



# Press Release

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On: MAY EGG PRODUCTION  
UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . May egg production in Texas totaled 407 million eggs, up slightly from May 2003, but down 1 percent from April 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during May averaged 18.3 million, down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from April 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,222 eggs, up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.8 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.50 billion eggs during May 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.39 billion table eggs, 1.05 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 59 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during May 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,192 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,180 eggs in May 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 7.00 billion eggs during May. The number of layers during May 2004 averaged 319 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.6 million, up 3 percent from May 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 810 million, was up 2 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.5 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2004, up 2 percent from May 2003.