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On: AUGUST EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . August egg production in Texas totaled 388 million eggs, down 3 percent from August 2004, and down 1 percent from July 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during August averaged 17.2 million, down 5 percent from last year and down 1 percent from July 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,255 eggs, up 1 percent from last year but down 1 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 55.1 million, down 3 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.56 billion eggs during August 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.46 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 62 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 341 million during August 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,219 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 39 million, up 6 percent from August 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 812 million, was up slightly from August of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.48 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2005, up 3 percent from August 2004.

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