

Crop & Livestock Round-Up

State Hatch 5 Percent Below Year Ago

Chick hatchings in Pennsylvania during April totaled 79 million chicks — 7 percent above March but 5 percent below April 1964, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Both egg-type hatch and broiler-type hatch increased 7 percent from March to April. Egg-type hatch is 32 percent below April last year but broiler-type hatch is

29 percent above April 1964. The four month cumulative hatch for 1965 is 272 million, 10 percent below the comparable period last year. Egg-type hatch so far this year (97 million chicks) is 32 percent below the January-April figure in 1964. Broiler-type hatch during the same period (175 million chicks) is 10 percent above the first four months of 1964.

U. S. Chick Production 1 Percent Below Last Year

Hatcheries produced 297,342,000 chicks during April 1965 compared with 300,643,000 in April 1964. Broiler chicks hatched during April totaled 223,304,000, up 6 percent from April last year and the largest hatch for the month on record. During the first four months of 1965 there were 819,143,000 broiler chicks produced, an increase of 4 percent from the same period in 1964 and the highest of record for these months. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on May 1 was 5 percent above May 1 last year.

There were 74,038,000 egg-type chicks hatched in April — down 17 percent from April 1964 and the smallest April hatch of egg-type chicks of record. All sections of the county reported decreases, 22 percent in the West North Central, 21 percent in the North

Atlantic, 19 percent in the East North Central, 13 percent in the West, 10 percent in the South Atlantic, and 5 percent in the South Central States. The hatch of egg-type chicks during the first 4 months of 1965 totaled 202,989,000 — a decrease of 15 percent from the same period last year and the smallest egg-type hatch of record for these months. The number of egg-type eggs in incubators on May 1 was down 11 percent from May 1 last year.

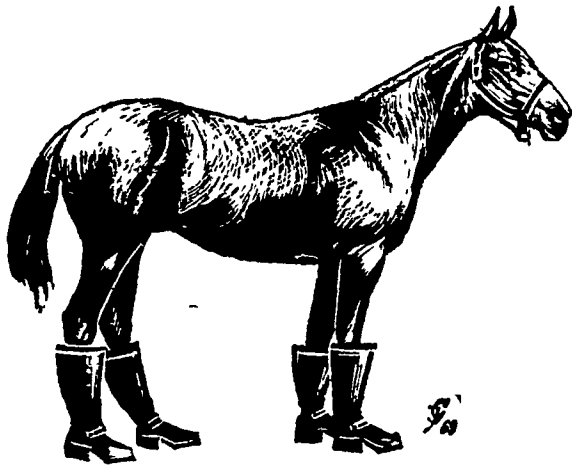
Excellent Weather For Growth and Field Work
Above normal weekly temperatures and moderate rainfall last week, enabled satisfactory germination and growth of field crops, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. In addition, four days without precipitation permitted field work to advance

rapidly. In northern counties, farm work consisted primarily of planting oats and potatoes, with some planting of peas for processing. In southern counties planting of corn, transplanting of tomatoes, spraying orchards and hay fields was common. Cutting of green chop and hay occurred in scattered localities.

Grains

Barley and wheat growth continues to be rapid. In southern sections barley is forming heads of good length; however, straw is short. Wheat has not started to form heads. Early planted oats fields are up, especially in the south, and stands are fairly good. Some planting continues in nearly all areas, but is only active in the north. Planting of corn is in full swing in southern sections, and over half of the

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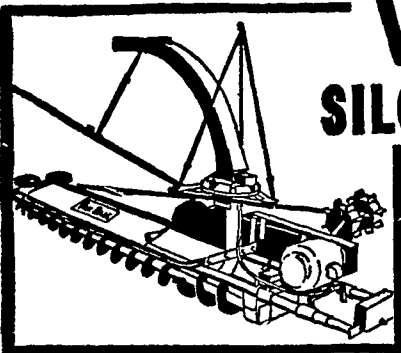
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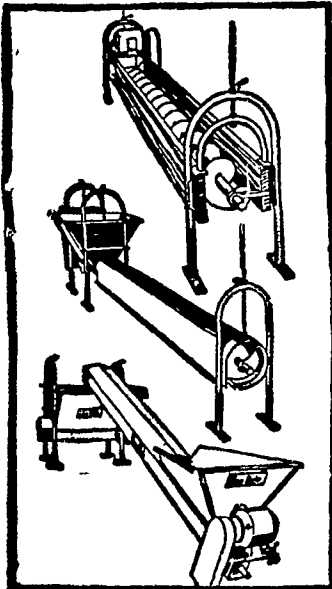


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