



Texas Chicken and Egg Report

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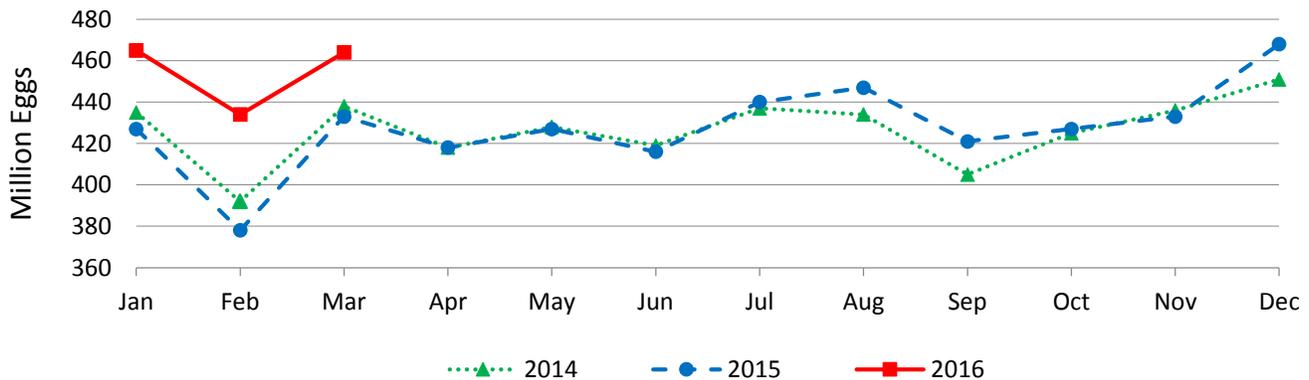
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This report contains the results from the March 2016 Chicken and Egg Survey. The estimates in this report are based on a monthly survey of contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 laying hens for table egg and/or hatchery supply. We would like to thank all producers whose responses to the survey made these estimates for Texas possible. Results from the next monthly survey will be made available on May 23, 2016.

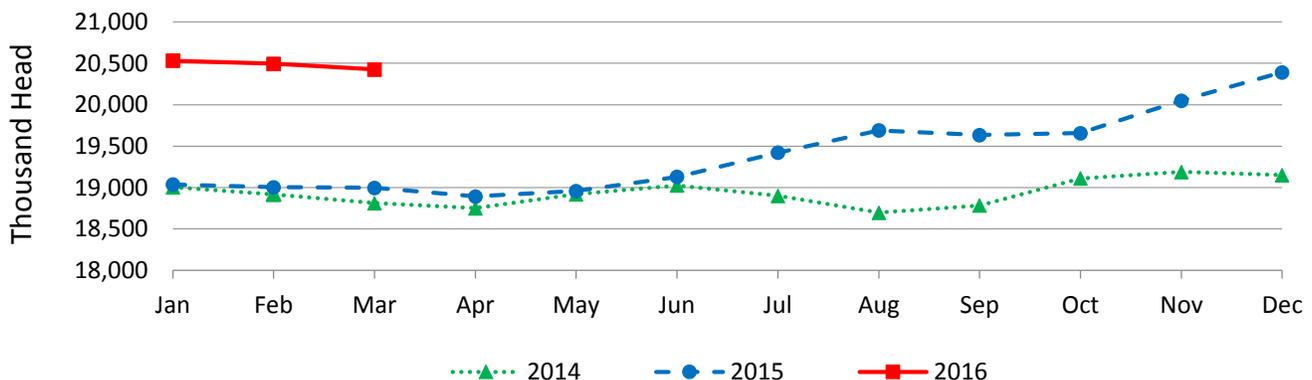
March 2016 egg production in Texas totaled 464 million eggs, up 7 percent from March 2015 and up 7 percent from February 2016.

Texas Monthly Egg Production

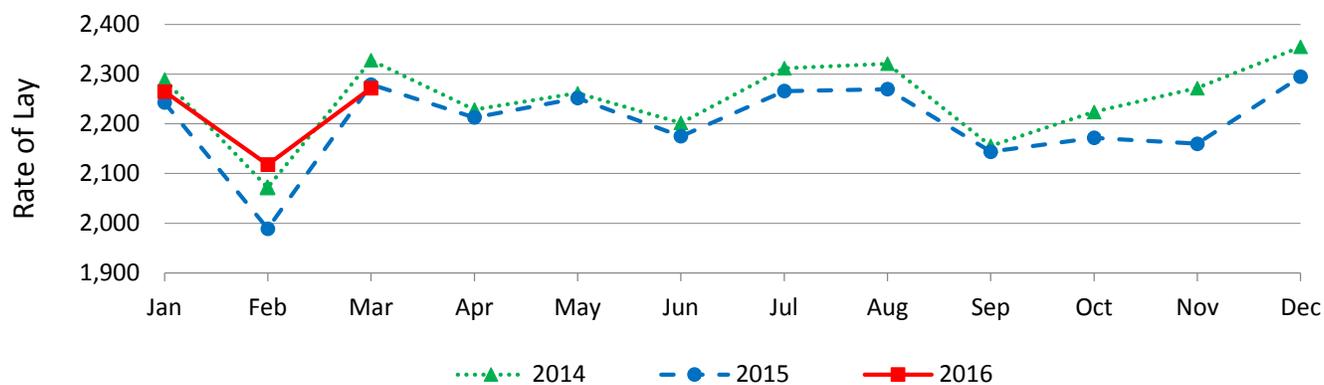


The number of layers during March 2016 averaged 20.4 million, 8 percent higher than last year, but slightly lower than February 2016. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,272 eggs, down from last year's 2,279 eggs, but up from last month's 2,118 eggs.

Texas Average Layers During the Month



Texas Monthly Eggs Produced Per 100 Layers



U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.50 billion eggs during March 2016, 2 percent below a year ago. Production included 7.36 billion table eggs, 1.05 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 91.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 361 million during March 2016, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,353 eggs during March, down slightly from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 50.5 million, 15 percent higher than March 2015. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 804 million, was 2 percent higher than March of last year. The leading U.S. breeders placed 8.10 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2016, up 3 percent from March 2015.

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