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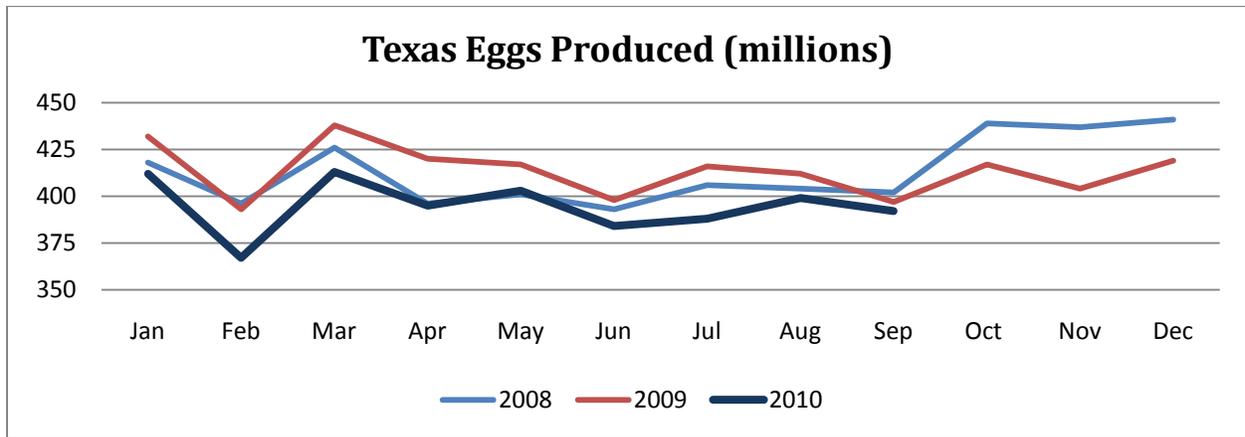
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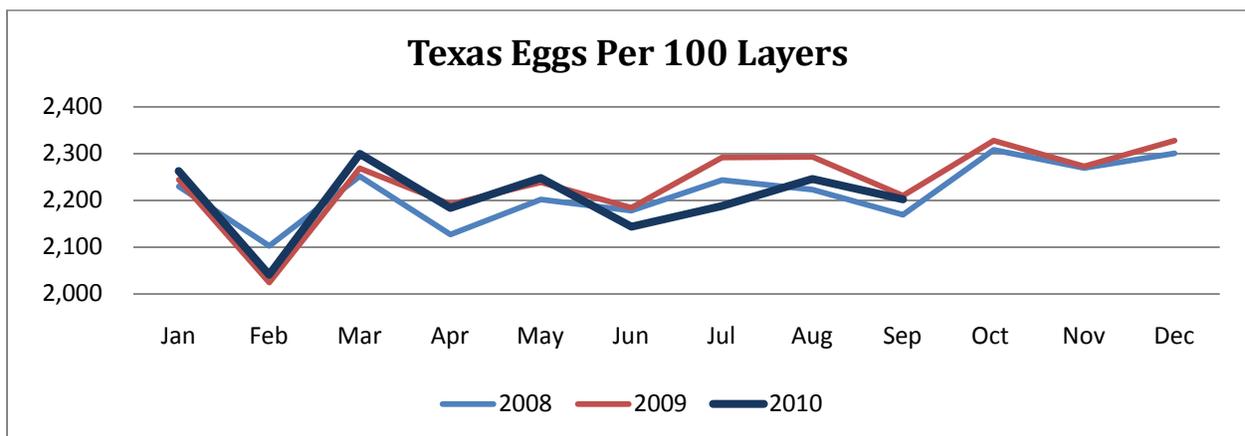
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September Egg Production Down 1 Percent from a Year Ago

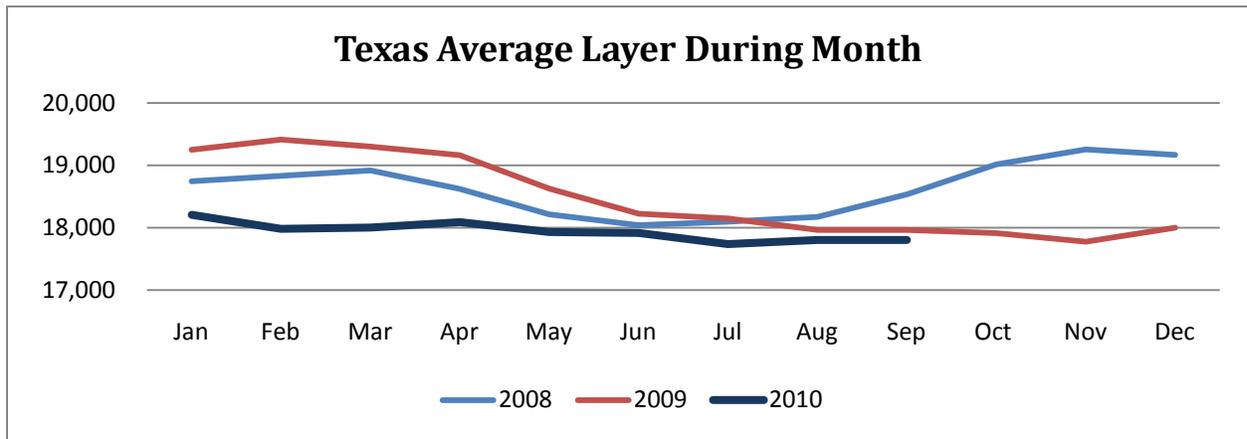
September 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 392 million eggs, down 1 percent from September 2009 and down 2 percent from August 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during September averaged 17.8 million, down 1 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from August 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,202 eggs, down from last year's 2,210 eggs and down from last month's 2,246 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 57.3 million, up 2 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.48 billion during September 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, 980 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 70 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 337 million during September 2010, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,218 eggs, up slightly from September 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.3 million, down 1 percent from September 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 761 million, was up 3 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.13 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2010, up slightly from September 2009.

Link to U.S. Report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/current/ChicEggs/ChicEggs-10-22-2010.pdf>

Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov