



Texas Chicken and Egg Report

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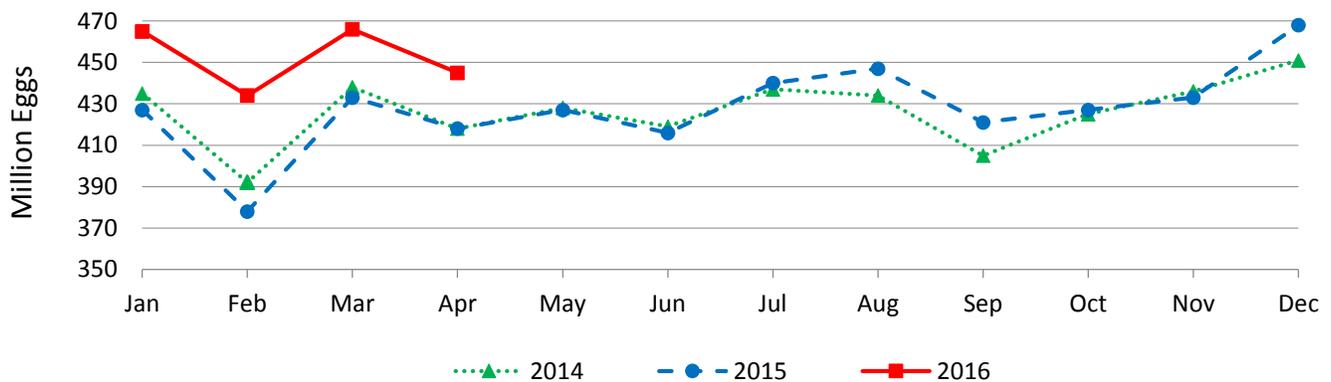
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This report contains the results from the May 2016 Chicken and Egg Survey. The estimates in this report are based on a monthly survey of contractors and independent producers who have at least 30,000 laying hens for table egg and/or hatchery supply. 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 June 21, 2016.

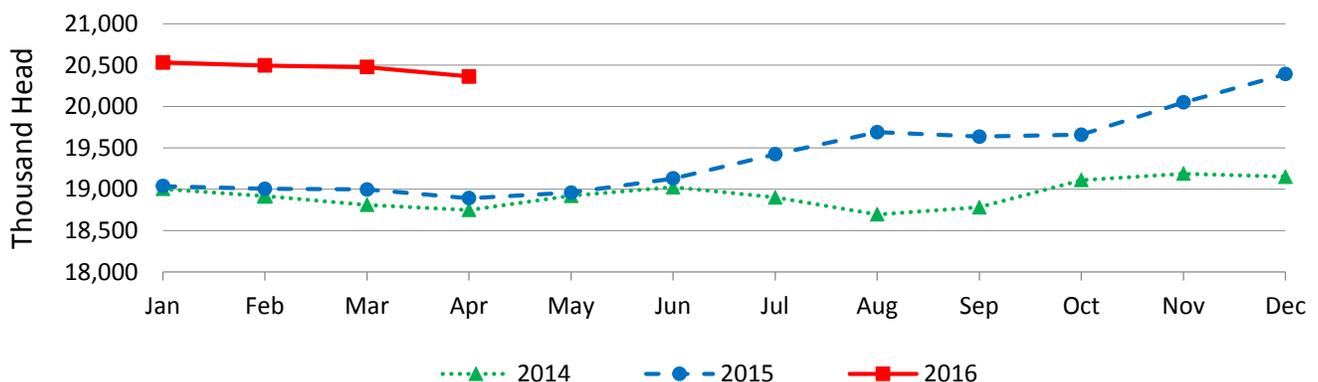
April 2016 egg production in Texas totaled 445 million eggs, up 6 percent from April 2015, but down 5 percent from March 2016.

Texas Monthly Egg Production

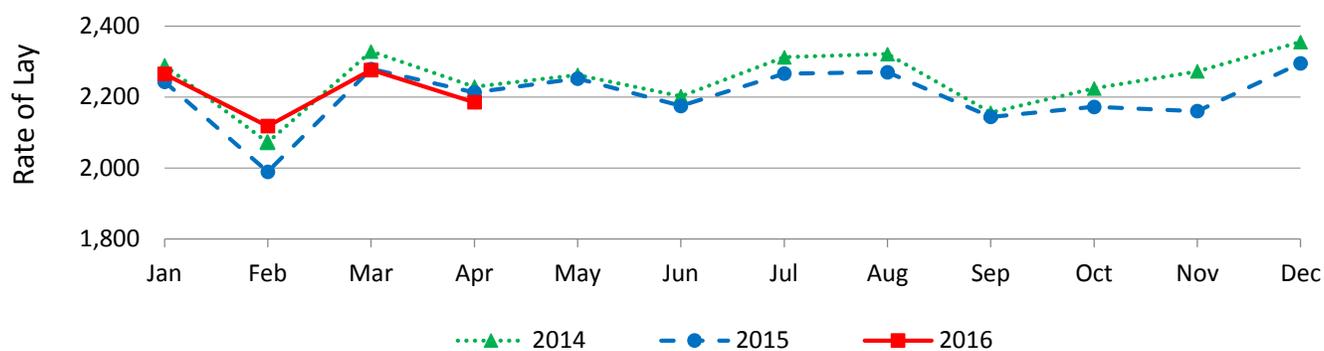


The number of layers during April 2016 averaged 20.4 million, 8 percent higher than last year, but 1 percent lower than March 2016. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,185 eggs, down from last year's 2,213 eggs, and down from last month's 2,276 eggs.

Texas Average Layers During the Month



Texas Monthly Eggs Produced Per 100 Layers



U.S. Highlights: United States egg production totaled 8.21 billion eggs during April 2016, 1 percent below a year ago. Production included 7.10 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 93.0 million egg-type hatching eggs. Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 361 million during April 2016, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,273 eggs during April, down 1 percent from last year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 49.4 million, 2 percent lower than April 2015. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 781 million, was 1 percent higher than April of last year. The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.77 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2016, up 11 percent from April 2015.

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