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On: DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO  
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Austin . . . December 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 419 million eggs, down slightly from December 2008 but up 5 percent from November 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during December averaged 18 million, down 2 percent from last year but up 3 percent from November 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,328 eggs, up 1 percent from last year's 2,294 eggs and up 2 percent from last month's 2,273 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.6 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion eggs during December 2009, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.76 billion table eggs, 955 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 72 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during December 2009, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 39.7 million, up 7 percent from December 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 778 million, was down slightly from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2009, up 1 percent from December 2008.