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On: DECEMBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .December egg production in Texas totaled 420 million eggs, up 2 percent from December 2003, and 5 percent above November 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during December averaged 18.3 million, down 1 percent from last year and 2 percent below November 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,296 eggs, up 3 percent from last year and up 6 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.7 million, up 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.70 billion eggs during December 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 62 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 345 million during December 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,235 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2003.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37 million, up 10 percent from December 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 793 million, was up 2 percent from December of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2004, down 13 percent from December 2003.