



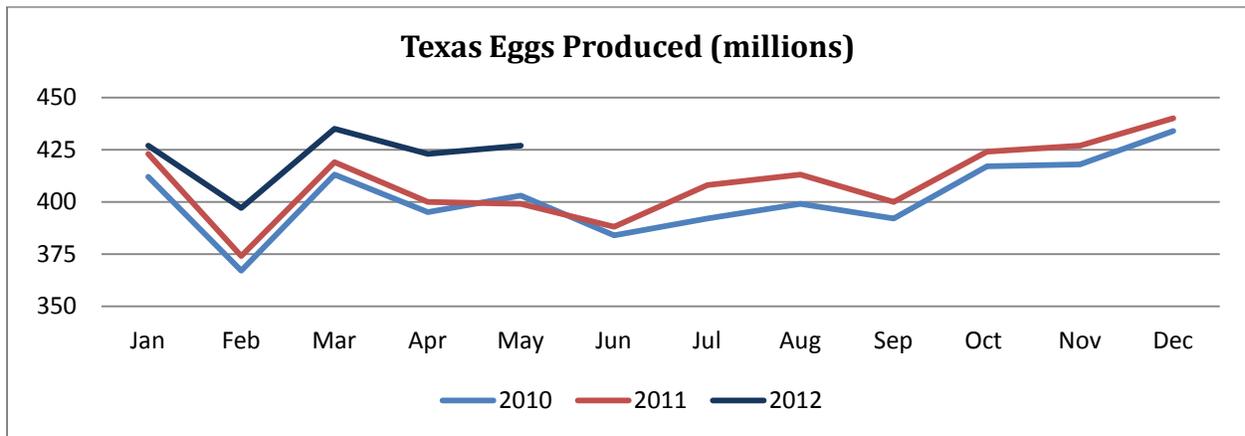
# Chicken and Egg Report

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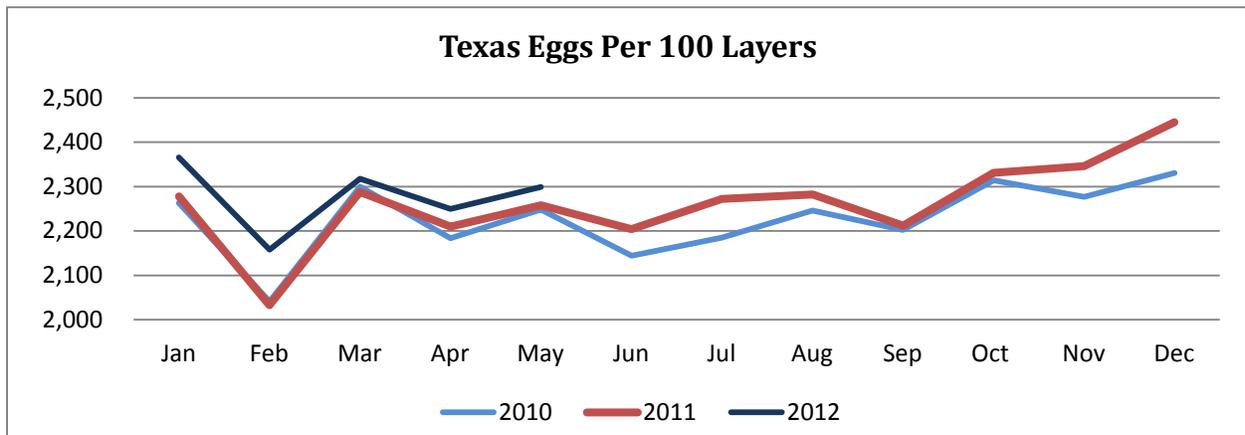
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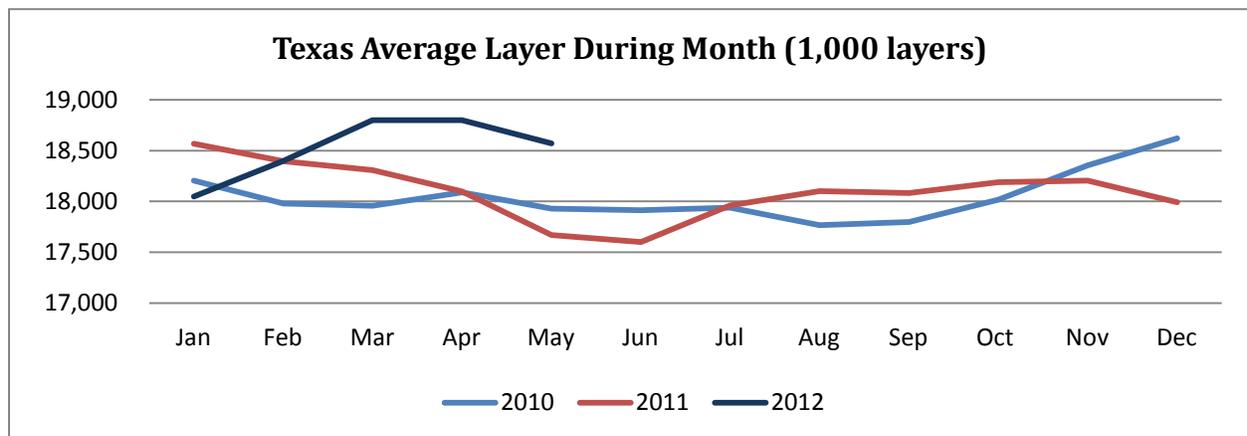
May 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 427 million eggs, up 7 percent from May 2011 and up 1 percent from April 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during May averaged 18.6 million, up 5 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from April 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,299 eggs, up from last year's 2,258 eggs and up from last month's 2,250 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.5 million, down 5 percent from last year.



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**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 7.77 billion during May 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.69 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during May 2012, up slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,296 eggs, down slightly from May 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 43.3 million, up 1 percent from May 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was down 3 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.48 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2012, down 3 percent from May 2011.

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