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On: APRIL EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . April 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 400 million eggs, down 3 percent from April 2007 and down 7 percent from March 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during April averaged 18.8 million, up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from March 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,125 eggs, down 4 percent from last year and down 6 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.7 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.38 billion eggs during April 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.28 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during April 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,164 eggs, up slightly from April 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 41.1 million, up 5 percent from April 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 797 million, was down slightly from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.87 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2008, up 3 percent from April 2007.