



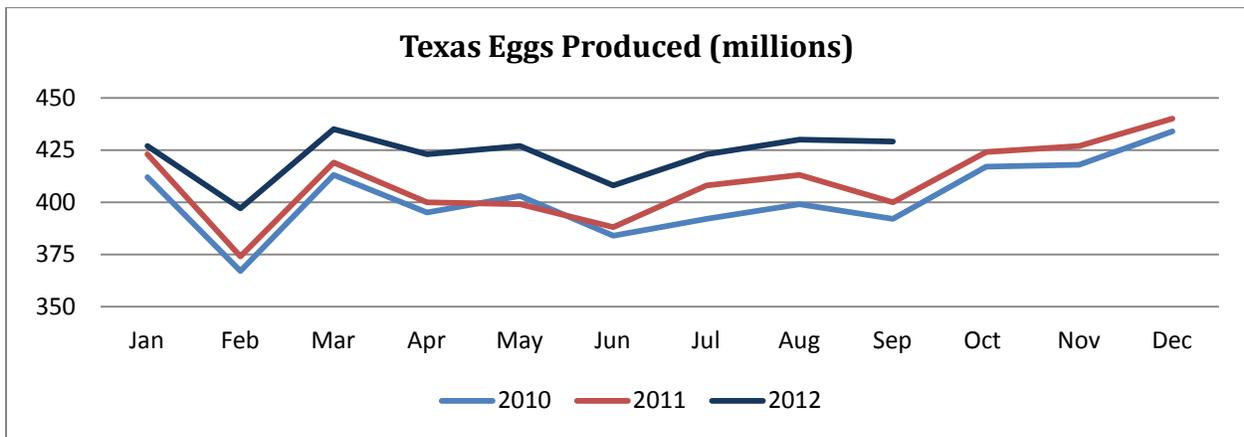
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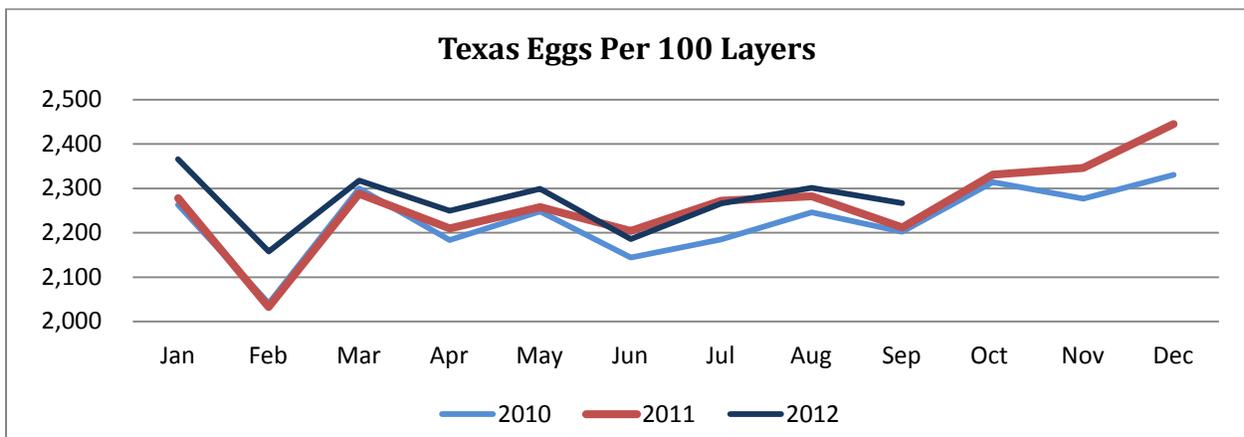
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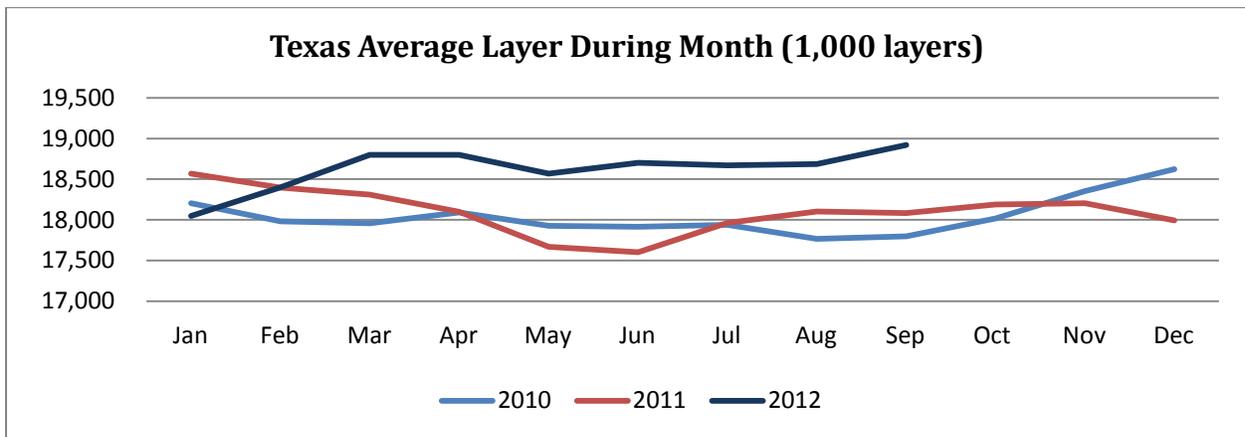
September 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 429 million eggs, up 7 percent from September 2011, but down slightly from August 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during September averaged 18.9 million, up 5 percent from last year and up 1 percent from August 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,267 eggs, up from last year's 2,212 eggs but down from last month's 2,301 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 49.0 million, down 2 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.55 billion during September 2012, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.57 billion table eggs, 919 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers was 338 million on October 1, 2012, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 74.3 eggs on October 1, 2012, down 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.5 million, down 6 percent from September 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 718 million, was down slightly from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2012, up slightly from September 2011.

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