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On: JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . January egg production in Texas totaled 393 million eggs, down 4 percent from January 2004, and down 6 percent from December 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during January averaged 18.1 million, down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from December 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,176 eggs, down 1 percent from last year and down 5 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 54.5 million, up 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.61 billion eggs during January 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.52 billion table eggs, 1.03 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 64 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 348 million during January 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,188 eggs, up slightly from January 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36.8 million, up 4 percent from January 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 796 million, was up 3 percent from January of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.29 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2005, down 8 percent from January 2004.