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EGG-TYPE CHICKS BELOW 1979: The number of egg-type chicks hatched in August was 896 thousand, down 62 percent from last year, and 12 percent below last month, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

BROILER CHICKS DOWN 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR: There were 18.8 million broiler chicks hatched, 14 percent below a year ago, and 9 percent less than the previous month.

TURKEY POULTS DOWN 36 PERCENT FROM 1979: Turkey poults hatched at 381,000 were 36 percent below 1979, and 52 percent less than July 1980.

EGG PRODUCTION ABOVE A YEAR AGO: There were 253 million eggs produced in August, 9 percent above August 1979. The 12.9 million layers had an average rate of lay of 63.5 percent. Layers on hand were 9 percent above a year ago.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO: This month's egg-feed price ratio of 6.0 was 13 percent below last year but 5 percent above last month.

JULY 1980 POULTRY SLAUGHTER: Slaughter of all chickens during July was 11 percent below last year, but 4 percent more than June. Turkey slaughter was 25 percent above last year and 15 percent above last month.

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EGG-TYPE AND BROILER CHICKS: The egg-type hatch of 37.4 million was 11 percent below last year, but slightly above last month. Broilers hatched, at 334.1 million were down 7 percent from 1979, and 8 percent less than last month.

TURKEY POULTS: Heavy breed poults hatched totaled 10.7 million and light breeds totaled 1.5 million. The combined sum of 12.2 million was 5 percent above last year but 35 percent below last month.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION: Eggs produced numbered 5.8 billion, 1 percent below last year, but 1 percent above last month. The average rate of lay was 65.7 percent, slightly above last year. The United States laying flock totaled 287.0 million, unchanged from a year earlier but 2 percent more than July.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO: Egg-feed price ratio of 6.0 was 2 percent less than last year but 5 percent above last month.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER: Chickens slaughtered during July were 2 percent below a year ago, but 1 percent above the previous month, while turkey slaughter was 12 percent above a year ago, and 18 percent more than June.

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