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On: JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION
UP 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . January egg production in Texas totaled 421 million eggs, up 4 percent from January 2005, and down 3 percent from December 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.6 million, up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from December 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,269 eggs, up 2 percent from last year but 2 percent below last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.8 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.72 billion eggs during January 2006, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 349 million during January 2006, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.4 million, down 7 percent from January 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 804 million, was up 1 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.83 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2006, up 6 percent from January 2005.