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This issue of the *New England Agricultural Statistics 2011* contains the most accurate, reliable, and unbiased information on the crop, livestock, and other agricultural products for each of the six New England States. New to this issue is the county and State average Cash Rents section. We also added a new table in the Fresh Market Vegetables section that shows the percentage of reporters that use farmstands, farmers markets, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), etc. as marketing channels.

I wish to thank 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