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On: FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION  
UP 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . February 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 399 million eggs, up 3 percent from February 2007 but down 5 percent from January 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during February averaged 19.0 million, virtually unchanged from last year and up slightly from January 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,096 eggs, up from last year's 2,027 eggs but down from last month's 2,222 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.9 million, up 14 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.13 billion eggs during February 2008, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.05 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 343 million during February 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,075 eggs, up 4 percent from February 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.5 million, up 2 percent from February 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 777 million, was up 7 percent from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.43 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2008, up 5 percent from February 2007.