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

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Austin . . . September 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 386 million eggs, down 3 percent from September 2008 and down 3 percent from August 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during September averaged 17.4 million, down 5 percent from last year and down slightly lower than from August 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,214 eggs, up from last year's 2,167 eggs and down 3 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.2 million, down 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.37 billion eggs during September 2009, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.34 billion table eggs, 961 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 69 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 334 million during September 2009, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,209 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.0 million, up 8 percent from September 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 739 million, was down 2 percent from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.72 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2009, down 2 percent from September 2008.