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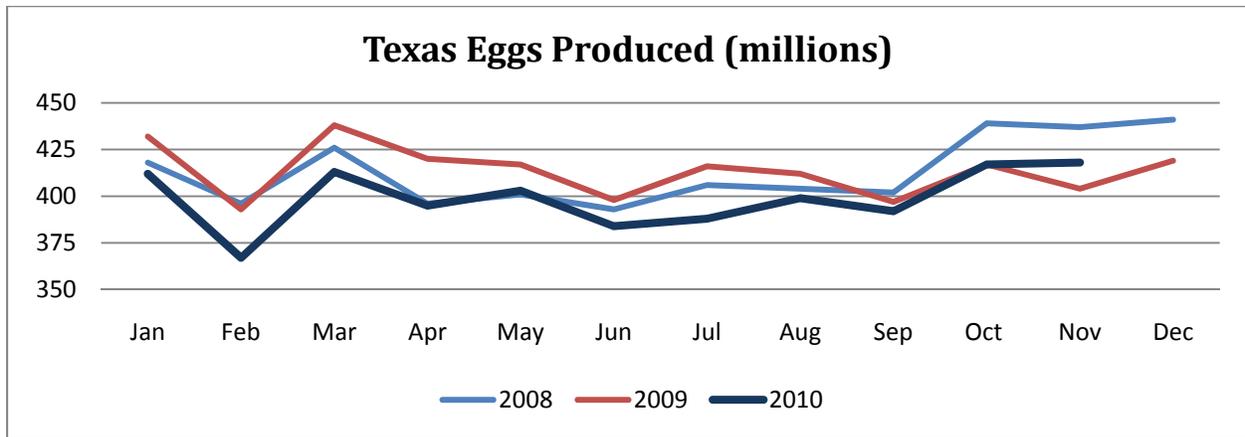
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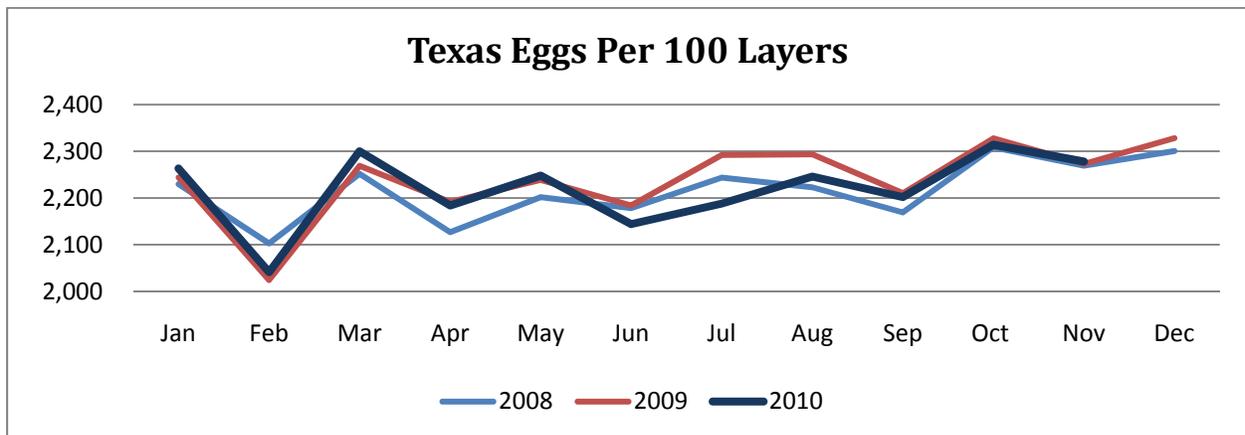
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November Egg Production up Slightly from Last Month

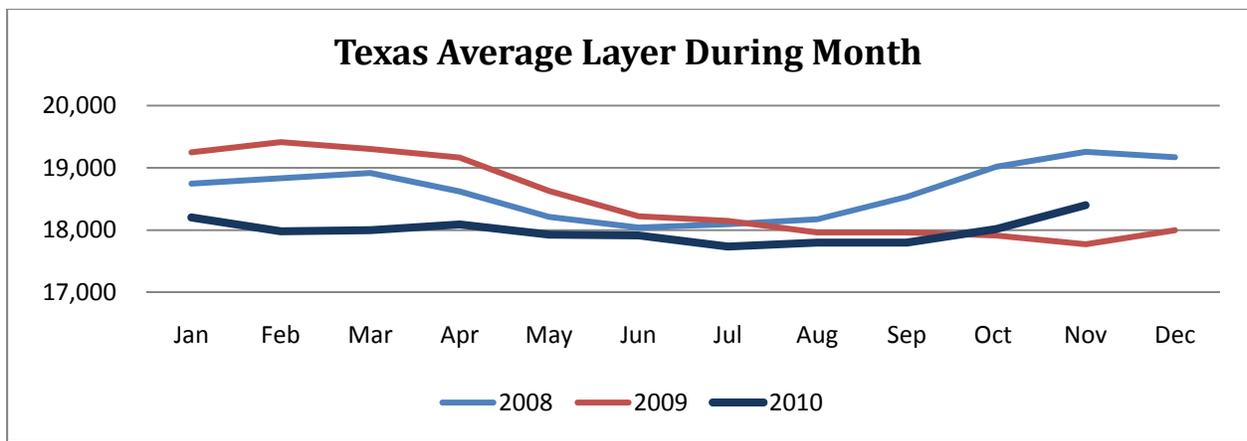
November 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 418 million eggs, up 3 percent from November 2009 and virtually unchanged from October 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during November averaged 18.4 million, up 3 percent from last year and 2 percent from October 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,278 eggs, up from last year's 2,273 eggs but down from last month's 2,314 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.7 million in November, up 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, 970 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 65 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 340 million on December 1, 2010, up slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 74.9 eggs, up slightly from December 1, 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.9 million, up 13 percent from November 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 741 million, was up 5 percent from November of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.47 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2010, up 2 percent from November 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2010/ChicEggs-12-21-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov