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**On:** DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . December egg production in Texas totaled 433 million eggs, up slightly from December 2005 and November 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during December averaged 19.0 million, up 2 percent from last year and up slightly from November 2006. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,279 eggs, down 2 percent from last year but up slightly from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53 million, down 6 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.78 billion eggs during December 2006, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.68 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 348 million during December 2006, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from December 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 33.4 million, down 7 percent from December 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 795 million, was down 2 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.20 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2006, up 1 percent from December 2005.