



# Press Release

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On: FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION  
DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .February egg production in Texas totaled 364 million eggs, down 2 percent from February 2004, and down 10 percent from January 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during February averaged 18.1 million, down 2 percent from last year and up slightly from January 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,006 eggs, up 1 percent from last year and down 10 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.0 million, down 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 6.91 billion eggs during February 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 5.90 billion table eggs, 956 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 58 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 349 million during February 2005, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 1,980 eggs, down 3 percent from February 2004. February 2005 contained 28 days, while February 2004 contained 29 days due to the leap year.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 32.9 million, up 3 percent from February 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up slightly from February of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.21 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2005, down 2 percent from February 2004.