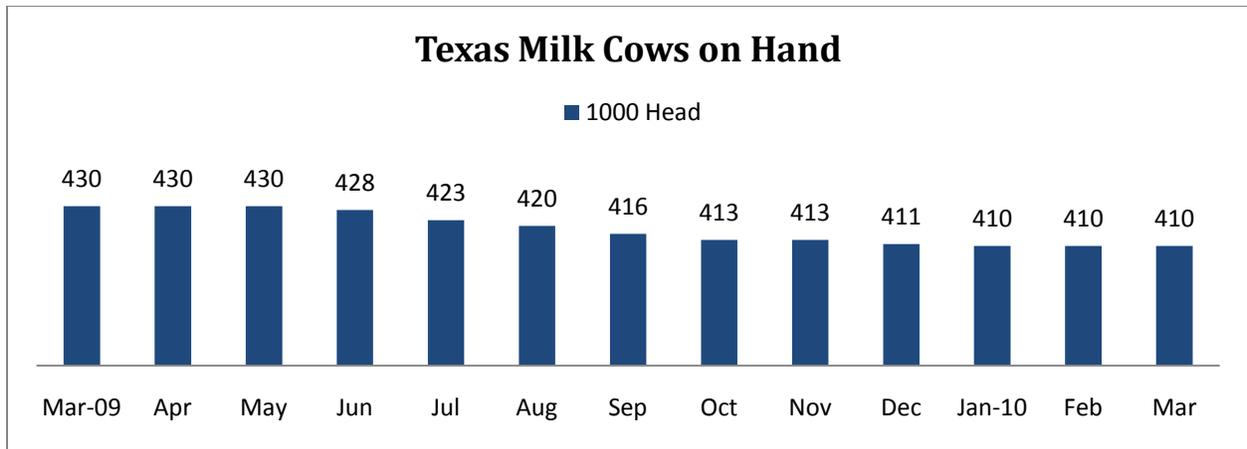
Texas Milk Production Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Texas milk production totaled 775 million pounds during March, down 3 percent from last year's production of 796 million pounds. February 2010 production totaled 672 million pounds.

The number of milk cows during March averaged 410,000 head, down 20,000 head from last year but unchanged from the February 2010 number. Production per cow averaged 1,890 pounds during March, 40 pounds more than last year and 250 pounds more than February 2010.



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U.S. Highlights: Milk production in the 23 states participating in the monthly survey totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from production in these same states in March 2009. February revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from February 2009.

Production per cow during March averaged 1,846 pounds, 51 pounds above a year ago. The average number of milk cows in the 23 states was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than last year but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/MilkProd//2010s/2010/MilkProd-04-19-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/index.asp>