

## TOBACCO

**Broadleaf tobacco** marketed production weighed in at 1.87 million pounds in 2009 in the Connecticut River Valley, 39 percent below 2008 marketed output. The 2009 season was very challenging for tobacco growers. Cold, wet conditions during the growing season increased the incidence of mold and viruses and some growers lost their entire crop. An estimated 1,726 acres were left unharvested across both States, a 56 percent loss. Additional losses showed up in the sheds as the crop cured. Broadleaf marketed yields averaged 1,337 pounds per acre in the two States in 2009, slightly below the 1,398 pounds per acre average a year earlier, and the lowest yield on record since 2000. Less than optimum quality in a higher percentage of the crop translated into lower

average prices received. Broadleaf tobacco prices averaged \$5.04 per pound in 2009 across all grades, compared with \$5.81 per pound a year earlier. Marketed value fell to \$9.43 million in 2009, nearly half the value realized the previous year.

Producers intend to market 1.14 million pounds of 2009 crop **shade tobacco** in Connecticut and Massachusetts, a 19 percent drop in marketed production from the previous year. Based on May 2010 assessments, yields were expected to average 1,280 pounds per acre. Value of the 2009 crop for the two States will be published in February 2011, after the bulk of the crop is marketed.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 – 2009 <sup>1</sup>

State and Year	Broadleaf Tobacco (Type 51)					Shade Tobacco (Type 61)					All Tobacco			
	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Value of Production
	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>														
2000	650	1,500	975	4.90	4,778	1,000	1,550	1,550	D	D	1,650	1,530	2,525	D
2001	1,380	1,790	2,470	5.55	13,709	970	1,415	1,373	D	D	2,350	1,635	3,843	D
2002	1,350	1,820	2,457	5.45	13,391	650	1,320	858	D	D	2,000	1,658	3,315	D
2003	1,400	1,400	1,960	3.50	6,860	780	1,180	920	D	D	2,180	1,321	2,880	D
2004	1,500	1,530	2,295	5.25	12,049	860	1,595	1,372	D	D	2,360	1,554	3,667	D
2005	1,520	1,720	2,614	5.70	14,900	930	1,400	1,302	D	D	2,450	1,598	3,916	D
2006	1,650	1,760	2,904	6.50	18,876	850	1,140	969	D	D	2,500	1,549	3,873	D
2007	1,900	1,850	3,515	6.40	22,496	1,000	1,510	1,510	D	D	2,900	1,733	5,025	D
2008	1,700	1,380	2,346	5.90	13,841	900	1,300	1,170	D	D	2,600	1,352	3,516	D
2009	1,100	1,260	1,386	5.00	6,930	800	1,300	1,040	D	D	1,900	1,277	2,426	D
<b>Massachusetts</b>														
2000	250	720	180	5.00	900	260	1,000	260	D	D	510	863	440	D
2001	840	1,780	1,495	5.65	8,447	300	1,040	312	D	D	1,140	1,585	1,807	D
2002	850	1,840	1,564	5.25	8,211	310	950	295	D	D	1,160	1,603	1,859	D
2003	970	1,470	1,426	3.70	5,276	280	1,120	314	D	D	1,250	1,392	1,740	D
2004	920	1,600	1,472	5.40	7,949	320	1,390	445	D	D	1,240	1,546	1,917	D
2005	900	1,670	1,503	5.55	8,342	290	1,180	342	D	D	1,190	1,550	1,845	D
2006	950	1,610	1,530	6.75	10,328	200	1,310	262	D	D	1,150	1,558	1,792	D
2007	1,100	1,780	1,958	6.60	12,923	220	1,450	319	D	D	1,320	1,725	2,277	D
2008	500	1,460	730	5.50	4,015	190	1,250	238	D	D	690	1,403	968	D
2009	300	1,620	486	5.15	2,503	90	1,100	99	D	D	390	1,500	585	D
<b>New England <sup>2</sup></b>														
2000	900	1,283	1,155	4.92	5,678	1,260	1,437	1,810	25.30	45,793	2,160	1,373	2,965	51,471
2001	2,220	1,786	3,965	5.59	22,156	1,270	1,327	1,685	23.00	38,755	3,490	1,619	5,650	60,911
2002	2,200	1,828	4,021	5.37	21,602	960	1,201	1,153	22.50	25,943	3,160	1,637	5,174	47,545
2003	2,370	1,429	3,386	3.58	12,136	1,060	1,164	1,234	26.00	32,084	3,430	1,347	4,620	44,220
2004	2,420	1,557	3,767	5.31	19,998	1,180	1,540	1,817	25.30	45,971	3,600	1,551	5,584	65,969
2005	2,420	1,701	4,117	5.65	23,242	1,220	1,348	1,644	21.00	34,524	3,640	1,583	5,761	57,766
2006	2,600	1,705	4,434	6.59	29,204	1,050	1,172	1,231	21.70	26,712	3,650	1,552	5,665	55,916
2007	3,000	1,824	5,473	6.47	35,419	1,220	1,499	1,829	24.50	44,811	4,220	1,730	7,302	80,230
2008	2,200	1,398	3,076	5.81	17,856	1,090	1,292	1,408	28.50	40,128	3,290	1,363	4,484	57,984
2009	1,400	1,337	1,872	5.04	9,433	890	1,280	1,139	*	*	2,290	1,315	3,011	*

<sup>1</sup> Any leaf that is not harvested, or harvested and destroyed for any reason, is excluded from production.

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.

D Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

\* Connecticut and Massachusetts shade price available February 2011.