



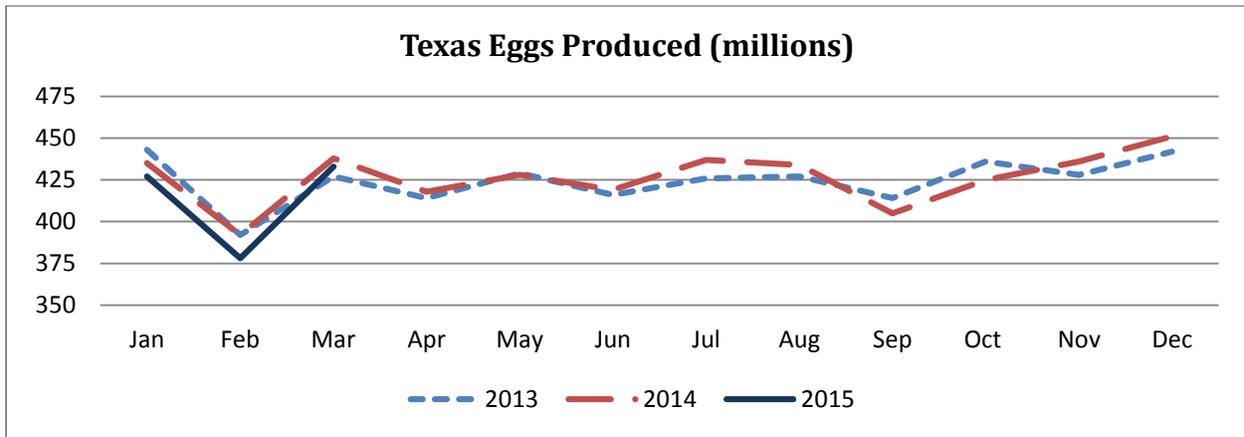
Texas Chicken and Egg

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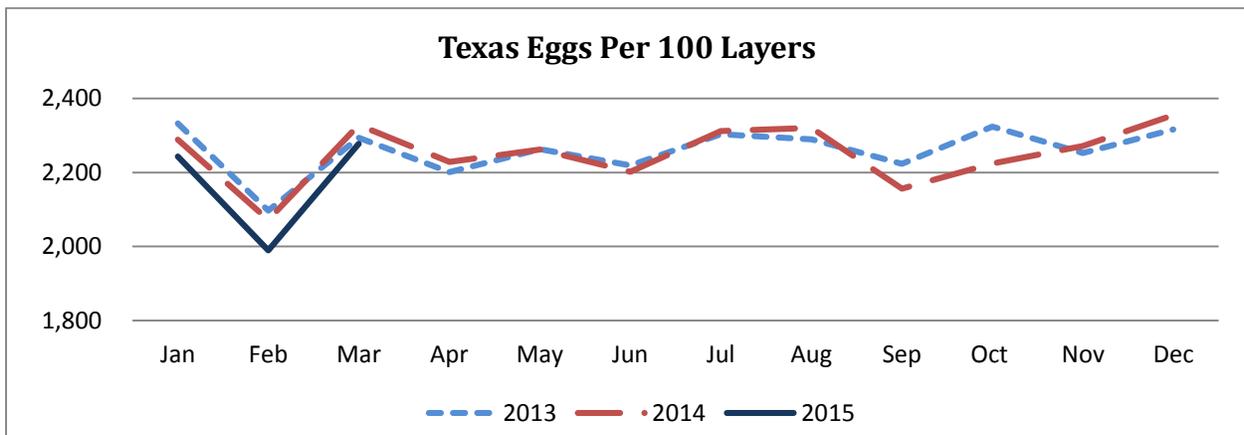
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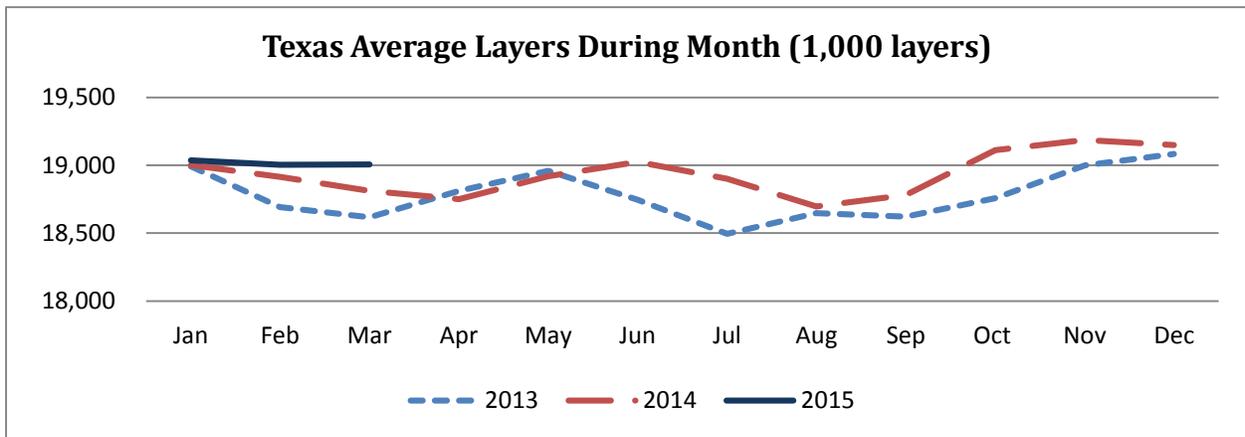
March 2015 egg production in Texas totaled 433 million eggs, down 1 percent from March 2014 and up 14 percent from February 2015, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during March averaged 19 million, up 1 percent from last year but virtually unchanged from February 2015. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,278 eggs, down from last year's 2,328 eggs and up from last month's 1,989 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.5 million in March, up 5 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.53 billion during March 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.42 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 91 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 362 million on April 1, 2015, up slightly from last year. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2015, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from April 1, 2014.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 50.4 million during March 2015, up 14 percent from March 2014. The hatch of broiler-type chicks totaled during March 2015, at 791 million, up 3 percent from March 2014.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.18 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2015, up 6 percent from March 2014.

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