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DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . May 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 394 million eggs, down 2 percent from May 2008 and down 1 percent from April 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during May averaged 17.6 million, down 3 percent from last year and down 3 percent from April 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,235 eggs, up 1 percent from last year's 2,202 eggs and up 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 57.1 million, up 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.60 billion eggs during May 2009, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 73 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 337 million during May 2009, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,256 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.8 million, down 10 percent from May 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 786 million, was down 5 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.40 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2009, down 10 percent from May 2008.