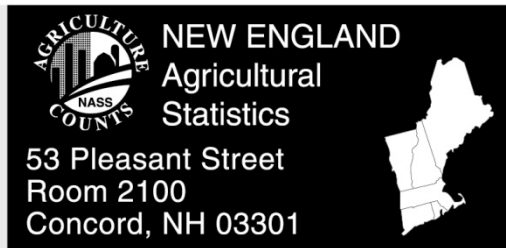


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TOBACCO

The August 1, 2011 tobacco forecast placed broadleaf marketed production at 3.92 million pounds in Connecticut and Massachusetts, 80 percent of last year's production. Broadleaf yields were expected to average 1,729 pounds per acre in the two States according to early assessments. This past spring was on the damp side with frequent showers that farmers had to compete with while planting. As the summer progressed, conditions became more arid, but the crop continued to be rated mostly in good condition. As of August 1, the broadleaf crop was less than 5 percent

harvested, compared with 10 percent last year and a 5-year average of 5 percent.

Shade tobacco marketed production was expected to total 1.29 million pounds across the two States, up 15 percent from a year earlier. As of August 1, shade tobacco was 30 percent harvested, slightly ahead of the average, 20 percent, for that time of year. Throughout the growing season, crop specialists rated the shade crop in good condition. Shade producers expected 2011 yields to average 1,500 pounds per acre.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2010 and August 1, 2011 Forecast

Crop and State	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
Broadleaf (Type 51):						
Connecticut	1,950	1,750	1,720	1,710	3,354	2,993
Massachusetts	850	520	1,800	1,790	1,530	931
CT and MA TOTAL	2,800	2,270	1,744	1,729	4,884	3,924
Shade (Type 61):						
Connecticut	650	730	1,500	1,500	975	1,095
Massachusetts	100	130	1,500	1,500	150	195
CT and MA TOTAL	750	860	1,500	1,500	1,125	1,290
UNITED STATES (All Cigar Types)	5,650	4,830	1,937	1,783	10,944	8,614

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, August 11, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

APPLES

Growers' assessments as of August 1 placed New England's 2011 apple crop at 3.78 million bushels (42-pound bushels), 6 percent above the previous year total. The spring of 2011 began cool and rainy which delayed bloom in some orchards. Cool, wet conditions persisted into full bloom, providing less than ideal pollinating

conditions at some locations. No major frost events were reported this spring. July brought a good mix of rain and sunshine, and apple producers described fruit set as moderate and fruit size as medium by month's end. Harvest was underway across New England in mid August, on schedule with last year and normal.

APPLES: Total Production, 2009, 2010, and August 1, 2011 Forecast ¹

State	Total Production						
	2009	2010	2011	2011 as a Percent of 2010	2009	2010	2011
	Million Pounds			Percent	1,000 Bushels ²		
Connecticut	19.5	23.0	24.0	104	464	548	571
Maine	34.0	31.0	34.0	110	810	738	810
Massachusetts	43.5	37.0	38.0	103	1,036	881	905
New Hampshire	30.0	21.0	22.0	105	714	500	524
Rhode Island	2.4	2.6	2.8	108	57	62	67
Vermont	40.0	35.0	38.0	109	952	833	905
NEW ENGLAND	169.4	149.6	158.8	106	4,033	3,562	3,781
UNITED STATES	9,704.9	9,301.6	9,511.8	102	231,069	221,467	226,471

¹ Apple production from commercial orchards with 100 or more trees.

² Bushels are calculated using a 42-lb. bushel equivalent.

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, August 11, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

CRANBERRIES

The Massachusetts cranberry forecast is 2.10 million barrels, up 11 percent from 2010. If this production comes to fruition it would be tied for the second largest crop on record. Favorable weather conditions during June and the first half of July aided pollination. Some growers reported higher than normal weed pressure.

The United States production forecast for the 2011 cranberry crop is 7.50 million barrels, up 10 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the second largest production on record. Production forecasts are up from last year in Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin but down in New Jersey.

CRANBERRIES: Total Production, 2009, 2010, and 2011 Forecast

State	Total Production		
	2009	2010	2011
	Barrels ¹		
Massachusetts	1,817,000	1,891,000	2,100,000
New Jersey	555,000	562,000	540,000
Oregon	430,000	290,000	385,000
Washington	161,000	108,000	173,000
Wisconsin	3,950,000	3,960,000	4,300,000
UNITED STATES	6,913,000	6,811,000	7,498,000

¹ A barrel weighs 100 pounds.

SOURCE: *Cranberries*, August 16, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

CHICKENS

July 2011 layer inventories for Connecticut and Maine totaled 5.72 million layers, a decrease of 264,000 birds from the previous year's count. Maine was the leading producer of eggs in New England, accounting for a total of 83 million eggs from all layers in July 2011. Connecticut contributed 55 million eggs during the month of July, making it the second largest egg producer in the 6-State region.

Total egg production in the United States totaled 7.74 billion during July 2011, this represents a small increase from the previous year's count of 7.72. The total number of layers during July 2011 was 336 million, down 1 percent from the previous last year's count of 340 million. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from the number in July 2010.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, July 2010 – 2011

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹		Egg Production from All Layers ¹	
	July 2010	July 2011	July 2010	July 2011	July 2010	July 2011	July 2010	July 2011
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,375	2,222	2,446	2,295	2,412	2,397	59	55
Maine	3,480	3,367	3,535	3,422	2,489	2,425	88	83
UNITED STATES	277,259	274,767	339,929	335,763	2,271	2,304	7,719	7,735

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, August 22, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Vermont totaled 214 million pounds in July 2011, up 3 million pounds from July 2010. There were an estimated 134,000 milk cows on Vermont farms, a decrease of 2,000 head from the same month the previous year. Milk production per cow averaged 1,600 pounds, an increase of 50 pounds per cow from July 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July 2011 totaled 15.4 billion pounds, 1 percent greater than July 2010. Production per cow averaged 1,824 pounds for July, down 5 pounds from last year at the same time. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 93,000 head more than July 2010, and 8,000 head more than June 2011.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, July 2011 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ¹			Milk per Cow ²			Milk Production ²		
	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	136	134	134	1,550	1,580	1,600	211	212	214
New York	611	610	610	1,790	1,770	1,790	1,094	1,080	1,092
Pennsylvania	541	542	540	1,680	1,620	1,630	909	878	880
UNITED STATES ³	8,375	8,460	8,468	1,829	1,819	1,824	15,316	15,389	15,445

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ UNITED STATES includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, and WI.

SOURCE: *Milk Production*, August 18, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VERMONT MILK: Prices Received by Farmers for Milk Sold, 2006 – 2011 ¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Dollars per Cwt												
2006	15.30	14.60	13.80	12.80	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.90	13.60	14.50	14.70	14.80	13.70
2007	15.70	15.90	16.80	17.70	19.20	21.20	23.20	23.50	23.80	23.30	23.80	23.30	20.60
2008	22.10	20.50	18.90	19.30	18.80	19.90	20.80	19.90	19.70	18.70	18.40	16.40	19.50
2009	15.10	12.60	12.40	12.80	12.80	12.50	12.30	12.80	13.70	15.10	16.20	17.50	13.80
2010	17.50	17.10	16.20	15.80	16.50	17.10	17.60	18.00	19.20	20.00	19.60	18.20	17.70
2011 ²	18.20	20.10	21.60	21.40	21.60	22.70	23.10	23.30					

¹ Prices include quality, quantity, and other premiums; excludes deductions for hauling and hauling subsidies.

² Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, August 31, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FARM LABOR

During the survey week of July 10 – 16, 2011, there were 38,000 hired workers on farms in the Northeast, unchanged from one year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.00, up 65 cents from a year earlier. The number of hours worked per week averaged 41.3, compared to 43.7 hours per week in July of 2010.

Nationally, there were 836,000 hired workers on farms during the same period, down 5 percent from a year ago. Hired workers were paid an average of \$10.90 per hour during the survey week and worked an average of 41.3 hours. Quarterly farm labor statistics for the Northeast region consist of the six New England states and New York.

Quarterly Farm Labor: Hired Workers on Farms and Hours Worked per Week Northeast I and United States, July 2011 with Comparisons ^{1 2 3}

Region	Hired Workers on Farms		Hours Worked During the Week	
	July 11 – 17, 2010	July 10 – 16, 2011	July 11 – 17, 2010	July 10 – 16, 2011
	1,000 Workers		Hours per Week	
Northeast I	38	38	43.7	41.3
United States	885	836	40.7	41.3

¹ Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers. Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

² Northeast I includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

³ United States excludes Alaska.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, August 18, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**Quarterly Farm Labor: Wage Rates for Hired Workers,
Northeast I and United States, July 2011 with Comparisons**^{1 2 3}

Northeast I	July 11 – 17, 2010	July 10 – 16, 2011	United States	July 11 – 17, 2010	July 10 – 16, 2011
	Dollars per Hour			Dollars per Hour	
All Hired Workers ⁴	10.35	11.00	All Hired Workers ⁴	10.79	10.90
Field	9.81	10.63	Field	10.09	10.24
Livestock	9.59	9.83	Livestock	10.15	10.28
Field and Livestock	9.73	10.35	Field and Livestock	10.11	10.25

¹ Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.

² Northeast I includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

³ United States excludes Alaska.

⁴ Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, August 18, 2011, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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