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On: SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . September 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 403 million eggs, up 2 percent from September 2007 and down 1 percent from August 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during September averaged 18.6 million, down 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from August 2008's 18.4 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,165 eggs, up from last year's 2,101 eggs and down 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.7 million, up 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.34 billion eggs during September 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, 990 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 65 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 334 million during September 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,194 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.4 million, up 3 percent from September 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 757 million, was down 3 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.89 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2008, down 6 percent from September 2007.