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## Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 3 Percent in March

HARRISBURG, PA, Apr. 24, 2007 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during March 2007 totaled 548 million eggs, down 3 percent from the 567 million eggs produced in March 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 22.7 million during March, a 5 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,416 eggs during the month, an increase of 35 eggs from March 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2007 totaled 5.53 million, up 10 percent from the 5.02 million hatched the previous March. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 14.1 million during March 2007, down 1 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 7.77 billion during March 2007, down 1 percent from last year's total during March. The total number of layers during March averaged 346 million, slightly down from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,243 eggs, up slightly from March 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during March totaled 40.5 million, up 4 percent from March 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 810 million, a 1 percent decrease from last year at this time. There were 26.6 million turkey poults placed in the United States during March 2007, up 6 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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