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On: NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . November egg production in Texas totaled 432 million eggs, up 5 percent from November 2005, and down 1 percent from October 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during November averaged 18.9 million, up 3 percent from last year and up 1 percent from October 2006. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,282 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks in November totaled 48.2 million, down 6 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.52 billion eggs during November 2006, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, 969 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 346 million during November 2006, down slightly from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,176 eggs, up slightly from November 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 31.7 million, down 2 percent from November 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 729 million, was down 2 percent from November of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.45 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2006, up 2 percent from November 2005.