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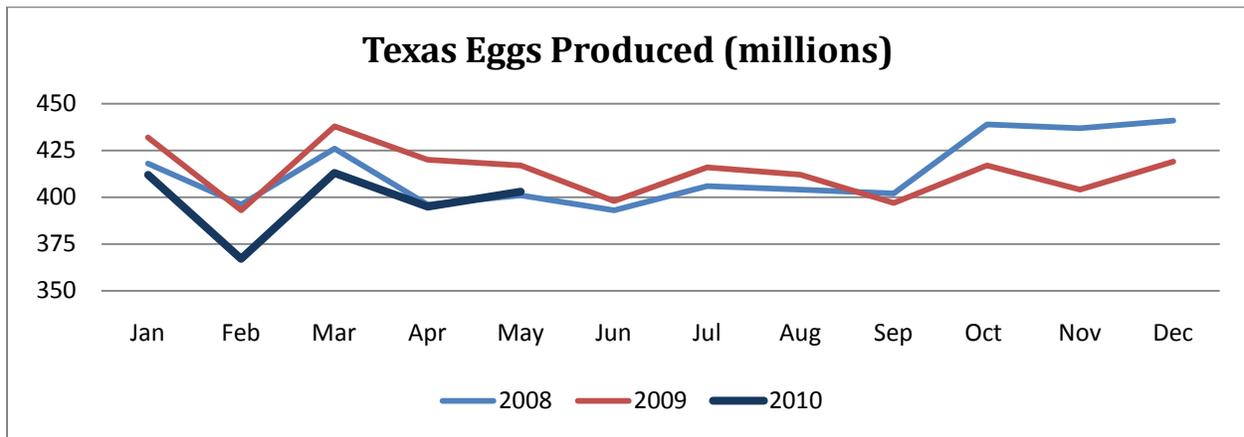
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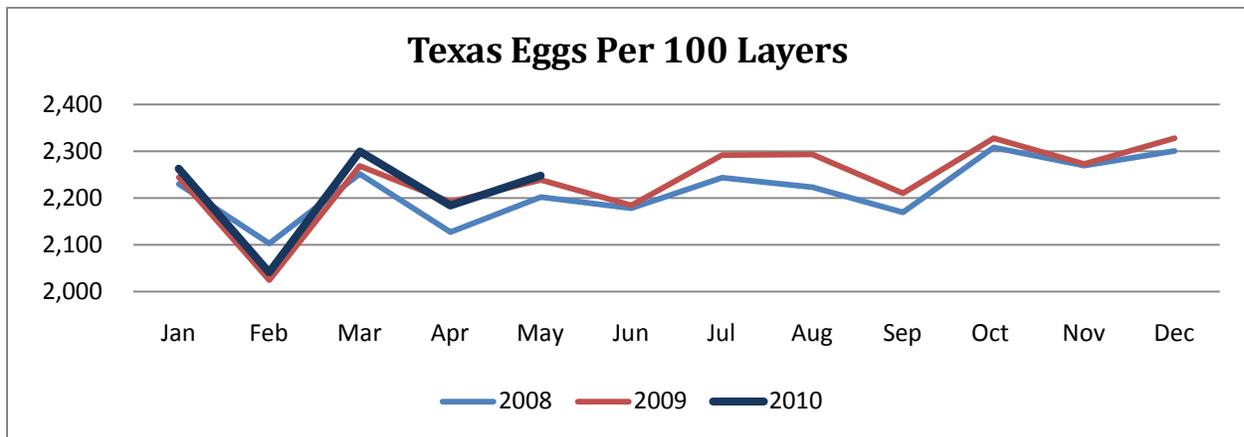
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May Egg Production Down 3 Percent from A Year Ago

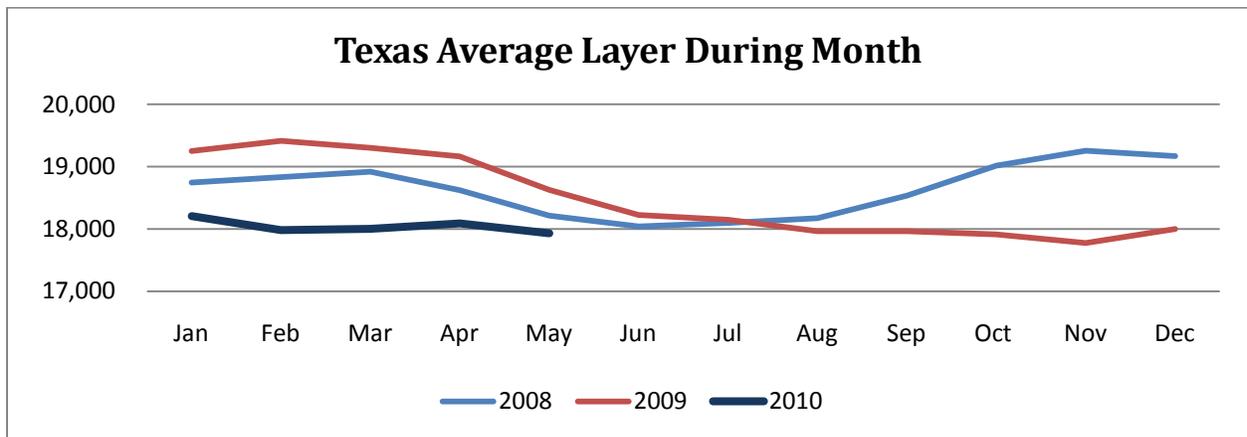
May 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 403 million eggs, down 3 percent from May 2009 and up 2 percent from April 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during May averaged 17.9 million, down 4 percent from last year but down 1 percent from April 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,248 eggs, down from last year's 2,238 eggs but up from last month's 2,184 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.7 million, down slightly from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion during May 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.58 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during May 2010, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 43.1 million, up 6 percent from May 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 798 million, was up 1 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 8.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2010, up 5 percent from May 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-06-22-2010.pdf>

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