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

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Austin . . . September egg production in Texas totaled 373 million eggs, down 6 percent from September 2004, and down 5 percent from August 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during September averaged 17.4 million, down 4 percent from last year but up slightly from August 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,143 eggs, down 1 percent from last year and 5 percent below last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 52.8 million, down slightly from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.38 billion eggs during September 2005, up slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.31 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 59 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during September 2005, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,155 eggs, up 1 percent from September 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 33.8 million, down 8 percent from September 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 770 million, was down slightly from September of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.13 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2005, down 8 percent from September 2004.