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

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Austin . . . December 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 423 million eggs, down 3 percent from December 2007 and down slightly from November 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during December averaged 14.1 million, down 2 percent from last year and down 1 percent from November 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,286 eggs, up from last year's 2,281 eggs and up from last month's 2,261 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.3 million, up 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.78 billion eggs during December 2008, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.71 billion table eggs, 1.0 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 67 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during December 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,281 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.4 million, up 1 percent from December 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 779 million, was down 5 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.58 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2008, down 9 percent from December 2007.