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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 1 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, March 25, 2008 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during February 2008 totaled 497 million eggs, down 1 percent from the 502 million eggs produced in February 2007, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 21.8 million during February, a 5 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs during the month, an increase of 90 eggs from February 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2008 totaled 5.6 million, up 15 percent from the 4.9 million hatched the previous February. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.5 million during February 2008, up 16 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.13 billion during February 2008, up 3 percent from last year's 6.95 billion during February. The total number of layers during February averaged 343 million, down 2 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,075 eggs, an increase of 82 eggs from February 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during February totaled 37.5 million, up 2 percent from February 2007. Broiler-type hatch totaled 771 million, a 7 percent increase from last year at this time. There were 25.0 million turkey poults placed in the United States during February 2008, up 3 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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