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On: JULY EGG PRODUCTION

DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . July egg production in Texas totaled 393 million eggs, down 4 percent from July 2004, and up 5 percent from June 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during July averaged 17.3 million, down 5 percent from last year and up slightly from June 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,271 eggs, up 1 percent from last year and up 4 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 56.8 million, up 1 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.56 billion eggs during July 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, 1.06 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 62 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 340 million during July 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 71 eggs, unchanged from July 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.3 million, up 1 percent from July 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 808 million, was up slightly from July of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.66 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during July 2005, down slightly from July 2004.