



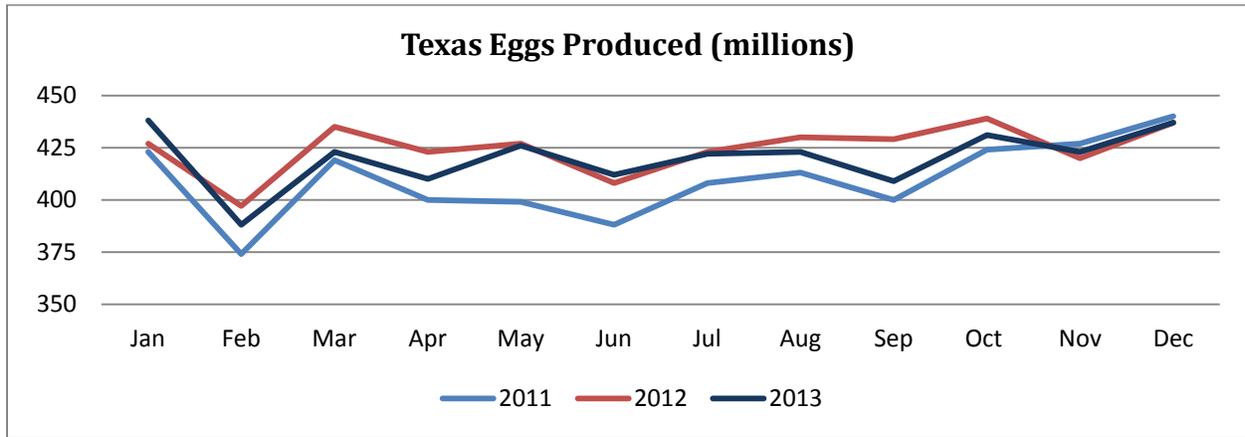
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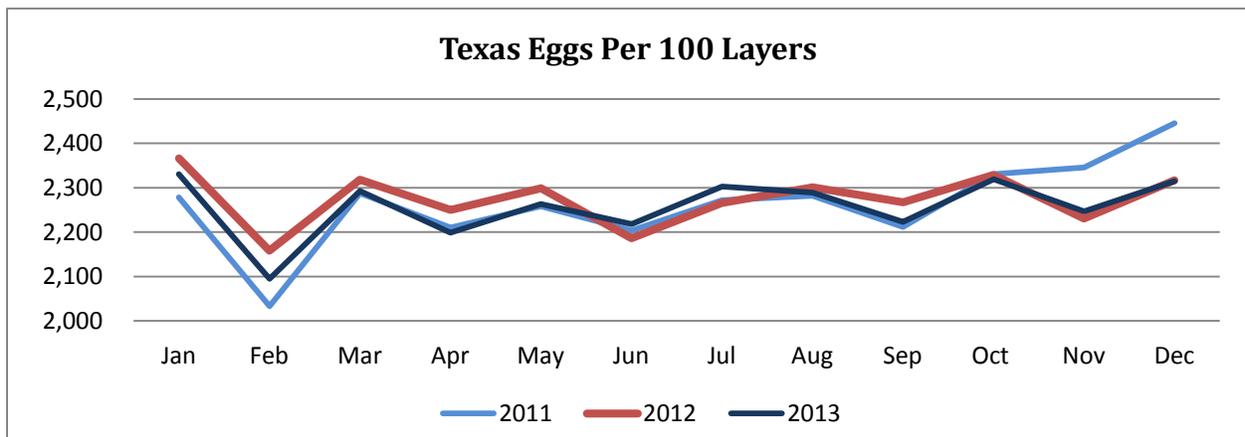
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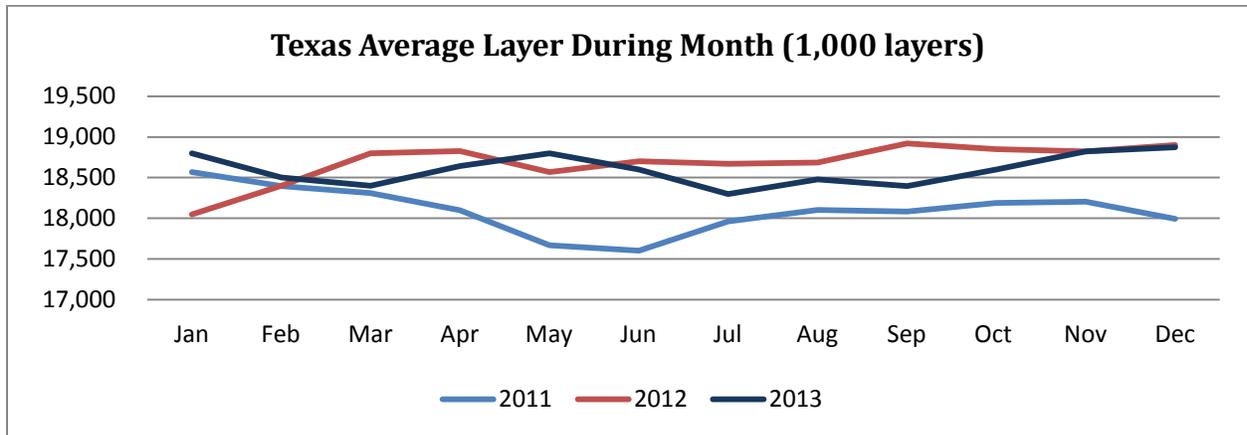
December 2013 egg production in Texas totaled 437 million eggs, virtually unchanged from December 2012 but up 3 percent from November 2013, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.



The number of layers during December averaged 18.9 million, virtually unchanged from last year and virtually unchanged from November 2013. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,315 eggs, down from last year's 2,317 eggs but up from last month's 2,247 eggs.



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Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.5 million in December, down 2 percent from last year.

U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.25 billion during December 2013, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.19 billion table eggs, 986 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 75 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 351 million during December, up 2 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 75.6 eggs on January 1, 2014, up 1 percent from January 1, 2013.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.9 million, up 5 percent from December 2012. The hatch of broiler-type chicks during December 2013, at 771 million, was up 1 percent from last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.67 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2013, up slightly from December 2012.

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