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As I write this, the economic conditions for New England farmers continue to fluctuate. While some are receiving more for their commodities, others are receiving less. Conditions for many farmers in New England and across the nation have swayed during the past year. Reduced demand due to the continuing economic slowdown and weather conditions continue to affect most agricultural commodities in New England, either in price, production or both. In these changing times, we need both historic and current agriculture data to make decisions.

The *New England Agricultural Statistics 2010* contains information on the crop, livestock, and other agricultural products for each of the six New England States. Also included are highlights from the USDA's first On-Farm Energy Production Survey and the 2009 Census of Horticulture. The complete reports are available at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov>.

Thank you to the thousands of farm operators across the region who participated in the surveys we conducted throughout the year. We understand the time commitment needed to complete these questionnaires and fully appreciate your effort. You **are** the heart and soul of our program, for without your cooperation, the rest of the story could not be accurately written.

We also appreciate the cooperation extended by the leaders of State agencies that support agriculture in each of the New England States. Their financial contributions allow us to provide data users with a printed copy of this annual report each year. Finally, I would like to recognize Alexander I. Slosman for his assistance in preparing this publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary R. Keough".

Gary R. Keough  
Director