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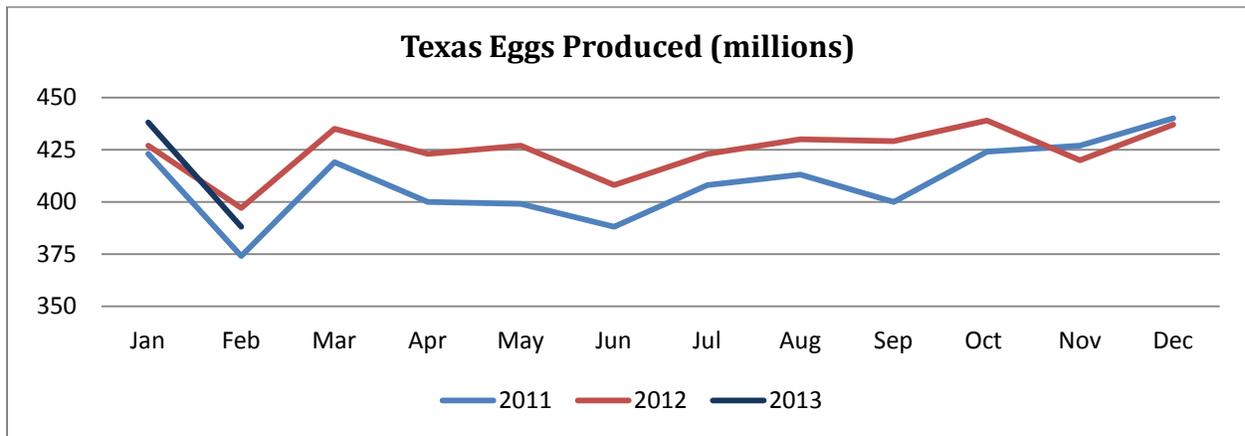


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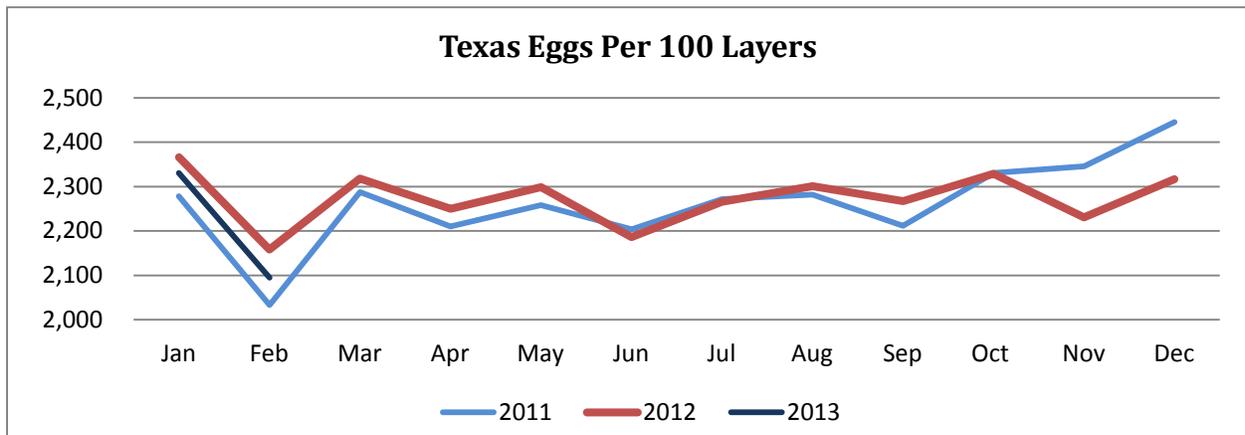
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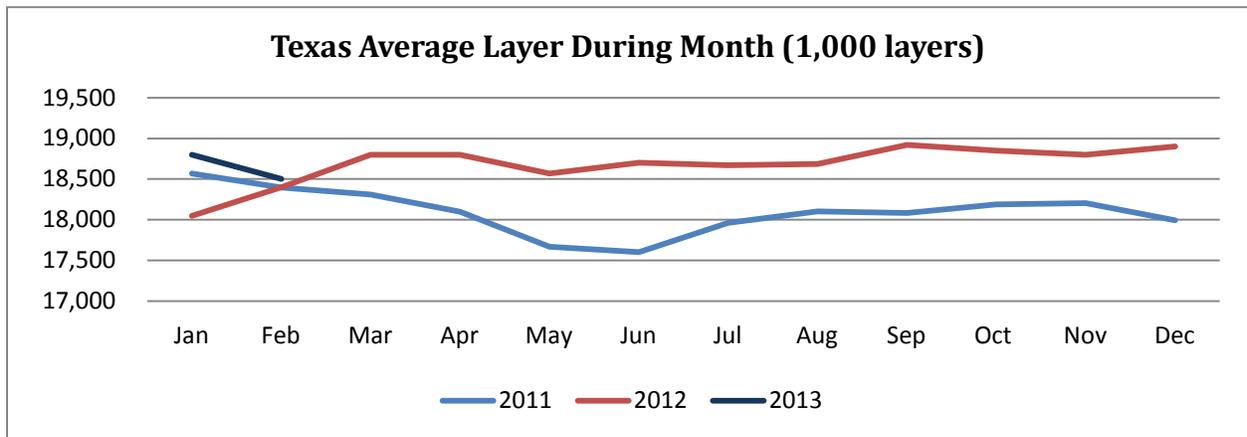
February 2013 egg production in Texas totaled 388 million eggs, down 2 percent from February 2012 and down 12 percent from January 2013, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during February averaged 18.5 million, up slightly from last year and down 2 percent from January 2013. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,095 eggs, down from last year's 2,158 eggs, and down from last month's 2,332 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 49.9 million in February, down 2 percent from last year.

**U.S. Highlights:** United States egg production totaled 7.19 billion during February 2013, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs, 893 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers totaled 345 million on March 1, up 2 percent from last year. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2013, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2012.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.8 million during February 2013, up 4 percent from February 2012. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was down 2 percent from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2013, up 2 percent from February 2012.

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