



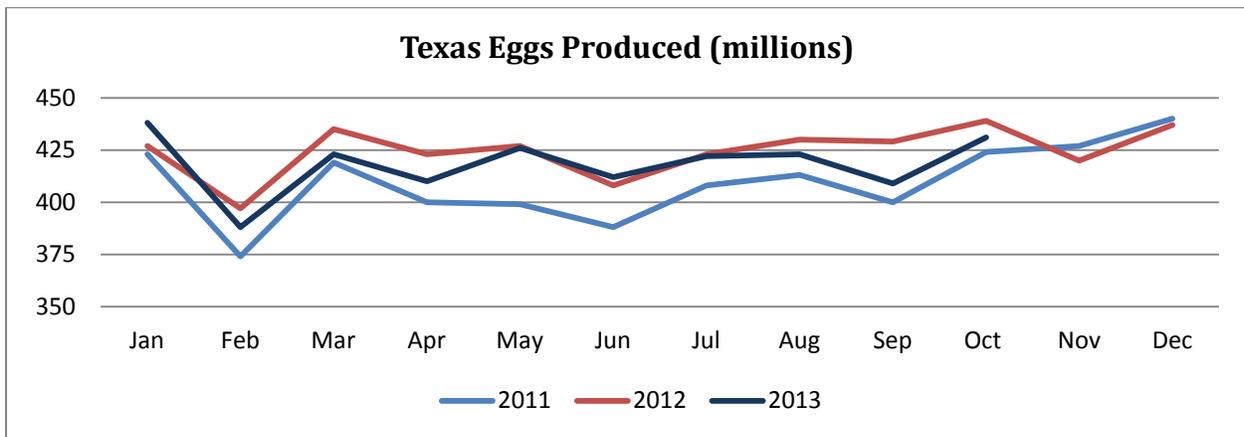
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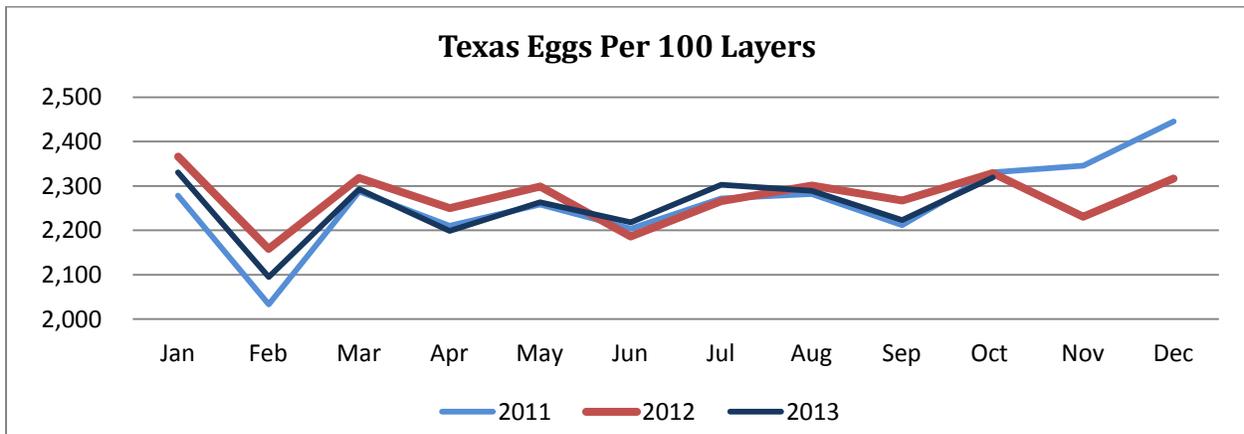
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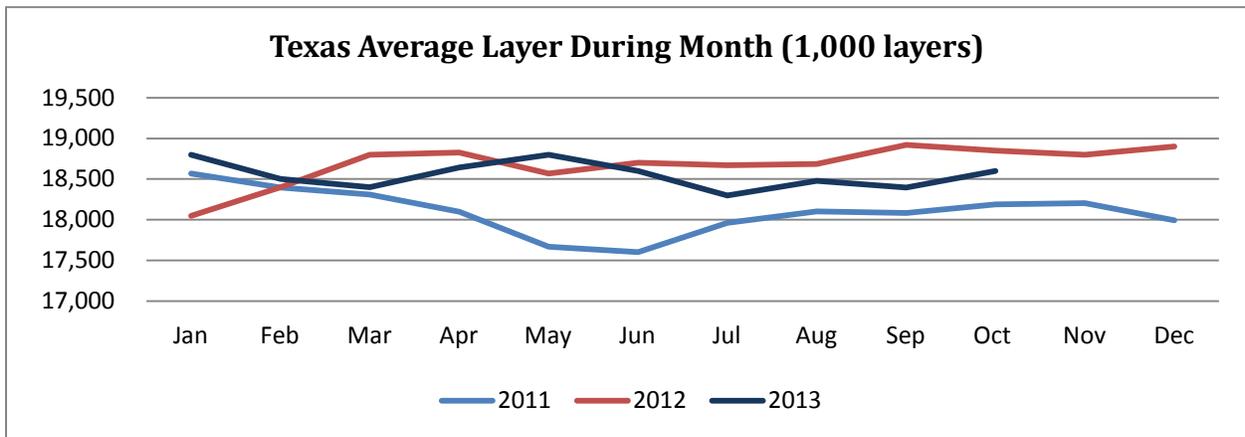
October 2013 egg production in Texas totaled 431 million eggs, down 2 percent from October 2012, but up 5 percent from September 2013, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during October averaged 18.6 million, down 1 percent from last year but up 1 percent from September 2013. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,319 eggs, down from last year's 2,329 eggs but up from last month's 2,222 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 60.0 million, up 1 percent from last year.



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U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.13 billion during October 2013, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 7.06 billion table eggs, 993 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 78 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers was 347 million on November 1, 2013, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 75.9 eggs on November 1, 2013, up 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 41.2 million, up 13 percent from October 2012. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 736 million, was up 1 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.23 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2013, down 1 percent from October 2012.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/MannUsda/viewDocumentInfo.do?documentID=1028>