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On: NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . November egg production in Texas totaled 409 million eggs, up 2 percent from November 2004, and also up 2 percent from October 2005, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during November averaged 18.4 million, down 1 percent from last year but up 3 percent from October 2005. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,228 eggs, up 3 percent from last year but 1 percent lower than last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 51.4 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.54 billion eggs during November 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.48 billion table eggs, 996 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 60 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 347 million during November 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers was 2,175 eggs, up slightly from November 2004.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 32.8 million, down 15 percent from November 2004. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 747 million, was up 2 percent from November of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.30 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2005, up 2 percent from November 2004.