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On: SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 11 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .September egg production in Texas totaled 415 million eggs, up 11 percent from September 2005, but down 2 percent from August 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during September averaged 18.7 million, up 8 percent from last year but down slightly from August 2006. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,217 eggs, up 3 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks in September totaled 53.5 million, down 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.4 billion eggs during September 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.4 billion table eggs, 977 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 63 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 343 million during September 2006, up slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,165 eggs, up slightly from September 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.8 million, up 10 percent from September 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 772 million, was up slightly from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.1 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2006, down 1 percent from September 2005.