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On: FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . February 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 367 million eggs, down 7 percent from February 2009 and down 11 percent from January 2010, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during February averaged 18 million, down 7 percent from last year and down 1 percent from January 2010. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,041 eggs, down from last year's 2,025 eggs and down from last month's 2,263 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 51.4 million, up slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 6.90 billion eggs during February 2010, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 5.92 billion table eggs, 915 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during February 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,038 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.1 million, up 9 percent from February 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 700 million, was down slightly from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.36 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2010, up 2 percent from February 2009.