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On: OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . October 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 404 million eggs, down 6 percent from October 2008 and up 5 percent from September 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during October averaged 17.4 million, down 7 percent from last year and down slightly from September 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,323 eggs, up from last year's 2,306 eggs and up 5 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.7 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion eggs during October 2009, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.63 billion table eggs, 990 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 70 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 336 million during October 2009, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,292 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.4 million, down 7 percent from October 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 729 million, was down 2 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.02 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2009, down slightly from October 2008.