



# Press Release

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On: JULY EGG PRODUCTION  
UP 8 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . July egg production in Texas totaled 423 million eggs, up 8 percent from July 2005, and up 4 percent from June 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during July averaged 18.8 million, up 9 percent from last year and up 2 percent from June 2006. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,249 eggs, down 1 percent from last year but up 1 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks in July totaled 54.4 million, down 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.64 billion eggs during July 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during July 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,241 eggs, up slightly from July 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 33.2 million, down 5 percent from July 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 800 million, was down 1 percent from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.46 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2006, down 3 percent from July 2005.