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EGG-TYPE CHICKS BELOW 1979: The number of egg-type chicks hatched in September was 1,227 thousand, down 50 percent from last year, but 37 percent above last month, according to the Texas Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

BROILER CHICKS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR: There were 18.9 million broiler chicks hatched, 4 percent below a year ago, but 1 percent more than the previous month.

TURKEY POULTS DOWN 37 PERCENT FROM 1979: Turkey poults hatched at 296,000 were 37 percent below 1979, and 22 percent less than August 1980.

EGG PRODUCTION ABOVE A YEAR AGO: There were 255 million eggs produced in September, 11 percent above September 1979. The 13.2 million layers had an average rate of lay of 64.4 percent. Layers on hand were 11 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 the same as last month.

AUGUST 1980 POULTRY SLAUGHTER: The August slaughter of 20.9 million chickens was 21 percent below last year, but slightly more than July. Turkey slaughter of 656 thousand was 5 percent below last year and 20 percent below last month.

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EGG-TYPE AND BROILER CHICKS: The egg-type hatch of 36.7 million was slightly above last year, but 2 percent below last month. Broilers hatched, at 330.0 million were up 3 percent from 1979, but 1 percent less than last month.

TURKEY POULTS: Heavy breed poults hatched totaled 8.0 million and light breeds totaled 912 thousand. The combined sum of 8.9 million was 12 percent above last year but 27 percent below last month.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION: Eggs produced numbered 5.7 billion, 1 percent above last year, but 1 percent below last month. The average rate of lay was 65.7 percent, 1 percent above last year. The United States laying flock totaled 288.8 million, slightly above a year earlier and 2 percent more than August.

EGG-FEED PRICE RATIO: Egg-feed price ratio of 6.2 was 3 percent less than last year but 3 percent above last month.

POULTRY SLAUGHTER: The 340.6 million chickens slaughtered during August were 11 percent below a year ago, and 3 percent below the previous month, while the 15.7 million turkeys slaughtered were 14 percent below a year ago, and 7 percent less than July.

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