



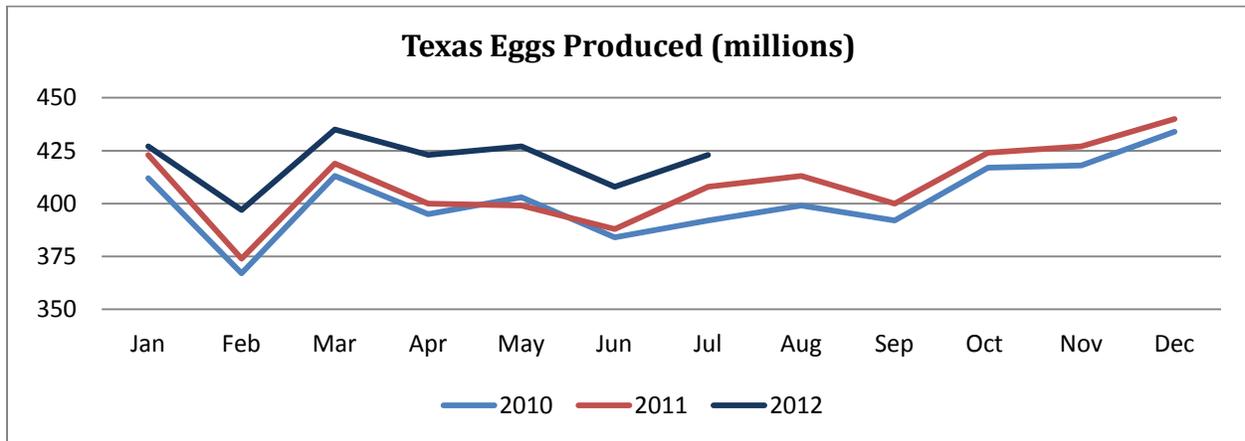
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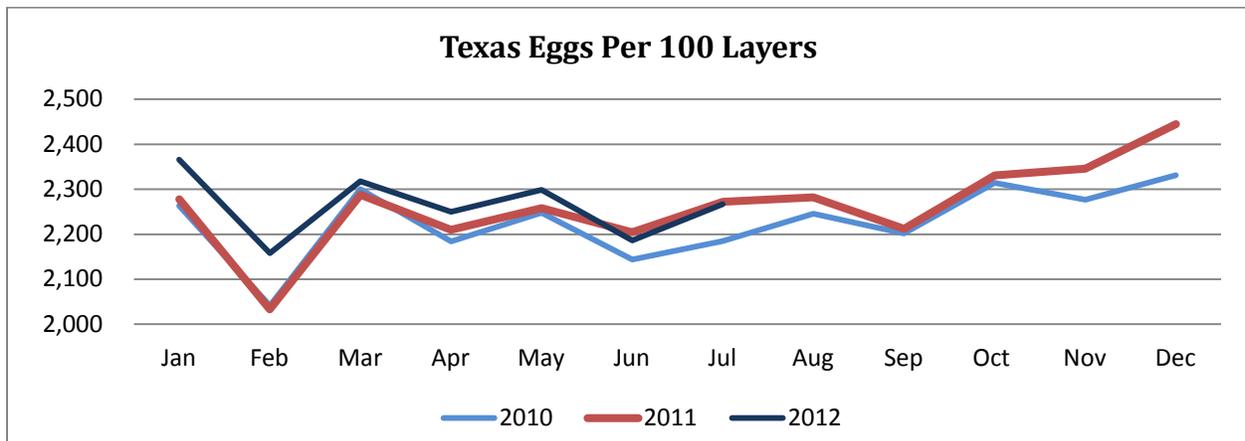
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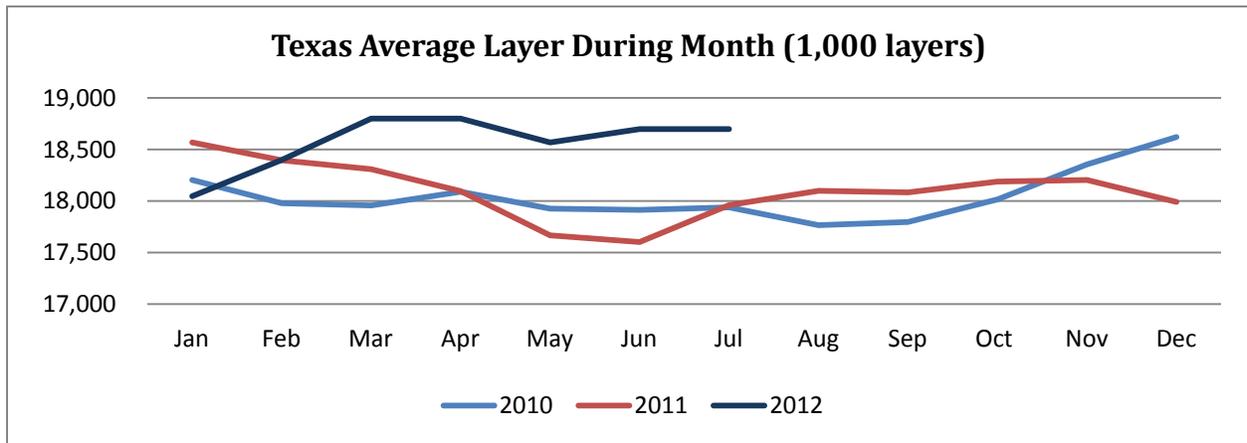
July 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 423 million eggs, up 4 percent from July 2011, and up 4 percent from June 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during July averaged 18.7 million, up 4 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from June 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,267 eggs, down from last year's 2,272 eggs but up from last month's 2,186 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.8 million, down 3 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.73 billion during July 2012, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, 983 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 335 million during July 2012, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,307 eggs, up slightly from July 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 34.0 million, down 8 percent from July 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 763 million, was down 1 percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.07 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2012, down 6 percent from July 2011.

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