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EGG-TYPE CHICKS BELOW 1979

The number of egg-type chicks hatched in April was 1.5 million, down 50 percent from last year, but up 13 percent from last month, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

BROILER CHICKS UP 10 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 22.8 million broiler chicks hatched, 10 percent above a year ago, but 1 percent below the previous month.

TURKEY POULTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM 1979

Turkey poults hatched at 1,008,000 were 7 percent below 1979, and 15 percent less than March 1980.

EGG PRODUCTION ABOVE A YEAR AGO

There were 244 million eggs produced in April, up 3 percent from April 1979. The 12.4 million layers had an average rate of lay of 65.7 percent. Layers on hand were 4 percent above a year ago, and 1 percent more than last month.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

This month's egg-feed price ratio of 6.0 was 25 percent below last year and 12 percent below last month.

MARCH 1980 POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Slaughter of all chickens during March was slightly below last year, but 11 percent more than February. Turkey slaughter was 54 percent above last month.

EGG-TYPE AND BROILER CHICKS

The egg-type hatch of 46.6 million was 11 percent below last year, but 2 percent more than last month. Broilers hatched, at 371.9 million was down 1 percent from 1979, and 2 percent less than last month.

TURKEY POULTS

Heavy breed poults hatched totaled 19.6 million and light breeds totaled 1.4 million. The combined sum of 21.0 million was slightly below last year but 3 percent above last month.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Eggs produced numbered 5.7 billion, slightly below last year, and down 4 percent from last month. The average rate of lay was 67.3 percent, up 1 percent from last year. The United States laying flock totaled 282 million, 2 percent below a year earlier and down 1 percent from March.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

Egg-feed price ratio of 6.0 was 19 percent less than last year and 5 percent below last month.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Chickens slaughtered during March were down 2 percent from a year ago, but 3 percent above the previous month, while turkey slaughter was 32 percent above a year ago, and 18 percent more than February.

CHICKS AND POULTS HATCHED AND EGGS PRODUCED, TEXAS AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 1980, WITH COMPARISONS

Item	Unit	TEXAS			UNITED STATES		
		April 1980	This month compares with:		April 1980	This month compares with:	
			Last month	Last year		Last month	Last year
		Percent change			Percent change		
HATCHERY PRODUCTION							
Egg-type chicks hatched	Thousand	1,510	+ 13	- 50	46,579	+ 2	- 11
Broiler chicks hatched.	Thousand	22,833	- 1	+ 10	371,936	- 2	- 1
TURKEY POULTS							
All heavy breeds.....	Thousand	1/	--	--	19,566	+ 4	- 2
Light breeds.....	Thousand	1/	--	--	1,433	- 2	+ 27
Total poults hatched...	Thousand	1,008	- 15	- 7	20,999	+ 3	No change
EGG PRODUCTION							
Layers on hand.....	Thousand	12,375	+ 1	+ 4	282,473	- 1	- 2
Eggs per 100 layers....	Number	65.7	+ 1	No change	67.3	No change	+ 1
Total eggs produced....	Million	244	- 1	+ 3	5,699	- 4	No change
EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO.....	Pounds	6.0	- 12	- 25	6.0	- 5	- 19
	Unit	March 1980	Last month	Last year	March 1980	Last month	Last year
POULTRY SLAUGHTER							
All chickens.....	Thousand	21,701	+ 11	No change	334,533	+ 3	- 2
All turkeys.....	Thousand	590	+ 54	+ 62	8,932	+ 18	+ 32
1/ Breakdown by breeds not published to avoid disclosure of individual data.							

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END-OF-MONTH COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Unit	April 1980	This month as a percent of:	
			March 1980	April 1979
		<i>Thousand</i>	<i>- Percent -</i>	
FROZEN CHICKEN				
Broilers, fryers, roasters.....	<i>Pounds</i>	31,686	104	185
Hens.....	<i>Pounds</i>	46,971	119	250
Other frozen chicken.....	<i>Pounds</i>	79,472	102	114
Total frozen chicken.....	<i>Pounds</i>	158,129	107	150
FROZEN TURKEY				
Whole turkeys.....	<i>Pounds</i>	139,811	97	175
Other turkey.....	<i>Pounds</i>	63,478	98	132
Total frozen turkey.....	<i>Pounds</i>	203,289	97	159
DUCKS.....	<i>Pounds</i>	3,719	123	168
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.....	<i>Pounds</i>	365,137	101	155
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EGGS				
Shell.....	<i>Cases</i>	31	135	155
Frozen.....	<i>Pounds</i>	23,416	101	108

PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS 1/

Month	Total			Domestic			
	1978	1979	1980	1978	1979	1980	1980 as % of 1979
			<i>- T h o u s a n d s -</i>	<i>Percent</i>			
BROILER-TYPE							
January.....	3,271	4,202	4,132	2,687	3,541	3,336	94
February.....	3,374	3,741	3,973	2,751	3,089	3,340	108
March.....	3,919	4,657	3,970	3,309	4,004	3,125	78
April.....	4,234	4,843	4,561	3,629	4,129	3,644	88
May.....	4,119	4,615		3,532	3,960		
June.....	3,911	4,186		3,201	3,486		
July.....	3,966	3,931		3,376	3,144		
August.....	3,430	3,905		2,875	3,040		
September.....	3,559	3,648		3,129	3,038		
October.....	3,627	3,582		3,117	2,929		
November.....	3,653	3,606		3,091	2,876		
December.....	3,790	3,875		3,289	3,232		
ANNUAL TOTAL..	44,853	48,791		37,986	40,468		
EGG-TYPE							
January.....				184	314	239	76
February.....				241	246	256	104
March.....				389	357	308	86
April.....				341	329	345	105
May.....				322	464		
June.....				457	540		
July.....				322	462		
August.....				424	427		
September.....				282	228		
October.....				273	254		
November.....				195	255		
December.....				211	278		
ANNUAL TOTAL..				3,641	4,154		

1/ Reported by leading breeders. Includes expected pullet replacements from eggs sold during the preceding month at the rate of 125 pullet chicks per 30-dozen case of eggs.

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