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On: OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . October 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 431 million eggs, down 1 percent from October 2006 but up 9 percent from September 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during October averaged 19.1 million, up 2 percent from last year and up 1 percent from September 2007's 18.9 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,253 eggs, down from last year's 2,325 eggs but up 7 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 52.7 million, down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.70 billion eggs during October 2007, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.57 billion table eggs, 1.06 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 67 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during October 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,253 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.8 million, down 1 percent from October 2006. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 795 million, was up 3 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.97 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2007, up 3 percent from October 2006.