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On: MARCH EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . March 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 415 million eggs, down 3 percent from March 2008 but up 12 percent from February 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during March averaged 18.3 million, down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from February 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,265 eggs, up 1 percent from last year and up 12 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.6 million, down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.72 billion eggs during March 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 75 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during March 2009, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,269 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.1 million, up 1 percent from March 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 783 million, was down 6 percent from March of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.68 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2009, down 6 percent from March 2008.