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On: MAY EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . May egg production in Texas totaled 382 million eggs, down 6 percent from May 2004, but up 3 percent from April 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during May averaged 17.2 million, down 6 percent from last year and down 1 percent from April 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,218 eggs, down slightly from last year but up 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.56 billion eggs during May 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.43 billion table eggs, 1.07 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 65 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during May 2005, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,210 eggs, up 1 percent from May 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.4 million, down 2 percent from May 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 823 million, was up 2 percent from May of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.78 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2005, up 3 percent from May 2004.