

May Hatch May Show Year's First Drop From 1958 Totals

Production of chicks by commercial hatcheries in Pennsylvania during April totaled 11,727,000, up three per cent from April 1958. Broiler-type production composing 40 per cent of the total was down 10 per cent while egg-type was up 13 per cent compared to last year.

A smaller May hatch is in prospect for the Middle Atlantic States. Broiler type chicks in incubators on May 1st were 10 per cent below a year earlier and egg-type numbers were 16 per cent below a year earlier.

U. S. TOTAL UP

Commercial hatcheries in the U. S. produced 311,561,000 chicks during April; up four per cent from last year and nine per cent more than the 1953-57 average. The number of broiler-type chicks hatched was up 10 per cent, with egg-type chicks hatchings down two per cent.

April broiler-chick production totaled 179 million, compared with 163 in April, 1958.

Broiler - chick production for the first four months of 1959 totaled 661 million, up 12 per cent from the same period of 1958.

April egg-type hatchings totaled 133 million, with Jan. 1 - May 1 production totaling 348 million, about one per cent more than the same period last year.

Demand for both broiler and egg-type chicks, responding to low prices for eggs & broilers, has slackened considerably from previous months and is below that of a year ago. Smaller May hatches than a year ago are in prospect.

The U. S. total of broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1, was one per cent less than a year ago, while the number of egg-type eggs was off 13 per cent.

'59 Oat Support Set at 50 Cents

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced 1959-crop oat crop county support rates.

The rates are based on the 1959-crop national average

Simazine Is Good

But Not Weed Killing Magic

Simazine, a pre-emergence herbicide, gives good control of most annual broad-leaf and annual grasses in corn, but don't expect it to control all weeds, warns

support price of 50 cents per bushel for Grade No. 3 oats. The method followed in determining rates is the same as in previous years.

Except for limited areas in the western States, county support rates generally reflect the 11 cent per bushel reduction in the 1959 national average from the 1958 average of 61 cents per bushel. Terminal rates are not established for oats.

Oats to be eligible for support must grade No. 3 or better or No. 4 on the factor of test weight only under the Revised Official Grain Standards for oats effective June 1, 1959.

County support rates have been established for Grade No. 3 oats. Premiums are 1 cent per bushel for Grade No. 2 or better, 1 cent for heavy test weight, and 2 cents for extra heavy test weight. Discounts are 1 cent per bushel for Grade No. 4 on the basis of test weight only and 3 cents for garlic-ky.

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Chester County Agent Robert A. Powers, Jr., because there are many factors that influence its effect.

Rainfall is very important for good weed control, and under best conditions an inch of rain should fall within a week of the chemical's application.

If there is no rain within two or three weeks, simazine will not kill weeds well although it may retard their growth.

Apply simazine prior to or during emergence, Powers says. Apply during planting operation, or within 7 days after planting. This chemical can be applied over the total area or banded over the row.

Rate of application is four pounds in 20 gallon of water per acre for an overall treatment, and two pounds per acre in six to eight gallons of water when banded over the row.

Use of large capacity nozzles with 50 mesh screens, and proper agitation in tank, is recommended.

Simazine will not injure corn if directions are followed.

Don't expect simazine to control all kinds of weeds. roots of perennials such as Canada thistle, nightshade, horse nettle and quackgrass grow too deep for this chem-

ical to eradicate. There is no danger of adjoining spray drift since not a contact herbicide has very low toxicity to humans and animals. Weeds removed from washing thorough water.

Production of the first three months year amounted to 1.2 million lbs., up six per cent from the same three months of 1958. Of the January-February crop, 3,103 million lbs. of beef, down two per cent from last year, 220 million lbs. of veal, down 2,790 lbs. were per cent and 202 million lbs. were mutton and 14 per cent of 1959.

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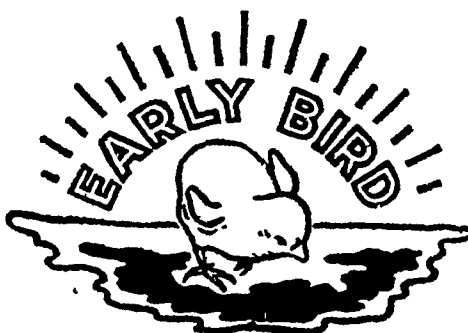
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