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DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . May 2008 egg production in Texas totaled 405 million eggs, down 3 percent from May 2007 but up 1 percent from April 2008, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during May averaged 18.4 million, down slightly from last year and down 2 percent from April 2008. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,200 eggs, down from last year's 2,260 eggs but up 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.3 million, down slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.57 billion eggs during May 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, 1.08 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during May 2008, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,226 eggs, unchanged from May 2007.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 42.7 million, up 12 percent from May 2007. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 824 million, was down 1 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.96 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2008, down 1 percent from May 2007.