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On: OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION  
UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . October 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 433 million eggs, up slightly from October 2007 and up 7 percent from September 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during October averaged 18.9 million, down 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from September 2008's 18.6 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,297 eggs, up from last year's 2,253 eggs and up 6 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 52.9 million, up slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion eggs during October 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.54 billion table eggs, 1.01 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 6.9 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 335 million during October 2008, down 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,276 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40 million, up 10 percent from October 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 742 million, was down 7 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.84 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2008, down 2 percent from October 2007.