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On: APRIL EGG PRODUCTION
UP SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . April 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 397 million eggs, up slightly from April 2008 but down 4 percent from March 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during April averaged 18.2 million, down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from March 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,183 eggs, up 3 percent from last year but down 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.9 million, up slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.46 billion eggs during April 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.41 billion table eggs, 980 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 71 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during April 2009, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,196 eggs, up 2 percent from April 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.6 million, down 4 percent from April 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 756 million, was down 6 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.16 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2009, down 13 percent from April 2008.