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# Texas Turkey Poults

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NINE STATES

Poults hatched for the week ending September 19, 1981, totaled 135,000, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This was 265 percent above a year ago and 19 percent above last week. Eggs set for poults production are confidential to avoid disclosing individual operations.

The nine states in the weekly program reported a total of 1,672,000 poults hatched, 5 percent above last year, and 15 percent above last week. Eggs set during the week totaled 2,320,000, 7 percent below last year, but 12 percent above a week ago.

TURKEYS : EGGS SET AND POULTS HATCHED IN 9 STATES

STATE	EGGS SET (000)					CURR WK AS % OF YEAR AGO	POULTS HATCHED (000)					CURR WK AS % OF YR AGO
	WEEK ENDING						WEEK ENDING					
	AUG 22	AUG 29	SEP 5	SEP 12	SEP 19		AUG 22	AUG 29	SEP 5	SEP 12	SEP 19	
CALIF	371	241	322	211	174	70	458	456	271	242	252	115
IOWA	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
MO	2/	2/	198	269	2/	2/	2/	202	161	120	2/	2/
N C	572	546	578	535	629	99	497	498	405	322	402	88
OHIO	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
TEX	237	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	113	135	365
VA	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
MINN-WIS 1/	591	463	495	459	507	69	563	522	317	272	396	113
CURRENT WK :												
TOTAL-1981 :	2,514*	2,109*	2,224	2,073	2,320		2,404*	2,231*	1,524	1,451	1,672	
COMPARABLE :												
PREV YR :	2,408	2,486	2,647	2,549	2,492		1,945	1,984	1,600	1,666	1,599	
PERCENT OF :												
PREV YR :	104	85	84	81	93		124	112	95	87	105	

1/ MINN & WISC COMBINED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.  
2/ CONFIDENTIAL.  
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UNITED STATES

Turkey Breeder Hen Intentions Down 9 Percent

Texas flock operators indicated they would hold 463,000 breeder hens on December 1, 1981, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 9 percent below 1980's 510,000 birds, and 13 percent lower than 1979's 533,000. Heavy breeds accounted for 100 percent of the expected December 1 inventory.

Turkey breeder hen intentions of 3.67 million for December 1, 1981 indicated a decline of 5 percent from a year earlier by flock owners in 26 selected States. Heavy breed flocks are expected to decline to 3.52 million hens or 3 percent less than the 3.61 million hens in 1980. Light breed flocks are expected to decline to 154 thousand hens, 42 percent below the 264 thousand light breed hens recorded for December 1, 1980.

TURKEY BREEDER HENS: NUMBER ON HAND, DECEMBER 1, 1979-80 AND INTENTIONS TO HOLD BREEDER HENS, DECEMBER 1, 1981

State	Heavy breeds			Light breeds			All breeds			1981 as % of 1980
	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>	1979	1980	1980 <u>1/</u>	1979	1980	1981 <u>1/</u>	
	----- 1,000' head -----									Percent
Texas.....	<u>2/</u>	510	463	<u>2/</u>			533	510	463	91
Total <u>3/</u> ..	3,362	3,613	3,516	343	264	154	3,705	3,877	3,670	95

1/ Intentions. 2/ Breakdown by breeds combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. 3/ 26 selected states.

TURKEY POULTS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES AND EGGS IN INCUBATORS 1/

Month	9 States <u>2/</u>		Other states		United States			1981 as percent of 1980
	1979-80	1980-81	1979-80	1980-81	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	
	- Thousands -				- Thousands -			Percent
	POULTS HATCHED - ALL BREEDS							
SEPTEMBER...	6,721	7,065	1,276	1,866	5,610	7,997	8,931	112
OCTOBER.....	7,051	7,607	1,968	2,439	6,363	9,019	10,046	111
NOVEMBER....	7,461	7,769	2,308	2,490	8,346	9,769	10,259	105
DECEMBER....	9,643	9,765	2,559	3,063	10,274	12,202	12,828	105
JANUARY.....	12,283	11,803	3,523	3,798	13,855	15,806	15,601	99
FEBRUARY....	12,685	12,282	3,978	4,236	15,566	16,663	16,518	99
MARCH.....	15,817	14,731	4,637	5,138	20,091	20,454	19,869	97
APRIL.....	16,404	15,349	4,772	5,176	21,043	21,176	20,525	97
MAY.....	16,233	16,882	5,023	5,258	22,030	21,256	22,140	104
JUNE.....	15,851	16,470	4,477	4,911	19,960	20,328	21,381	105
JULY.....	14,647	14,498	4,097	4,097	16,859	18,744	18,595	99
AUGUST.....	10,054	10,540	2,121	2,131	11,578	12,175	12,671	104
TOTAL.....	144,850	144,761	40,739	44,603	171,575	185,589	189,364	
	EGGS IN INCUBATORS FIRST DAY OF MONTH - ALL BREEDS							
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	
SEPTEMBER 1	9,840	8,927	2,843	2,333	11,492	12,683	11,260	89

1/ The hatching year begins in September and continues through the following August. 2/ California, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

TURKEYS TESTED BY OFFICIAL STATE AGENCIES DURING AUGUST 1981 WITH COMPARISONS

Breed	August			July-August		
	1980	1981	Percent	1980-81	1981-82	Percent
	- Number -		Percent	- Number -		Percent
TEXAS						
All heavy breeds.....	39,186	30,157	- 23	50,072	85,825	+ 71
Light breeds.....	--	--	--	--	--	--
UNITED STATES						
All heavy breeds.....	307,977	333,625	+ 8	514,337	597,604	+ 16
Light breeds.....	28,582	6,150	- 78	35,182	16,100	- 54

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