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On: DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
UP 1 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . December 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 435 million eggs, up 1 percent from December 2006 and up slightly from November 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during December averaged 19.1 million, up 1 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from November 2007. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,282 eggs, up from last year's 2,276 eggs and up from last month's 2,256 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.0 million, up 6 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.76 billion eggs during December 2007, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, 1.06 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 67 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 344 million during December 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.5 million, up 7 percent from December 2006. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 823 million, was up 3 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.75 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2007, down 6 percent from December 2006.