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On: JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . January 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 409 million eggs, down 2 percent from January 2008 and down 3 percent from December 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.3 million, down 3 percent from last year and virtually unchanged from December 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,239 eggs, up from last year's 2,230 eggs but down from last month's 2,294 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 57.3 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.67 billion eggs during January 2009, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.59 billion table eggs, 1.08 billion broiler-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during January 2009, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,249 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.1 million, down 5 percent from January 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was down 5 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.73 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2009, down 4 percent from January 2008.