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## Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 5 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 23, 2007 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during April 2007 totaled 527 million eggs, down 5 percent from the 554 million eggs produced in April 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 22.5 million during April, a 6 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,336 eggs during the month, an increase of 23 eggs from April 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2007 totaled 5.0 million, up 34 percent from the 3.7 million hatched the previous April. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 13.8 million during April 2007, down 4 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.43 billion during April 2007, down 1 percent from last year's total during April. The total number of layers during April averaged 344 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,162 eggs, down slightly from April 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during April totaled 39.7 million, up 12 percent from April 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 801 million, a 2 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 26.1 million turkey poults placed in the United States during April 2007, up 8 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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