



Press Release

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On: JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION
UP 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . January egg production in Texas totaled 414 million eggs, up 5 percent from January 2003, and up slightly from December 2003, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.6 million, down 1 percent from last year, but up 1 percent from December 2003. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,226 eggs, up 6 percent from last year and down slightly from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 52.9 million, down 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.38 billion eggs during January 2004, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.32 billion table eggs, 996 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 338 million during January 2004, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,184 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,168 eggs in January 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 6.88 billion eggs during January. The number of layers during January 2004 averaged 315 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.4 million, up 6 percent from January 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 774 million, was up 2 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2004, up 9 percent from January 2003.