



Chicken and Egg Report

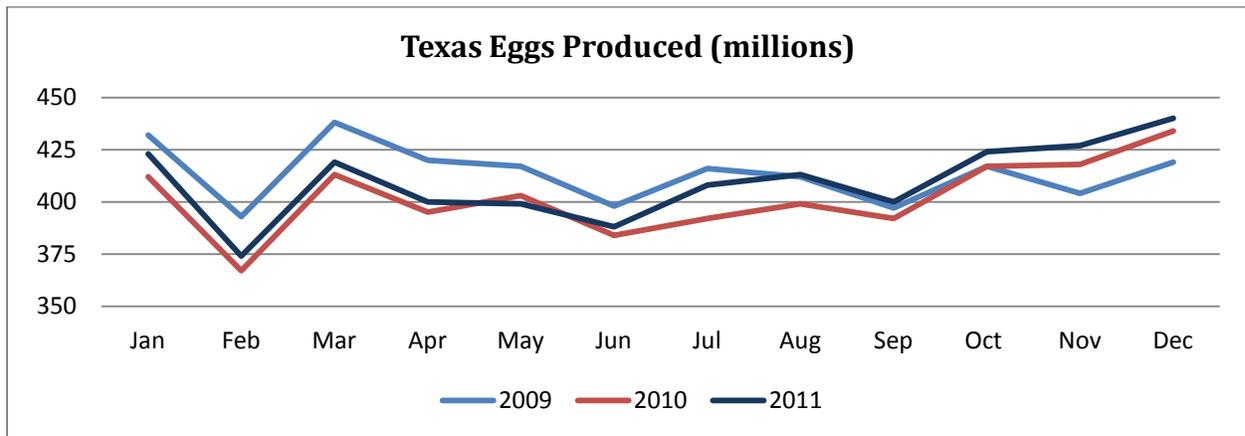
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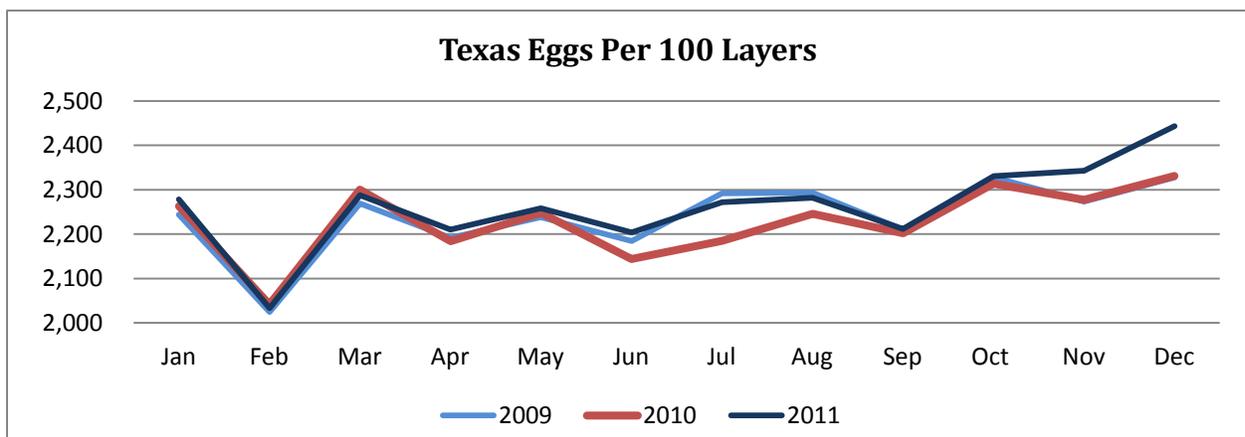
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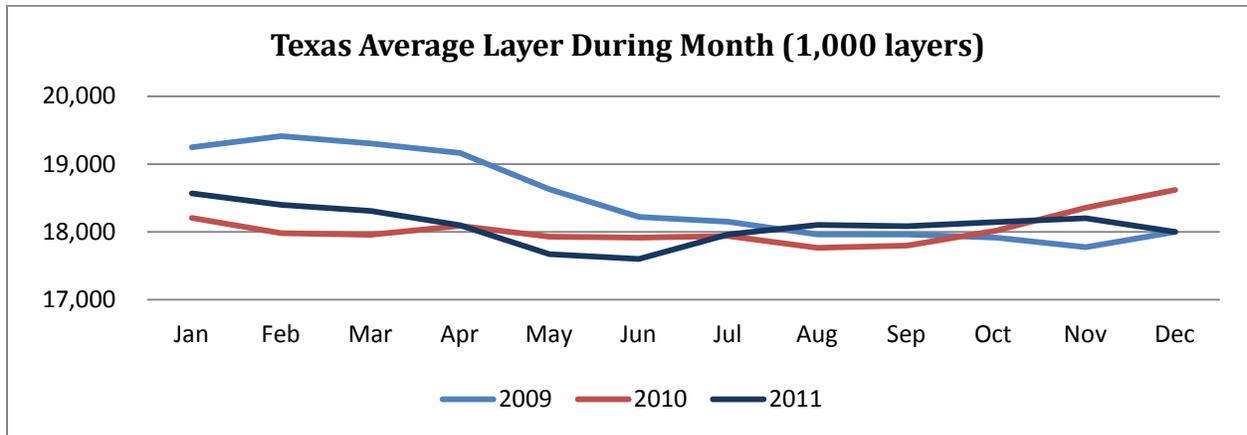
December 2011 egg production in Texas totaled 440 million eggs, up 1 percent from December 2010 and up 3 percent from November 2011, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during December averaged 18 million, down 3 percent from last year and 1 percent from November 2011. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,443 eggs, up from last year's 2,331 eggs and up from last month's 2,343 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.8 million in December, down 8 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.93 billion during December 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.89 billion table eggs, 973 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during December, down 1 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 75.8 eggs on January 1, 2012, up 2 percent from January 1, 2011.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.9 million, up 3 percent from December 2010. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 760 million, was down 3 percent from last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.44 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2011, down 5 percent from December 2010.

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