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

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Austin . . . March egg production in Texas totaled 401 million eggs, down 2 percent from March 2004, and up 10 percent from February 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during March averaged 17.8 million, down 5 percent from last year and down 2 percent from February 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,247 eggs, up 3 percent from last year and up 12 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.9 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.73 billion eggs during March 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 63 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 347 million during March 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 40.0 million, up 6 percent from March 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 816 million, was up 3 percent from March of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2005, up 4 percent from March 2004.