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DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . February 2009 egg production in Texas totaled 372 million eggs, down 6 percent from February 2008 and down 9 percent from January 2009, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during February averaged 18.5 million, down 2 percent from last year and up 1 percent from January 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,009 eggs, down from last year's 2,103 eggs and down from last month's 2,239 eggs.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 51.3 million, down 5 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 6.98 billion eggs during February 2009, down 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 5.91 billion table eggs, 917 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 68 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during February 2009, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,023 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2008.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.9 million, down 2 percent from February 2008. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 701 million, was down 9 percent from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.22 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2009, down 4 percent from February 2008.