



# News Release

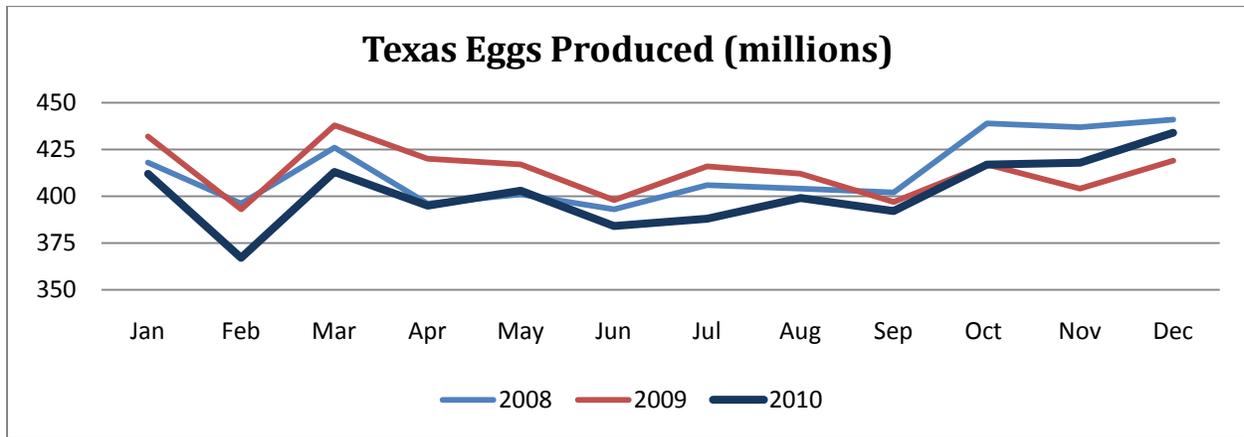
Cooperating with Texas Department of Agriculture  
Texas Field Office · Post Office Box 70 · Austin, Texas 78767 800-626-3142 [www.nass.usda.gov/tx](http://www.nass.usda.gov/tx)

Issue No.: PR-106-11, January 21, 2011

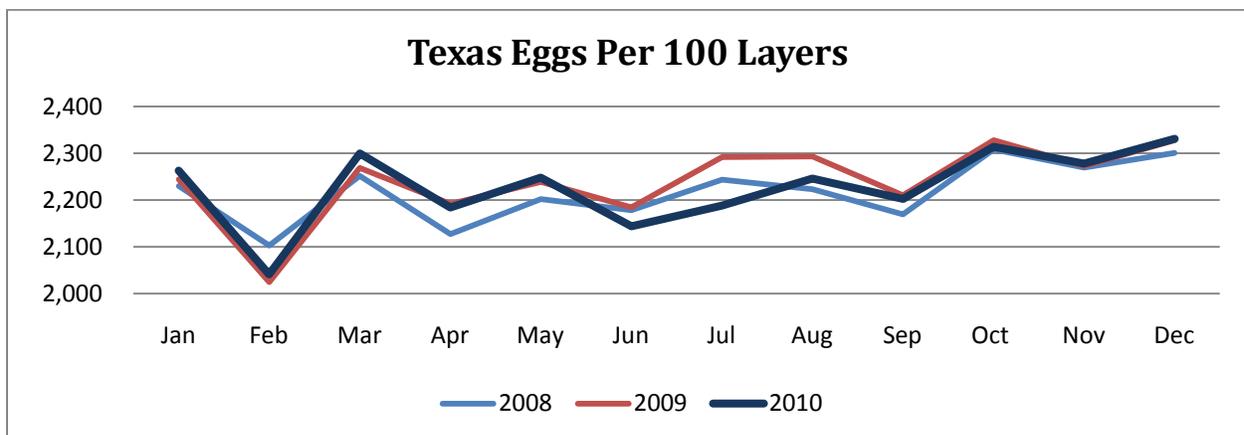
Contacts: Darius Lewis or Quentin Hart

## December Egg Production up Slightly from Last Month

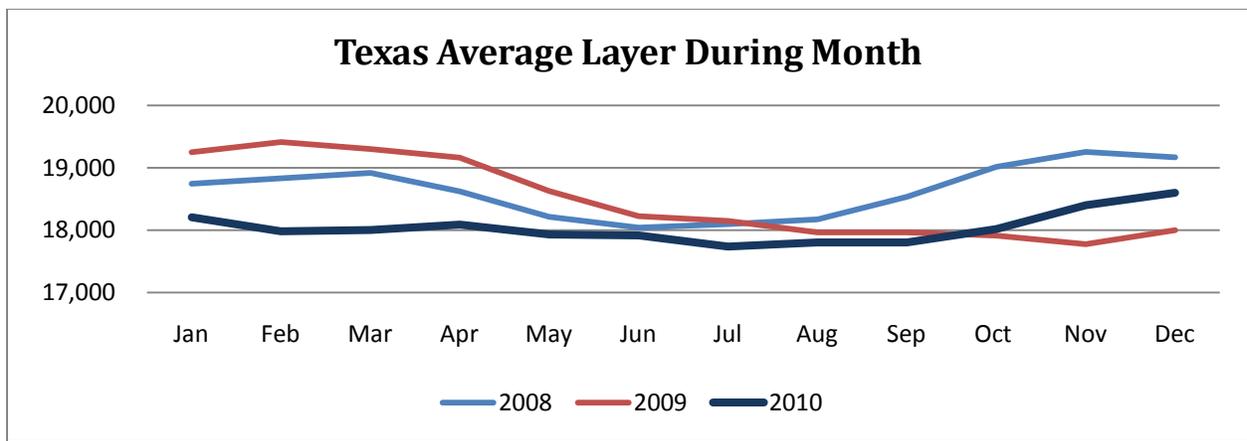
December 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 434 million eggs, up 4 percent from December 2009 and up 4 percent from November 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during December averaged 18.6 million, up 3 percent from last year and 1 percent from November 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,331 eggs, up from last year's 2,328 eggs and up from last month's 2,278 eggs.



(Continued)



Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 59.4 million in December, up 2 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 7.90 billion during December 2010, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.83 billion table eggs, 1.00 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 67 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during December, up 1 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up slightly from December 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.9 million, down 4 percent from December 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 786 million, was up 1 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2010, down 2 percent from December 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/ChicEggs//2010s/2011/ChicEggs-01-21-2011.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov)