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TOBACCO: The August 1, 2007 tobacco forecast placed broadleaf production at 5.2 million pounds in the Connecticut River Valley. Increased acreage and improved yields in Connecticut and Massachusetts would place 2007 production 18 percent above last year's output. The 2007 season began with a cool spring that slowed growth of plants in greenhouses. However, warmer conditions arrived in May to enhance growing conditions. Late in the growing season, dry conditions forced many growers to irrigate fields. Early in August, there were some reports of crop damage from heavy rain storms. Blue mold was confirmed in the Valley in late-July in shade tobacco fields and in broadleaf fields in mid-August, and growers have been vigilant in their efforts to control the spread of the disease. Broadleaf yields were expected to average 1,864 pounds per acre in the two states according to early August assessments. As of August 1, producers intend to harvest 1.9 million pounds of shade tobacco in Connecticut and Massachusetts, 36 percent above a year earlier due to an increase of 170 acres harvested and projected improved yields. As of late-July, crop specialists rated the condition of both tobacco crops as good.

APPLES: New England's 2007 apple crop is expected to total 3.8 million bushels (42-pound units), 14 percent above the 2006 crop. This past winter was fairly mild, with few reported instances of winterkill. Wet, cold conditions in April delayed pollination in orchards across New England and increased instances of apple scab and root rot. May brought sunnier weather and much better pollinating conditions. However, thunderstorms in late June and July brought significant hail damage to some locations. As of August 1, most growers were optimistic about the crop, stating this was one of the best growing seasons of the past few years. New England fruit set was reported moderate and size of fruit was medium. The crop was rated in good to fair condition as of August 19, 2007.

PEARS: Connecticut's 2007 production is expected to total 1,000 tons, consistent with 2006 final total production. Fruit drop was reported as light, fruit set was light to moderate, and fruit size was medium. The crop was rated in good to fair condition as of August 19, 2007.

CRANBERRIES: The **United States** forecast for the 2007 cranberry crop is 6.90 million barrels, up slightly from 2006 and 11 percent above 2005. Production increases are forecast in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington. Wisconsin joins Massachusetts in anticipation of lower production than the previous year.

The **Massachusetts** cranberry crop forecast is 1.8 million barrels, down five percent from 2006 production but 26 percent above 2005's drought reduced crop. The majority of growers experienced good pollinating conditions during late June and into the month of July. Cranberry bloom and set conditions for this year's crop were rated as average, and berry size was rated as medium as of early August. The potential size of this year's crop may be limited due

to heavy sanding of bogs this past winter, and cranberry acreage taken out of production for bog renovation purposes. Compared to the previous year, reports of winter kill in cranberry bogs increased significantly.

WILD BLUEBERRY: Maine's 2007 wild blueberry (lowbush) crop is expected to total 66.0 million pounds, based on growers reported conditions of the crop through mid-July. If realized, this forecast places expected production 12 percent below last year's output of 74.6 million pounds, and two percent above the previous five year average of 64.6 million pounds.

A few Maine wild blueberry growers reported severe winterkill but overall the damage was minimal, due to cold conditions and little snow cover at the end of January and into February. A few growers reported mummyberry and red leaf diseases in their fields. On the July survey, growers reported this year's bloom was average and some grower's reported frost damage during bloom. Dry conditions late in the growing season have hindered this crop's full potential. However, timely rain showers in July should help increase berry size. Maine's wild blueberry growers expect their yield to decrease slightly from last year's crop; however, higher than the 2005 crop.

FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: **United States** farm production expenditures totaled \$235 billion in 2006, up 5.4 percent from the revised 2005 total of \$223 billion. The largest contributors to the increase were Livestock and Poultry Purchases, up 17 percent; Taxes, up 13 percent; Interest, up 10 percent; Feed, up 8.9 percent; and Fuels, up 7.9 percent. The rise in production expenditures was spread more evenly across line-item expenditures this year than in previous years.

Trucks and Autos, Tractors and Self-propelled Machinery, and Other Farm Machinery were down 15 percent, 14 percent, and 7.3 percent, respectively. The drop in Capital Expenditures is likely due to up-to-date on-farm machinery inventories on farms and localized areas of drought.

The difference in Total Expenditures for Crop and Livestock farms has narrowed over the past few years. In 2006, they are almost equal, with crop farms at \$117.9 billion and livestock farms at \$117.1 billion. The average expenditure for a Crop farm was \$128,944 compared with \$100,150 per Livestock farm. The largest expenditures for Crop farms were Farm Services at \$17.2 billion and Labor at \$17.0 billion, accounting for 29 percent of their total expenses. The largest expenditures for Livestock farms were Feed, at \$29.2 billion, and Livestock and Poultry Purchases, at \$23.3 billion. These two expenditures accounted for 45 percent of their total expenses.

Total Fuels Expense, at \$10.9 billion dollars, was up 7.9 percent in 2006. Diesel, the largest sub-component, was \$6.53 billion (60 percent) of the Fuels Expense. Gas was \$2.34 billion (21 percent). LP Gas was \$1.26 billion (12 percent). Other Fuels was \$780 million (7.2 percent).

The Atlantic farm production region (New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia) contributed \$30.2 billion to the total 2006 U.S. Farm Production Expenditures.

AGRICULTURAL LAND VALUE: The January 1, 2007 New England farm real estate value, including land and buildings, averaged \$4,805 per acre, up four percent from the previous year. Five of the six states in the region showed an average value per acre increase from 2006 to 2007, except for Rhode Island, which remained the highest in the region at \$12,500 per acre. New England's cropland values rose two percent above a year earlier to \$7,260 per acre. Pasture land averaged \$6,380 per acre in a regional comparison which included Delaware, an increase of 29 percent from the 2006 value.

FARM LABOR: During the survey week of July 8-14, 2007, there were 39,000 hired workers on farms in the Northeast, an eight percent increase from one year ago when there were 36,000 hired workers. There were 847,000 hired workers on the nation's farms during the survey week in July 2007, down three percent from July 2006. Across the United States, hired workers were paid an average of \$10.04 per hour during the survey week and worked an average of 41.6 hours. Quarterly farm labor statistics for the Northeast region consist of the six New England states and New York.

MILK: Milk production in Vermont totaled 216 million pounds in July 2007, decreased one million pounds from July 2006. Milk cows in Vermont totaled 139,000 head in July 2007, unchanged from the previous month but down 2,000 head from the same month the previous year. Milk Production per cow averaged 1,555 pounds in July, increased 15 pounds per cow from July 2006.

LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION: July 2007 inventories for Connecticut and Maine totaled 6.5 million layers, down 4 percent from their combined total in July 2006. Maine was the leading producer of eggs in New England, accounting for a total of 87 million eggs from all layers in July 2007. Connecticut contributed 66 million eggs during the month of July, making it the second largest egg producer in the six-state region.

TURKEYS: Massachusetts and Vermont turkey growers expect to raise 122,000 birds in 2007, an increase of 5,000 birds from the total number raised in 2006.

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the **United States** during 2007 is 272 million, up 4 percent from the previous year. Six states (Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Missouri, Virginia, and California) are expected to account for two-thirds of the turkeys produced in 2007.

USDA Data Users' Meeting
October 29, 2007
Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare
Rosemont, Illinois
(847) 671-6350

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The [purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs](#) and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at www.nass.usda.gov/forum/ or [contact Marjorie Taylor \(NASS\) at \(202\) 690-8141 or at marjorie_taylor@nass.usda.gov.](mailto:marjorie_taylor@nass.usda.gov)

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 30, 2007. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at www.lmic.info or contact Jim Robb at (720) 544-2941 or at robb@lmic.info.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2005 – 2007

Crop and State	Area Harvested			Yield per Acre			Production		
	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1
	Acres			Pounds			1,000 Pounds		
Tobacco Broadleaf (Type 51):									
Connecticut	1,520	1,650	1,800	1,720	1,760	1,900	2,614	2,904	3,420
Massachusetts	900	950	1,000	1,670	1,610	1,800	1,503	1,530	1,800
CT and MA Total	2,420	2,600	2,800	1,701	1,705	1,864	4,117	4,434	5,220
Shade (Type 61):									
Connecticut	930	850	1,000	1,400	1,280	1,550	1,302	1,088	1,550
Massachusetts	290	200	220	1,180	1,450	1,500	342	290	330
CT and MA Total	1,220	1,050	1,220	1,348	1,312	1,541	1,644	1,378	1,880
UNITED STATES (All Cigar Types)	4,940	4,950	5,820	1,745	1,699	1,900	8,621	8,412	11,060

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m. August 10, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service USDA.

APPLES ^{1/}: Total Production, 2005 – 2007

State	Total Production						2007 as Percent of 2006
	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1	
	Million Pounds			1,000 Bushels ^{2/}			Percent
Connecticut	15.5	17.5	20.5	369	417	488	117%
Maine	31.0	23.5	40.0	738	560	952	170%
Massachusetts	28.5	32.0	36.5	679	762	869	114%
New Hampshire	21.0	28.5	27.0	500	679	643	95%
Rhode Island	1.6	2.0	2.5	38	48	60	125%
Vermont	33.0	36.0	33.0	786	857	786	92%
NEW ENGLAND	130.6	139.5	159.5	3,110	3,321	3,798	114%
UNITED STATES	9,704.9	9,931.7	9,284.7	231,069	236,469	221,064	93%

^{1/} Apple production from commercial orchards with 100 or more trees.

^{2/} Bushels are calculated using a 42-lb. bushel equivalent.

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., August 10, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

PEARS: Total Production, 2005 – 2007

State	Total Production			
	2005	2006	2007 Forecast as of August 1	2007 as Percent of 2006
	Tons			Percent
Connecticut	1,000	1,000	1,000	100%
UNITED STATES	823,320	842,035	878,050	104%

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 a.m., August 10, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

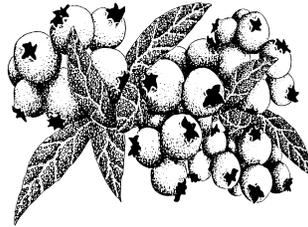
CRANBERRIES: Total Production, 2005 – 2007

State	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/} Forecast
	Barrels ^{2/}		
Massachusetts	1,423,000	1,895,000	1,800,000
New Jersey	533,000	485,000	520,000
Oregon	440,000	465,000	500,000
Washington	187,000	114,000	180,000
Wisconsin	3,660,000	3,940,000	3,900,000
UNITED STATES	6,243,000	6,899,000	6,900,000

^{1/} Current year production is forecast as of August 1st assuming normal conditions for the remainder of the growing season.

^{2/} Standard weight used for one barrel of cranberries is 100 pounds.

SOURCE: *Cranberries*, 1:00 p.m., August 21, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



MAINE WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 1998 – 2007

Year	Total Production	All Price per Pound	Value of Production	Fresh Blueberries			Blueberries for Processing		
				Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production
	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1000 Dollars
1998	62,981	46	29,166	360	1.00	360	62,621	46	28,806
1999	66,102	51	33,889	300	1.10	330	65,802	51	33,559
2000	110,990	40	44,732	420	1.20	504	110,570	40	44,228
2001	75,200	31	22,945	350	1.40	490	74,850	30	22,455
2002	62,400	29	17,860	400	1.25	500	62,000	28	17,360
2003	80,400	33	26,880	400	1.20	480	80,000	33	26,400
2004	46,000	46	20,970	300	1.35	405	45,700	45	20,565
2005	59,550	66	39,040	350	1.60	560	59,200	65	38,480
2006	74,600	81	60,040	400	1.70	680	74,200	80	59,360
2007 ^{1/}	66,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

^{1/} Current year production forecast is based on growers' assessments as of mid-July.

Quarterly Farm Labor: Hired Workers on Farms and Hours Worked per Week Northeast I and United States, July 2007 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Region	Hired Workers on Farms			Hours Worked During the Week		
	July 9 – 15, 2006	April 8 – 14, 2007	July 8 – 14, 2007	July 9 – 15, 2006	April 8 – 14, 2007	July 8 – 14, 2007
	1,000 Workers			Hours per Week		
NORTHEAST I ^{2/}	36	30	39	39.1	42.4	41.6
UNITED STATES ^{3/}	876	736 ^{4/}	847	41.0	40.7 ^{4/}	41.6

^{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.

^{4/} Revised.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00 p.m., August 17, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Quarterly Farm Labor: Wage Rates for Hired Workers, Northeast I and United States, July 2007 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Northeast I ^{2/}	July 9 – 15, 2006	April 8 – 14, 2007	July 8 – 14, 2007	United States ^{3/}	July 9 – 15, 2006	April 8 – 14, 2007	July 8 – 14, 2007
	Dollars Per Hour				Dollars Per Hour		
All Hired Workers ^{4/}	9.95	10.77	10.00	All Hired Workers ^{4/}	9.72	10.20 ^{5/}	10.04
Field	9.28	10.10	9.58	Field	8.93	9.35	9.31
Livestock	9.57	9.59	9.37	Livestock	9.49	9.59 ^{5/}	9.80
Field and Livestock	9.38	9.90	9.51	Field and Livestock	9.07	9.42 ^{5/}	9.44

^{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.

^{5/} Revised.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00 p.m., August 17, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, July 2006 – 2007

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 2006	July 2007	July 2006	July 2007	July 2006	July 2007	July 2006	July 2007
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,643	2,646	2,703	2,702	2,294	2,443	62	66
Maine	4,000	3,742	4,065	3,807	2,263	2,285	92	87
UNITED STATES	278,104	274,008	341,252	338,975	2,240	2,234	7,645	7,574

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

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs*, 3:00 p.m., August 21, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TURKEYS: Number Raised, 2005 – 2007

State	All Turkeys			
	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/}	2007 as Percent of 2006
	1,000 Birds			Percent
Massachusetts	60	62	62	100
Vermont	56	55	60	109
UNITED STATES	252,053	262,460	271,676	104

^{1/} Current year forecast as of August 2007.

SOURCE: *Turkeys Raised*, 3:00 p.m., August 23, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, July 2007 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	July 2006	June 2007	July 2007
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	141	139	139	1,540	1,510	1,555	217	210	216
New York	638	626	626	1,605	1,620	1,645	1,024	1,014	1,030
Pennsylvania	555	549	550	1,600	1,590	1,610	888	873	886
UNITED STATES ^{2/}	8,258	8,294	8,308	1,688	1,713	1,743	13,937	14,204	14,483

^{1/} Average number for month, includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} United States includes 23 major States: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.

SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., August 17, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VERMONT MILK: 2002 – 2007 Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Milk Sold

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
2002	14.20	13.80	13.30	13.10	12.70	12.10	11.60	11.70	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.40	12.70
2003	12.30	11.90	11.50	11.40	11.50	11.50	12.10	13.40	15.00	15.80	15.50	14.80	13.00
2004	14.00	14.40	16.20	17.80	20.10	19.80	17.60	15.50	16.30	16.60	17.00	17.20	16.90
2005	16.90	16.00	16.60	15.80	15.50	15.10	15.80	15.70	16.10	16.50	16.10	15.50	16.00
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 ^{2/}	15.60	15.80	16.70	17.60	19.00	21.00	22.80						

^{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*, 3:00 p.m., July 31, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, June 2007 with Comparisons

Product	June 2006 ^{1/}	May 2007 ^{1/}	June 2007	June 2007 as percent of:	
				June 2006	May 2007
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	2,614	2,385	1,619	62	68
American Type Cheese ^{2/}	5,192	7,315	5,371	103	73
Mozzarella Cheese	3,509	3,162	3,342	95	106
Other Italian Cheese ^{3/}	1,139	769	571	50	74
Cottage Cheese ^{4/}	599	653	592	99	91
		1,000 Gallons		Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	7,461	6,532	6,520	87	100
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	1,069	1,350	1,297	121	96
Milk Sherbet, Hard	182	208	139	76	67

^{1/} Revised.^{2/} American type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.^{3/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.^{4/} Creamed and low fat.SOURCE OF NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 p.m., August 3, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

CROPLAND RENTED FOR CASH: Average Cash Rent Per Acre, 2003 – 2007

Region ^{1/}	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
			Dollars per Acre		
Northeast	42.00	44.50	46.00	47.00	48.00
Lake States	74.50	76.20	78.00	80.00	85.00
Corn Belt	110.00	114.00	117.00	119.00	126.00
Northern Plains	48.00	50.00	53.00	53.50	58.00
Appalachian	52.00	55.00	58.00	56.00	58.00
Southeast	44.00	44.50	48.00	48.00	50.00
Delta States	65.00	68.50	70.50	69.50	72.50
Southern Plains	28.00	30.50	30.50	29.00	29.50
Mountain	60.50	62.50	62.00	65.00	78.00
Pacific	180.00	180.00	185.00	192.00	210.00
UNITED STATES ^{2/}	73.00	76.50	78.00	79.50 ^{3/}	85.00

^{1/} Regions:**Northeast:** CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT**Lake States:** MI, MN, and WI**Corn Belt:** IL, IN, IA, MO, and OH**Northern Plains:** KS, NE, ND, and SD**Appalachian:** KY, NC, TN, VA, and WV**Southeast:** AL, FL, GA, and SC**Delta States:** AR, LA, and MS**Southern Plains:** OK and TX**Mountain:** AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY**Pacific:** CA, OR, and WA^{2/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii^{3/} RevisedSOURCE: *Land Values and Cash Rents – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., August 3, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

PASTURE RENTED FOR CASH: Average Cash Rent Per Acre, 2003 – 2007

Region ^{1/}	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
			Dollars per Acre		
Northeast	23.00	24.00	24.00	26.00	31.00
Lake States	23.50	24.50	26.90	28.00	30.00
Corn Belt	27.00	29.00	30.50	31.00	31.50
Northern Plains	11.20	11.80	12.00	12.50	14.00
Appalachian	18.00	19.10	21.00	22.00	22.30
Southeast	18.50	19.10	19.00	20.00	22.30
Delta States	16.00	16.60	17.00	17.50	19.50
Southern Plains	8.00	8.10	8.40	8.20	8.80
Mountain	3.40	3.60	3.80	4.00	6.20
Pacific	12.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	17.30
UNITED STATES ^{2/}	9.00	9.60	10.30	10.80	12.00

^{1/} Regions:**Northeast:** CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT**Lake States:** MI, MN, and WI**Corn Belt:** IL, IN, IA, MO, and OH**Northern Plains:** KS, NE, ND, and SD**Appalachian:** KY, NC, TN, VA, and W**Southeast:** AL, FL, GA, and SC**Delta States:** AR, LA, and MS**Southern Plains:** OK and TX**Mountain:** AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY**Pacific:** CA, OR, and WA^{2/} Excludes Alaska and HawaiiSOURCE: *Land Values and Cash Rents – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., August 3, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**ANNUAL FARM PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: Farms Reporting, Average per Farm and Total
Atlantic^{1/} and United States,^{2/} 2005 – 2006**

Expenditure	Farms Reporting ^{3/}		Average per Farm ^{4/}		Total Expenditures	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
ATLANTIC	Percent		Dollars		Million Dollars	
Total Farm Production Expenditures^{5/}	100.0	100.0	68,419	70,568	29,540	30,150
Livestock, Poultry and Related Expenses ^{6/}	29.0	27.2	6,022	6,951	2,600	2,970
Feed	66.6	65.6	11,928	12,335	5,150	5,270
Farm Services ^{7/}	94.8	94.7	8,431	8,824	3,640	3,770
Rent ^{8/}	22.1	25.0	2,224	2,224	960	950
Agricultural Chemicals ^{9/}	41.8	35.8	1,853	1,872	800	800
Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners ^{9/}	54.9	55.2	2,988	3,277	1,290	1,400
Interest	36.5	31.4	2,594	2,949	1,120	1,260
Taxes (Real Estate and Property)	100.0	100.0	2,803	3,183	1,210	1,360
Labor	33.2	28.4	7,389	7,560	3,190	3,230
Fuels	84.9	86.9	3,034	3,183	1,310	1,360
Farm Supplies and Repairs ^{10/}	87.3	82.9	4,447	4,517	1,920	1,930
Farm Improvements and Construction ^{11/}	60.1	61.5	6,230	5,805	2,690	2,480
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	14.9	17.2	2,501	2,387	1,080	1,020
Other Farm Machinery	26.2	19.9	1,436	1,240	620	530
Seeds and Plants ^{12/}	42.2	39.0	2,710	2,715	1,170	1,160
Trucks and Autos	19.3	16.9	1,714	1,521	740	650
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ^{13/ 14/}	4.7	2.7	116	23	50	10
UNITED STATES						
Total Farm Production Expenditures^{5/}	100.0	100.0	106,423	112,788	222,940	235,010
Livestock, Poultry and Related Expenses ^{6/}	26.6	28.1	10,311	12,094	21,600	25,200
Feed	60.9	61.7	13,366	14,638	28,000	30,500
Farm Services ^{7/}	94.7	94.4	14,130	14,974	29,600	31,200
Rent ^{8/}	31.9	30.7	8,163	8,783	17,100	18,300
Agricultural Chemicals ^{9/}	48.0	47.2	4,201	4,223	8,800	8,800
Fertilizer, Lime and Soil Conditioners ^{9/}	53.5	55.7	6,110	6,383	12,800	13,300
Interest	40.8	40.6	4,630	5,135	9,700	10,700
Taxes (Real Estate and Property)	99.7	99.9	3,819	4,319	8,000	9,000
Labor	34.8	31.5	11,457	11,902	24,000	24,800
Fuels	83.3	83.4	4,821	5,231	10,100	10,900
Farm Supplies and Repairs ^{10/}	83.7	82.5	6,015	6,383	12,600	13,300
Farm Improvements and Construction ^{11/}	57.3	56.7	6,062	6,095	12,700	12,700
Tractors and Self-Propelled Farm Machinery	24.9	20.0	4,058	3,503	8,500	7,300
Other Farm Machinery	29.2	23.7	1,957	1,824	4,100	3,800
Seeds and Plants ^{12/}	42.5	43.4	4,965	5,279	10,400	11,000
Trucks and Autos	25.2	20.8	2,244	1,920	4,700	4,000
Miscellaneous Capital Expenses ^{13/ 14/}	14.6	11.0	115	101	240	210

^{1/} Consists of Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont and West Virginia.

^{2/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii.

^{3/} Number of farms reporting item divided by total number of farms.

^{4/} Total expenditures divided by total number of farms. Items may not sum to total due to rounding.

^{5/} Includes landlord and contractor share of farm production expenses. May not add due to rounding.

^{6/} Includes purchases and leasing of livestock and poultry. Edit procedures have been upgraded over the last years to better identify cattle farm records where not all livestock are owned. These "custom feeding" operations are now correctly recorded as production contracts, resulting in increased livestock purchases for contractors.

^{7/} Includes all crop custom work, veterinary custom services, transportation costs, marketing charges, insurance, leasing of machinery and equipment, general, and miscellaneous business expenses and utilities.

^{8/} Includes public and private grazing fees.

^{9/} Includes material and application costs.

^{10/} Includes bedding and litter, marketing containers, power farm shop equipment, miscellaneous non-capital equipment and supplies, repairs and maintenance of livestock and poultry equipment and capital equipment for livestock and poultry

^{11/} Includes all expenditures related to new construction or repairs of building, fences, operator dwelling (if dwelling is owned by operation), and any improvements to physical structures of land.

^{12/} Excludes bedding plants, nursery stock, and seed purchased for resale. Includes seed treatment.

^{13/} A zero in this line-item denotes less than 5 million dollars. Average value derived from expenditure rounding to zero will also be zero.

^{14/} Miscellaneous Capital Expense is shown in the tables for the first time. To properly summarize Miscellaneous Expenses and Miscellaneous Capital Expenses, Miscellaneous Expenses were combined with General Business Expenses which is summarized as a part of Farm Services. 2005 estimates were adjusted to reflect this change.

SOURCE: *Farm Production Expenditures – 2006 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., August 2, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FARM REAL ESTATE: Average Value per Acre, January 1, 2005 – 2007

State	Average Value per Acre of Farmland and Buildings as of January 1			Average Value per Acre of Cropland as of January 1			Average Value per Acre of Pasture ^{1/} as of January 1		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	Dollars per Acre								
Connecticut	10,800	11,400	11,700	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	1,950	2,050	2,150	—	—	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	10,500	11,600	11,800	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Hampshire	3,450	3,700	4,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	11,200	12,500	12,500	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermont	2,300	2,450	2,700	—	—	—	—	—	—
NEW ENGLAND	4,270	4,590	4,790	6,610	7,090	7,260	4,480	4,960	6,380
UNITED STATES^{2/}	1,650	1,900	2,160	2,110	2,390	2,700	820	1,000	1,160

^{1/} Pasture value includes New England States and Delaware.

^{2/} Excludes Alaska and Hawaii

SOURCE: *Land Values and Cash Rents – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., August 3, 2007, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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