



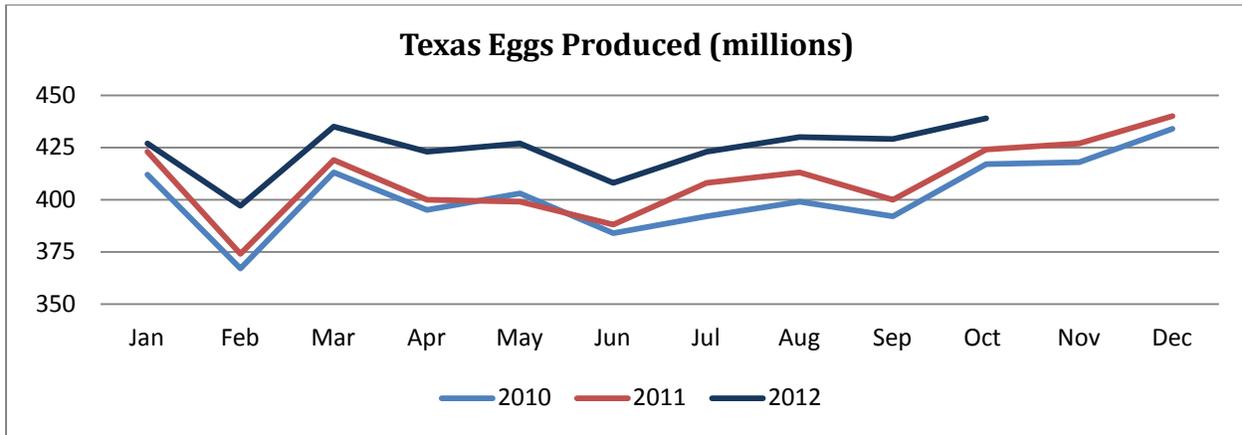
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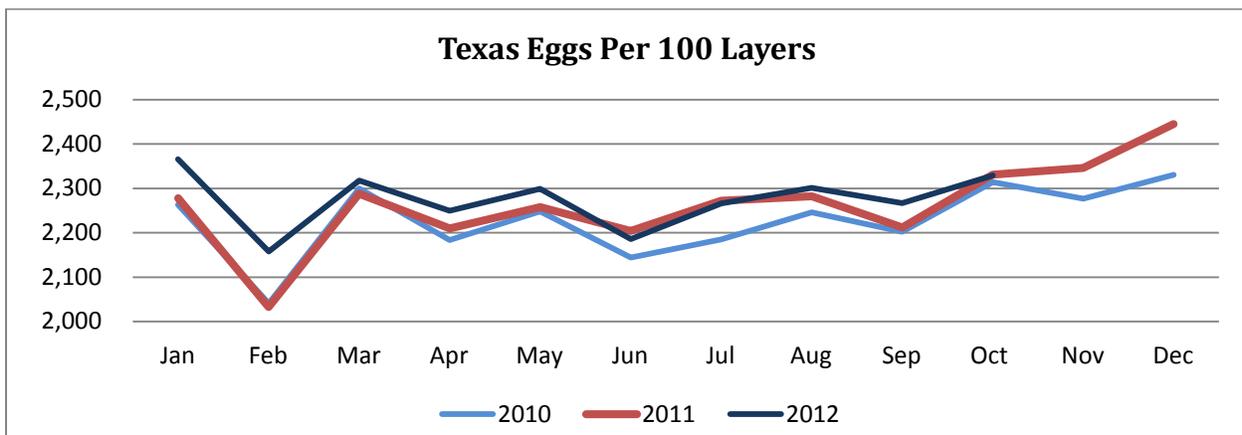
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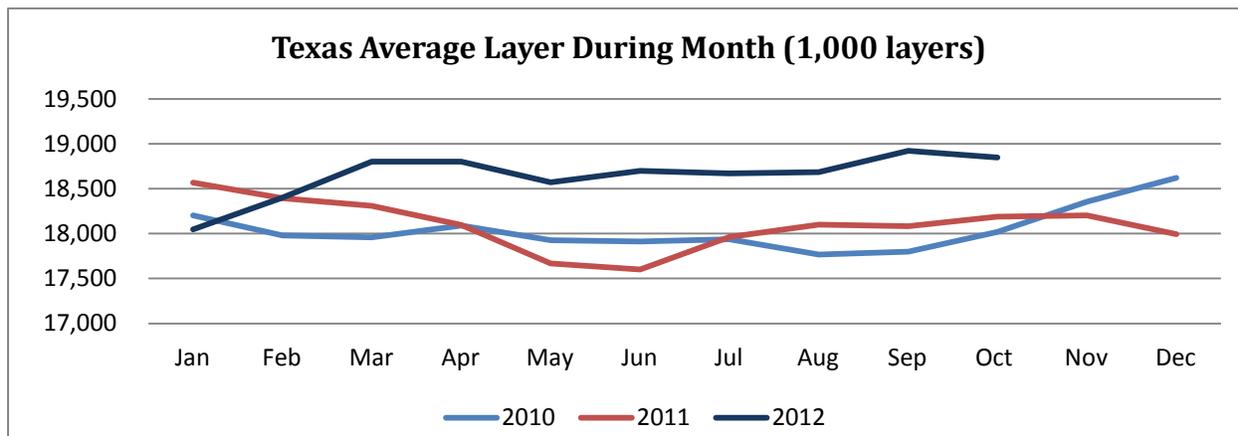
October 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 439 million eggs, up 4 percent from October 2011, and up slightly from September 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during October averaged 18.8 million, up 4 percent from last year but down slightly from September 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,329 eggs, down from last year's 2,331 eggs but up from last month's 2,267 eggs. Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.6 million, down slightly from last year.



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U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 7.90 billion during October 2012, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.88 billion table eggs, 952 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers was 342 million on November 1, 2012, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 75.4 eggs on November 1, 2012, up 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 39.1 million, up 4 percent from October 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 727 million, was up 2 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2012, down 1 percent from October 2011.

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