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On: SEPTEMBER EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 5 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . September 2007 egg production in Texas totaled 396 million eggs, down 5 percent from September 2006 and down 2 percent from August 2007, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during September averaged 18.9 million, up 1 percent from last year and up 1 percent from August 2007's 18.6 million. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,101 eggs, down from last year's 2,217 eggs and down 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.0 million, down 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.37 billion eggs during September 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.27 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during September 2007, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,169 eggs, up slightly from September 2006.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.3 million, down 4 percent from September 2006. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 784 million, was up 2 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.33 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2007, up 4 percent from September 2006.