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On: JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN SLIGHTLY FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . January 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 421 million eggs, down slightly from January 2007 and down 4 percent from December 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.9 million, down 1 percent from last year and down 1 percent from December 2007. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,222 eggs, up from last year's 2,216 eggs but down from last month's 2,281 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.4 million, up 7 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.66 billion eggs during January 2008, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 67 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 345 million during January 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.2 million, up 9 percent from January 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 822 million, was up 3 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2008, up 4 percent from January 2007.