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Pennsylvania Egg Production Down 1 Percent in February

HARRISBURG, PA, Mar 26, 2007 - Egg production in Pennsylvania during February 2007 totaled 502 million eggs, down 1 percent from the 509 million eggs produced in February 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 22.9 million during February, a 3 percent drop from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,186 eggs during the month, an increase of 35 eggs from February 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2007 totaled 4.86 million, up 14 percent from the 4.26 million hatched the previous February. Broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 12.6 million during February 2007, down 3 percent from the same month last year.

United States' egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2007, down 1 percent from last year's total during February. The total number of layers during February averaged 347 million, down 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,992 eggs, down slightly from February 2006.

Egg-type chicks hatched in the United States during February totaled 36.8 million, up 9 percent from February 2006. Broiler-type hatch totaled 723 million, a 1 percent decrease from last year at this time. There were 23.3 million turkey poults placed in the United States during February 2007, up 3 percent from the placements during the same month a year ago.

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