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On: AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . August 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 406 million eggs, down 4 percent from August 2006 and down 3 percent from July 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during August averaged 18.6 million, down 1 percent from last year but up 1 percent from July 2007's 18.5 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,182 eggs, down from last year's 2,251 eggs and down 3 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.7 million, up 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.57 billion eggs during August 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 65 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during August 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,229 eggs, down slightly from August 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.8 million, up 3 percent from August 2006. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 829 million, was up 2 percent from August of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2007, up 1 percent from August 2006.