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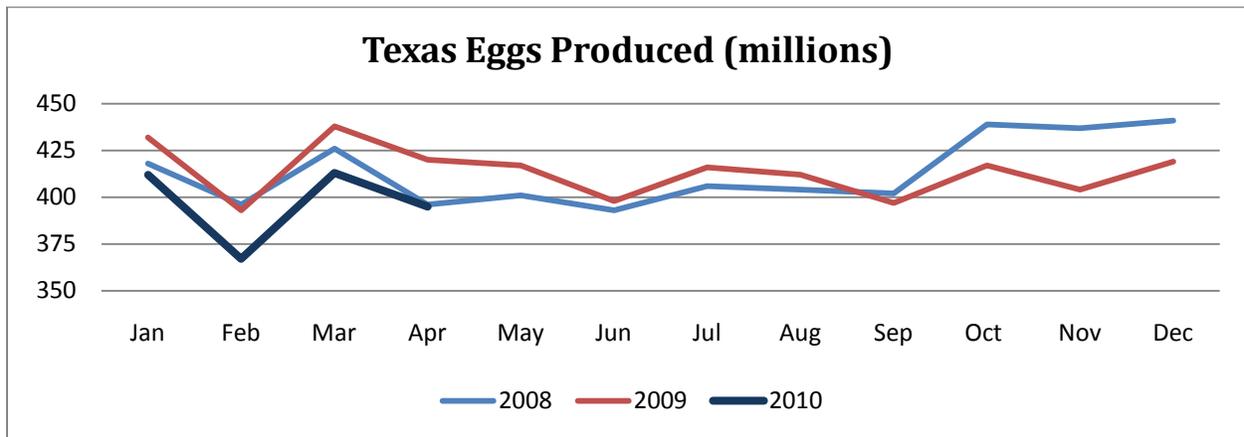
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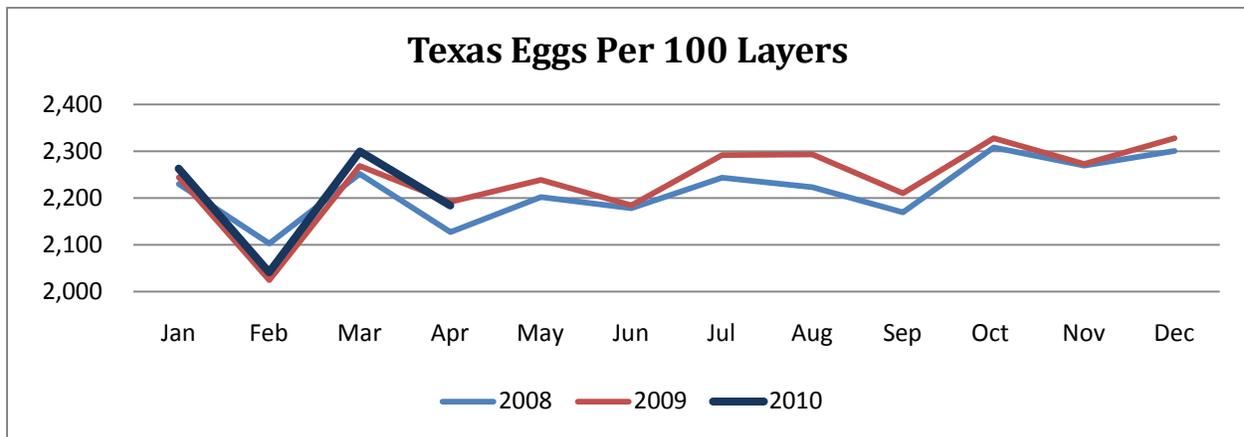
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April Egg Production Down 6 Percent from a Year Ago

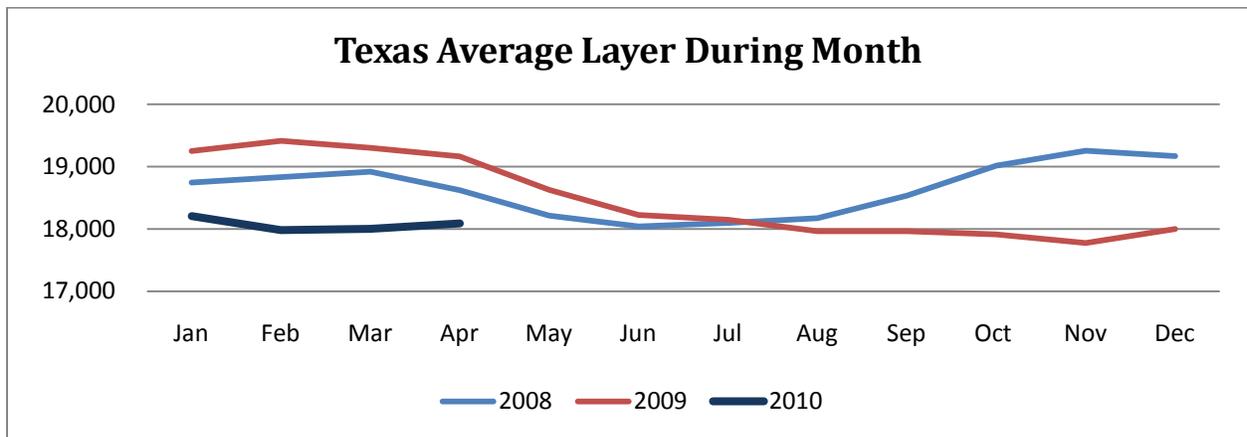
April 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 395 million eggs, down 6 percent from April 2009 and down 4 percent from March 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during April averaged 18.1 million, down 6 percent from last year but up 1 percent from March 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,184 eggs, down from last year's 2,192 eggs but up from last month's 2,300 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.1 million, down 5 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, 1.00 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 74 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during April 2010, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 47.5 million, up 11 percent from April 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 767 million, was up 1 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.54 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2010, up 5 percent from April 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-05-21-2010.pdf>

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