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On: OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION
DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . October egg production in Texas totaled 401 million eggs, down 2 percent from October 2004, and up 6 percent from September 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during October averaged 17.8 million, down 4 percent from last year but up 2 percent from September 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,254 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and 5 percent above last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 52.1 million, down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.70 billion eggs during October 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, 1.04 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 344 million during October 2005, down slightly from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from October 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 35.4 million, up 1 percent from October 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 776 million, was up 3 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.94 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2005, up 8 percent from October 2004.