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EGG-TYPE CHICKS BELOW 1979

The number of egg-type chicks hatched in March was 1.3 million, down 55 percent from last year, but up 2 percent from last month, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

BROILER CHICKS UP 15 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

There were 23.0 million broiler chicks hatched, 15 percent above a year ago, and 8 percent above the previous month.

TURKEY POULTS UP 14 PERCENT FROM 1979

Turkey poults hatched at 1,188,000 were 14 percent above 1979, and 27 percent more than February 1980.

EGG PRODUCTION ABOVE A YEAR AGO

There were 247 million eggs produced in March, up 5 percent from March 1979. The 12.2 million layers had an average rate of lay of 65.3 percent. Layers on hand were 3 percent above a year ago, but slightly less than last month.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

This month's egg-feed price ratio of 6.8 was 17 percent below last year and 6 percent below last month.

FEBRUARY 1980 POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Slaughter of all chickens during February was 3 percent above last year, but 13 percent less than January. Turkey slaughter was 29 percent below last month.

EGG-TYPE AND BROILER CHICKS

The egg-type hatch of 45.9 million was 9 percent below last year, but 9 percent more than last month. Broilers hatched, at 381.5 million was up 3 percent from 1979, and 10 percent above last month.

TURKEY POULTS

Heavy breed poults hatched totaled 18.9 million and light breeds totaled 1.4 million. The combined sum of 20.3 million was 1 percent above last year and 24 percent above last month.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION

Eggs produced numbered 5.9 billion, up 1 percent from last year, and up 6 percent from last month. The average rate of lay was 67.6 percent, up 3 percent from last year. The United States laying flock totaled 286 million, 1 percent below both a year earlier and February of this year.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO

Egg-feed price ratio of 6.3 was 20 percent less than last year but 7 percent above last month.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Chickens slaughtered during February were up 15 percent from a year ago, but 8 percent below the previous month, while turkey slaughter was 43 percent above a year ago, but 16 percent less than January.

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

Item	Unit	TEXAS			UNITED STATES			
		March 1980	This month compares with:		March 1980	This month compares with:		
			Last month	Last year		Last month	Last year	
		<i>Percent change</i>			<i>Percent change</i>			
HATCHERY PRODUCTION								
Egg-type chicks hatched	Thousand	1,338	+ 2	- 55	45,850	+ 9	- 9	
Broiler chicks hatched.	Thousand	22,963	+ 8	+ 15	381,462	+ 10	+ 3	
TURKEY POULTS								
All heavy breeds.....	Thousand	1/	--	--	18,885	+ 25	- 1	
Light breeds.....	Thousand	1/	--	--	1,462	+ 11	+ 40	
Total poults hatched...	Thousand	1,188	+ 27	+ 14	20,347	+ 24	+ 1	
EGG PRODUCTION								
Layers on hand.....	Thousand	12,200	No change	+ 3	286,308	- 1	- 1	
Eggs per 100 layers....	Number	65.3	+ 2	+ 2	67.6	+ 2	+ 3	
Total eggs produced....	Million	247	+ 6	+ 5	5,949	+ 6	+ 1	
EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO.....								
	Pounds	6.8	- 6	- 17	6.3	+ 7	- 20	
		Unit	February 1980	Last month	Last year	February 1980	Last month	Last year
POULTRY SLAUGHTER								
All chickens.....	Thousand	19,507	- 13	+ 3	326,065	- 8	+ 15	
All turkeys.....	Thousand	384	- 29	+ 27	7,544	- 16	+ 43	

1/ Breakdown by breeds not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

END-OF-MONTH COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Unit	March 1980	This month as a percent of:	
			February 1980	March 1979
		<i>Thousand</i>	<i>- Percent -</i>	
FROZEN CHICKEN				
Broilers, fryers, roasters.....	Pounds	31,057	101	168
Hens.....	Pounds	37,423	107	239
Other frozen chicken.....	Pounds	77,802	112	117
Total frozen chicken.....	Pounds	146,282	108	145
FROZEN TURKEY				
Whole turkeys.....	Pounds	144,560	96	168
Other turkey.....	Pounds	63,455	88	128
Total frozen turkey.....	Pounds	208,015	93	153
DUCKS.....	Pounds	3,232	84	130
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.....	Pounds	357,529	99	150
EGGS				
Shell.....	Cases	25	104	104
Frozen.....	Pounds	24,513	103	116

PULLET CHICK PLACEMENTS FOR HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS ^{1/}

Month	Total			Domestic			1980 as % of 1979
	1978	1979	1980	1978	1979	1980	
	<i>- Thousands -</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		3,629	4,129		
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		
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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