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On: APRIL EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .April egg production in Texas totaled 370 million eggs, down 10 percent from April 2004, and down 8 percent from March 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during April averaged 17.4 million, down 7 percent from last year and down 3 percent from March 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,127 eggs, down 3 percent from last year and down 5 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.3 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.39 billion eggs during April 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.29 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 63 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 344 million during April 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,148 eggs, unchanged from April 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.3 million, up 2 percent from April 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 790 million, was up 2 percent from April of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.8 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2005, up 6 percent from April 2004.