



# Chicken and Egg Report

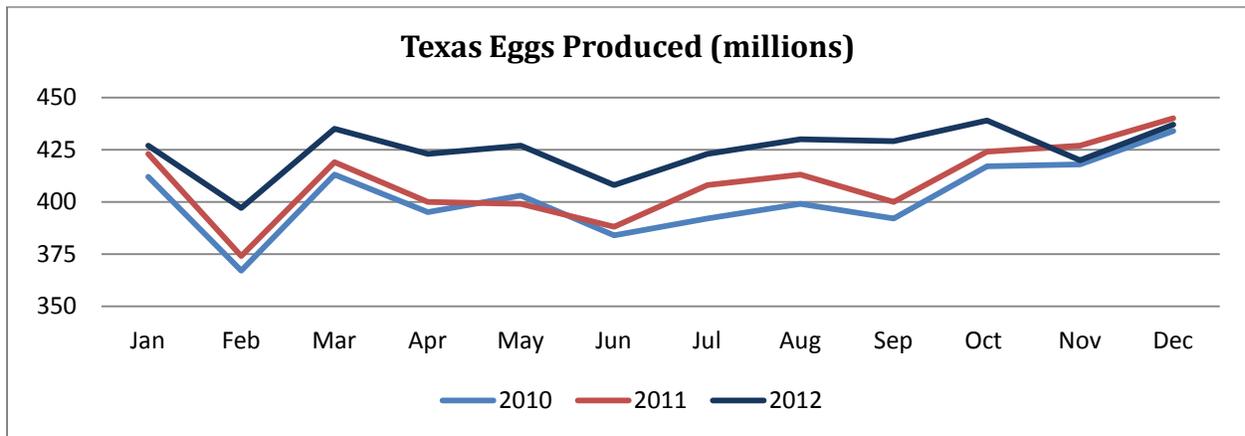
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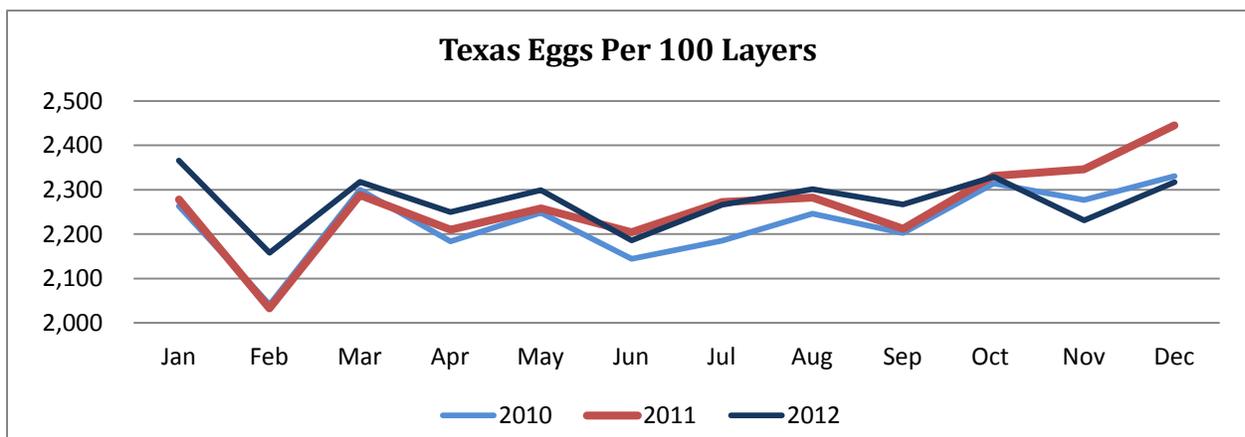
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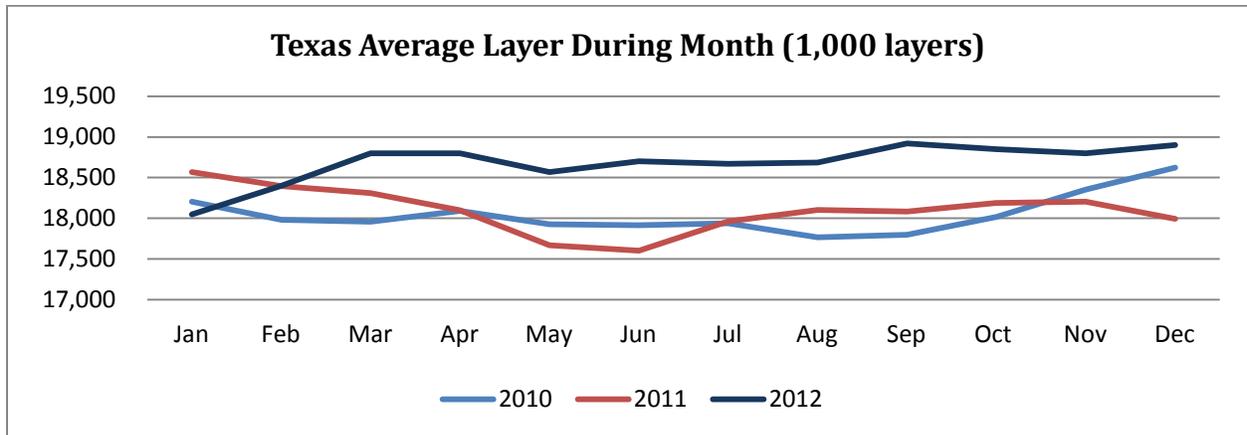
December 2012 egg production in Texas totaled 437 million eggs, down 1 percent from December 2011 but up 4 percent from November 2012, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during December averaged 18.9 million, up 5 percent from last year but virtually unchanged from November 2012. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,317 eggs, down from last year's 2,445 eggs but up from last month's 2,231 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.5 million in December, down 1 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 8.07 billion during December 2012, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.03 billion table eggs, 969 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 71 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 344 million during December, up 2 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 75.1 eggs on January 1, 2013, down 1 percent from January 1, 2012.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.1 million, down 5 percent from December 2011. The hatch of broiler-type chicks during December 2012, at 763 million, was up 1 percent from last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.63 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2012, up 3 percent from December 2011.

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