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

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Austin . . . January 2010 egg production in Texas totaled 412 million eggs, down 5 percent from January 2009 and down 2 percent from December 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.2 million, down 5 percent from last year and up 1 percent from December 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,263 eggs, up from last year's 2,244 eggs but down from last month's 2,328 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.6 million, down 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.69 billion eggs during January 2010, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, 1.08 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 75 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 339 million during January 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,268 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2009.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.8 million, up 2 percent from January 2009. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 776 million, was down slightly from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2010, up 1 percent from January 2009.