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### EGG-TYPE CHICKS BELOW 1979

The number of egg-type chicks hatched in May was 1.2 million, down 59 percent from last year, and down 18 percent from last month, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

### BROILER CHICKS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 22.5 million broiler chicks hatched, 2 percent above a year ago, but 2 percent below the previous month.

### TURKEY POULTS DOWN 10 PERCENT FROM 1979

Turkey poults hatched at 941,000 were 10 percent below 1979, and 7 percent less than April 1980.

### EGG PRODUCTION ABOVE A YEAR AGO

There were 250 million eggs produced in May, up 2 percent from May 1979. The 12.4 million layers had an average rate of lay of 65.2 percent. Layers on hand were 3 percent above a year ago, and the same as last month.

### EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

This month's egg-feed price ratio of 5.6 was 23 percent below last year and 7 percent below last month.

### APRIL 1980 POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Slaughter of all chickens during April was 6 percent above last year, and 2 percent more than March. Turkey slaughter was 2 percent above last year and 4 percent above last month.

### EGG-TYPE AND BROILER CHICKS

The egg-type hatch of 46.6 million was 17 percent below last year, and slightly less than last month. Broilers hatched, at 382.2 million was down 3 percent from 1979, but 3 percent more than last month.

### TURKEY POULTS

Heavy breed poults hatched totaled 19.7 million and light breeds totaled 1.4 million. The combined sum of 21.1 million was 4 percent below last year but slightly above last month.

### LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Eggs produced numbered 5.8 billion, 1 percent below last year, but 13 percent above last month. The average rate of lay was 66.7 percent, slightly above last year. The United States laying flock totaled 279 million, 2 percent below a year earlier and down 1 percent from April.

### EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

Egg-feed price ratio of 5.3 was 23 percent less than last year and 12 percent below last month.

### POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Chickens slaughtered during April were up 7 percent from a year ago, and 7 percent above the previous month, while turkey slaughter was 23 percent above a year ago, and 11 percent more than March.

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