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New England Egg Production in 2018

Annual Egg Production

Massachusetts egg production in New England during 2018 totaled 43 million eggs, up 7 percent from the 40 million eggs produced in 2017, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Region.

Vermont egg production in New England during 2018 totaled 62 million eggs, up 34 percent from the 46 million eggs produced in 2017.

Egg Layers

Massachusetts layer numbers during 2018 averaged 142 thousand layers, up 15 percent from the year earlier.

Vermont layer numbers during 2018 averaged 201 thousand layers, up 27 percent from the previous year.

Total Number Chickens

Massachusetts total number of chickens on hand was 184 thousand birds, up 23 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2018 was \$1.7 million, up 56 percent from December 1, 2017. The average value increased from \$7.50 per bird on December 1, 2017, to \$9.50 per bird on December 1, 2018.

Vermont total number of chickens on hand was 198 thousand birds, down 11 percent from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2018 was \$1.4 million, down 25 percent from December 1, 2017. The average value decreased from \$8.60 per bird on December 1, 2017, to \$7.20 per bird on December 1, 2018.

For the complete 2018 "Chickens and Eggs Annual Summary" go to
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