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FIELD CROP VALUES: New England's dry hay crop was valued at \$148 million in 2004, an increase of five percent from the previous year's value. Farmers received on average \$131 per ton for baled hay, an increase of eight dollars per ton from a year earlier. The value of New England's corn silage crop totaled \$101 million in 2004, an increase of eight percent from the previous year's value. Maine 2004 crop potato prices are expected to average \$6.45 per cwt statewide, up \$0.40 per cwt from 2003. Final potato price and value of sales estimates will be available in September 2005, after the 2004 crop is marketed. Preliminary price estimates placed the value of broadleaf tobacco in the Connecticut River Valley at \$22 million in 2004, 81 percent above the previous year's crop value due to increases in both pounds marketed and prices received.

POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand February 1, 2005, totaled 11.1 million cwt (hundredweight), six percent above 2004's February 1 holdings. Disappearance to February 1 in the state totaled 8.1 million cwt, compared with 6.5 million cwt moved a year earlier. Storage on February 1 accounted for 58 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous five-year average of 59 percent. Of the stocks on hand February 1, 2005, three percent were reds, 45 percent were round whites, one percent were long whites, and 51 percent were russets.

The 15 major potato states held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2005, up two percent from last year and three percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the 2004 fall storage states' production, one percentage point above last year. Stocks by type show a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 199 million cwt of potatoes is down two percent from last year and four percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.5 million cwt so far this season, is up 10 percent from both last year and the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major states used 101 million cwt of potatoes this season, down one percent from a year ago and six percent below two years ago.

ANNUAL CHICKENS: As of December 1, 2004, New England (excluding Rhode Island) had a total inventory of 8.7 million chickens, a decrease of 13 percent from the previous year's inventory. The majority of inventory consisted of egg-laying hens (layers), accounting for 6.3 million birds, or 73 percent. Maine was the largest contributor to New England's chicken inventory, accounting for 49 percent of the total birds and 43 percent of layers. The total value of inventory of all chickens within the five States was placed at \$22.5 million in 2004, down 13 percent from 2003. These totals do not include chickens of meat-type strains (broilers) raised for commercial meat production.

CATTLE AND CALVES: New England's cattle and calf inventory on January 1, 2005 totaled 516,500 head, one percent below the previous year's inventory. Calves born in New England, during 2004, totaled 225,500, four percent below 2003's calf crop. Inventory was valued at \$623.8 million across all six States, \$105 million more than 2004.

HOG VALUES: On December 1, 2004, inventory of hogs and pigs in New England totaled 28,800 head, up two percent from the December 2003 count. Inventory was valued at \$3.3 million across all six States, up 56 percent from the previous year due to increases in both inventory and value. Massachusetts accounted for 40 percent of the total New England value.

SHEEP AND GOATS: The New England sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2005 totaled 45,500 head, up 2,500 head from a year earlier, and the first increase in sheep numbers in the region since 1999. Breeding stock totaled 39,000 head the first of the year, a five percent increase from the 2004 inventory count. Nationally, sheep numbers are also above 2004 levels, supported by efforts to strengthen the sheep industry nationwide with a ewe-lamb replacement and retention program administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). New England's value of inventory was placed at \$9.1 million in 2004, compared with \$8.4 million the previous year.

The first Annual Goat Survey was conducted nationwide in January, 2005. Results from the survey placed New England goats on hand January 1, 2005 at 22,600 head, an increase of 12 percent from the 2002 Census count. Milk goats, at 11,300 head, accounted for 50 percent of the New England total. Angora goats totaled 1,300 head, and meat and other goats totaled 10,000 head, both inventories above 2002 Census levels.

ANNUAL MILK PRODUCTION: Milk production in New England during 2004 totaled 4.21 billion pounds, a decrease of nearly three percent from the 2003 output of 4.33 billion pounds. Total milk cow numbers decreased from the 2003 level to 233,200. Milk per cow increased from 17,883 pounds in 2003 to 18,034 pounds in 2004.

FARM NUMBERS: The New England farm count for 2004 totaled 28,150 farms, a loss of 100 farms from a year earlier. New England land in farms, at 4.01 million acres in 2004, was unchanged from the 2003 farmland area total. An estimated 100 farms were lost from agriculture in the State of Vermont from a year earlier; however, acreage devoted to farmland remained unchanged. Maine accounted for the most land in farms in the region in 2004 with 1.37 million acres, followed by Vermont with 1.25 million acres. The average size of a farm in New England was 142 acres in 2004, ranging from 71 acres per farm in the highly populated State of Rhode Island to 195 acres per farm in the dairy State of Vermont. New England farm operations with less than \$10,000 in sales totaled 18,740 farms in 2004, or 67 percent of all farms operating, unchanged from a year earlier.

The definition of a farm has remained the same since 1974: the value of sales of agricultural products must be at least \$1,000 or more during the year. Activities included as agriculture, however, have undergone modifications in recent years. For further details concerning the farm definition history, as well as final estimates of United States farms and land in farms for 1998 - 2002 and earlier years, please access the NASS website (www.usda.gov/nass).

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2003 - 2004

Crops	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Price per Unit		Value of Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Potatoes	1,000 Acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt		Dollars per Cwt		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	65.5	62.0	260	310	17,030	19,220	6.05	6.45	103,032	123,969
Massachusetts	2.7	2.5	265	320	716	800	6.00	6.20	4,296	4,960
Rhode Island	0.6	0.5	285	350	171	175	7.00	7.50	1,197	1,313
New England	68.8	65.0	260	311	17,917	20,195	6.06	6.45	108,525	130,242
Oats for Grain			Bushels		1,000 Bushels		Dollars per Bushel		1,000 Dollars	
Maine	26	32	78	75	2,028	2,400	1.10	1.20	2,231	2,880
Barley for Grain										
Maine	27	22	65	65	1,755	1,430	1.30	1.40	2,282	2,002
Corn for Silage			Tons		1,000 Tons		Dollars per Ton		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	28	28	17.5	21.5	490	602	28	29	13,720	17,458
Maine	25	25	18.0	19.5	450	488	29	29	13,050	14,152
Massachusetts	17	17	19.0	22.0	323	374	30	29	9,690	10,846
New Hampshire	14	14	19.5	21.0	273	294	30	30	8,190	8,820
Rhode Island	2	2	18.0	20.0	36	40	30	31	1,080	1,240
Vermont	91	90	18.5	19.5	1,684	1,755	29	28	47,212	48,263
New England	177	176	18.4	20.2	3,256	3,553	29	28	92,942	100,779
Dry Hay (Baled Hay)										
Alfalfa										
Connecticut	8	7	2.90	2.70	23	19	170	188	3,910	3,572
Maine	9	10	2.30	2.00	21	20	145	156	3,045	3,120
Massachusetts	14	13	2.40	2.40	34	31	175	183	5,950	5,673
New Hampshire	8	7	2.40	2.10	19	15	170	179	3,230	2,685
Rhode Island	2	2	2.50	2.30	5	5	175	184	875	920
Vermont	40	40	2.00	2.00	80	80	140	143	11,200	11,440
New England	81	79	2.25	2.15	182	170	155	161	28,210	27,410
Other Hay										
Connecticut	55	59	2.10	2.10	116	124	140	149	16,240	18,476
Maine	135	145	1.80	1.90	243	276	106	115	25,758	31,740
Massachusetts	65	75	1.80	2.00	117	150	140	144	16,380	21,600
New Hampshire	44	50	2.00	1.80	88	90	135	144	11,880	12,960
Rhode Island	7	7	2.00	2.20	14	15	140	146	1,960	2,190
Vermont	195	190	2.00	1.60	390	304	105	111	40,950	33,744
New England	501	526	1.93	1.82	968	959	117	126	113,168	120,710
All Hay										
Connecticut	63	66	2.21	2.17	139	143	145	154	20,150	22,048
Maine	144	155	1.83	1.91	264	296	110	118	28,803	34,860
Massachusetts	79	88	1.91	2.06	151	181	147	151	22,330	27,273
New Hampshire	52	57	2.06	1.84	107	105	140	149	15,110	15,645
Rhode Island	9	9	2.11	2.22	19	20	145	156	2,835	3,110
Vermont	235	230	2.00	1.67	470	384	111	118	52,150	45,184
New England	582	605	1.98	1.87	1,150	1,129	123	131	141,378	148,120
Tobacco	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars per Pound		1,000 Dollars	
Broadleaf (Type 51)										
Connecticut	1,400	1,450	1,400	1,700	1,960	2,465	3.50	5.50	6,860	13,558
Massachusetts	970	920	1,470	1,650	1,426	1,518	3.70	5.50	5,276	8,349
CT and MA Total	2,370	2,370	1,429	1,681	3,386	3,983	3.58	5.50	12,136	21,907
Shade (Type 61) ^{1/}										
Connecticut	780	890	1,290	1,600	1,006	1,424	-	-	-	-
Massachusetts	280	300	1,150	1,570	322	471	-	-	-	-
CT and MA Total	1,060	1,190	1,253	1,592	1,328	1,895	26.00	-	34,528	-

^{1/} CT and MA 2003 shade tobacco price and value combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The 2004 CT and MA shade tobacco price will be published in February, 2006.

SOURCES: **Crop Production - Annual Summary**, 8:30 a.m., January 12, 2005 National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Crop Values 3:00 p.m., February 15, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FALL POTATOES: Production and February 1 Stocks ^{1/}, 2004 - 2005

State	2003 Crop			2004 Crop		
	Production	Stocks February 1, 2004	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks February 1, 2005	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,528	1,600	45	3,876	1,900	49
Colorado	23,652	12,600	53	23,148	12,900	56
Idaho	123,180	67,000	54	131,970	75,000	57
Maine	17,030	10,500	62	19,220	11,100	58
Michigan	15,015	6,200	41	13,650	5,300	39
Minnesota	22,330	11,100	50	18,920	10,200	54
Montana	3,339	2,900	87	3,551	3,250	92
Nebraska	9,744	4,600	47	9,288	2/	
New York	6,510	1,100	17	5,184	1,300	25
North Dakota	27,440	15,000	55	26,765	15,300	57
Ohio	1,097	130	12	1,080	2/	
Oregon	20,991	13,500	64	19,775	11,800	60
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,100	33	2,640	900	34
Washington	93,150	38,000	41	93,810	36,500	39
Wisconsin	32,800	14,900	45	30,450	14,500	48
Other States					4,250	
15 STATES	403,181	200,230	50	403,327	204,190	51

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

^{2/} Missing stocks combined into "Other States."

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 p.m., February 15, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1999 - 2004 Crop Years

Crop Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for All Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average										
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Market Year Average
	Dollars per Cwt										
1999	5.80	5.30	5.45	6.35	6.45	6.30	6.35	6.40	6.80	6.60	6.75
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40
2003	6.15	5.25	5.45	5.90	5.75	5.85	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.70	6.90
2004 ^{2/}	5.95	5.15	5.70	6.15	6.35	5.95	6.20				

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Hired Workers on Farms and Hours Worked per Week, Northeast and United States, January 2005 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Region	Hired Workers on Farms			Hour Worked During the Week		
	Jan 11 - 17, 2004	Oct 10 - 16, 2004	Jan 09 - 15, 2005	Jan 11 - 17, 2004	Oct 10 - 16, 2004	Jan 09 - 15, 2005
	1,000 Workers			Hours per Week		
Northeast ^{2/}	20	45	23	38.8	36.8	36.6
United States ^{3/}	662	851	574	38.1	40.5	36.8

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers; hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

^{2/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

^{3/} United States excludes Alaska.

SOURCE: **Farm Labor**, 3:00 p.m., February 18, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates for Hired Workers, Northeast and United States, January 2005 with Comparisons ^{1/}

Northeast ^{2/}	Jan 11 - 17, 2004	Oct 10 - 16, 2004	Jan 09 - 15, 2005	United States ^{3/}	Jan 11 - 17, 2004	Oct 10 - 16, 2004	Jan 09 - 15, 2005
	Dollars per Hour				Dollars per Hour		
All Hired Workers ^{4/}	10.10	9.81	10.37	All Hired Workers ^{4/}	9.41	9.32	9.81
Field	9.72	9.37	9.47	Field	8.39	8.62	8.73
Livestock	8.56	8.64	9.17	Livestock	8.83	8.91	9.19
Field and Livestock	9.10	9.10	9.32	Field and Livestock	8.55	8.69	8.91

^{1/} Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Northeast includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

^{3/} United States excludes Alaska.

^{4/} Hired workers include field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

SOURCE: **Farm Labor**, 3:00 p.m., February 18, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CATTLE: Total Inventory and Inventory by Class, January 1, 2005

State	All Cattle and Calves	Cows That Have Calved		Heifers 500 lbs and Over			Steers 500 lbs and Over	Bulls 500 lbs and Over	Calves Under 500 lbs
		Beef	Milk	Replacements		Other			
				Beef	Milk				
1,000 Head									
Connecticut	56.0	7.0	20.0	2.0	11.0	1.0	2.5	1.0	11.5
Maine	92.0	12.0	33.0	4.5	19.0	1.5	3.5	1.5	17.0
Massachusetts	48.0	7.0	17.0	2.0	8.5	0.5	2.0	1.0	10.0
New Hampshire	40.0	4.0	16.0	1.5	9.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	7.0
Rhode Island	5.5	1.7	1.1	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.8
Vermont	275.0	10.0	143.0	4.0	58.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	50.0
New England	516.5	41.7	230.1	14.3	106.3	6.6	14.1	7.1	96.3
United States	95,848.0	33,055.4	9,005.0	5,745.9	4,133.3	9,793.4	16,510.8	2,219.3	15,384.9

SOURCE: Cattle, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CATTLE: Total Inventory and Value, January 1, 2004 - 2005 and Calf Crop, 2003 - 2004

State	All Cattle and Calves		Value per Head		Value of Inventory		Calf Crop	
	Jan 1, 2004	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2004	Jan 1, 2005	Jan 1, 2004	Jan 1, 2005	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	54.0	56.0	910	1,070	49,140	59,920	22.0	23.0
Maine	91.0	92.0	920	1,100	83,720	101,200	40.0	38.0
Massachusetts	48.0	48.0	930	1,100	44,640	52,800	18.0	19.0
New Hampshire	39.0	40.0	950	1,170	37,050	46,800	18.0	18.0
Rhode Island	5.5	5.5	870	1,010	4,785	5,555	2.6	2.5
Vermont	285.0	275.0	1,050	1,300	299,250	357,500	135.0	125.0
New England	522.5	516.5	993	1,208	518,585	623,775	235.6	225.5
United States	94,882.0	95,848.0	818	916	77,594,700	87,820,795	37,902.8	37,625.4

SOURCE: Cattle, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Agricultural Prices, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL SHEEP AND LAMBS: Inventory by Class, Total Inventory and Value, January 1, 2004 - 2005

State	Breeding Sheep and Lambs						Market Sheep and Lambs	All Sheep and Lambs	Value ^{1/} per Head		Value ^{1/} of Inventory				
	Breeding Sheep 1 Year Old and Older				Replacement Lambs				2004	2005	2004	2005			
	Ewes		Rams												
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005			2004	2005	2004	2005			
1,000 Head												Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	3.1	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	5.0	5.0	-	-	-	-	
Maine	5.3	4.6	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.8	8.1	7.0	-	-	-	-	
Massachusetts	5.5	6.5	0.4	0.6	1.5	1.7	1.1	1.4	8.5	10.2	-	-	-	-	
New Hampshire	4.7	4.9	0.3	0.5	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.6	7.0	7.6	-	-	-	-	
Rhode Island	0.7	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.2	-	-	-	-	
Vermont	8.7	9.2	0.5	0.7	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.6	13.4	14.5	-	-	-	-	
New England	28.0	29.0	2.0	2.5	7.0	7.5	6.0	6.5	43.0	45.5	195	200	8,385	9,100	
United States	3,609.5	3,572.5	188.0	190.0	701.5	770.5	1,606.0	1,602.0	6,105.0	6,135.0	119	130	723,785	799,288	

^{1/} Individual state values not available.
SOURCE: Sheep and Goats, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Agricultural Prices, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL SHEEP AND LAMBS: Lamb Crop, 2003 - 2004

State	Breeding Ewes 1 Year and Older on Jan 1		Lambs per 100 Ewes 1 Year and Older on Jan 1		Lambs Born	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Head		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	3.3	3.1	121	119	4.0	3.7
Maine	5.4	5.3	115	108	6.2	5.7
Massachusetts	6.0	5.5	108	136	6.5	7.5
New Hampshire	4.5	4.7	122	123	5.5	5.8
Rhode Island	0.9	0.7	89	114	0.8	0.8
Vermont	8.9	8.7	124	132	11.0	11.5
New England	29.0	28.0	117	125	34.0	35.0
United States	3,773.0	3,609.5	110	113	4,140.0	4,096.0

SOURCE: Sheep and Goats, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL GOATS: Inventory by Class and Total Inventory, December 31, 2002 and January 1, 2005

State	Angora Goats		Milk Goats		Meat and Other Goats		All Goats	
	2002 ^{1/}	2005	2002 ^{1/}	2005	2002 ^{1/}	2005	2002 ^{1/}	2005
	Head							
New England ^{2/}	1,209	1,300	9,153	11,300	9,783	10,000	20,145	22,600
New York	769	3/	12,822	13,000	19,539	18,100	3/	3/
Pennsylvania	1,023	3/	12,652	13,000	26,257	22,000	3/	3/
United States	300,753	274,000	290,789	283,500	1,938,924	1,965,000	2,530,500	2,522,500

^{1/} 2002 Census of Agriculture.
^{2/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT.
^{3/} Individual state values unavailable for 2005.
 SOURCE: *Sheep and Goats*, 3:00 p.m., January 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory and Value, December 1, 2003 - 2004

State	Breeding Hogs		Market Hogs		Total Inventory		Value per Head		Inventory Value	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2,004
	1,000 Head						Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	0.7	0.9	3.3	3.3	4.0	4.2	87	130	348	546
Maine	1.3	1.3	4.2	3.7	5.5	5.0	72	110	396	550
Massachusetts	1.8	1.5	10.2	10.5	12.0	12.0	72	110	864	1,320
New Hampshire	0.8	0.9	2.1	2.7	2.9	3.6	79	120	229	432
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	69	110	138	220
Vermont	0.4	0.4	1.4	1.6	1.8	2.0	87	130	157	260
New England	5.5	5.5	22.7	23.3	28.2	28.8	76	116	2,132	3,328
United States	6,009.0	5,969.0	54,434.0	54,531.0	60,444.0	60,501.0	67	102	4,024,949	6,163,286

SOURCE: *Hogs and Pigs*, 3:00 p.m., December 28, 2004, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Agricultural Prices, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VERMONT MILK: Prices Received, 2000-2005

Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Milk Sold												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Dollars per Cwt												
2000	13.40	13.40	13.50	13.40	13.50	13.80	13.50	13.80	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.60	13.80
2001	13.70	14.30	15.00	15.40	16.20	16.80	17.00	17.30	17.90	16.40	15.80	14.10	15.80
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	13.90	14.20	15.60	17.50	19.70	19.50	17.40	15.40	16.00	16.50	16.90	17.00	3/
2005 ^{2/}	16.70	15.90											

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.
^{2/} Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.
^{3/} 2004 Annual average will be available in April 2005.
 SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., February 28, 2005 National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, January 2005 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}			Production per Cow			Production		
	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Jan 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	146	143	143	1,515	1,515	1,560	221	217	223
New York	658	650	650	1,490	1,485	1,535	980	965	998
Pennsylvania	563	565	564	1,500	1,490	1,540	845	842	869
United States ^{2/}	8,044	8,097	8,082	1,624	1,610	1,637	13,061	13,037	13,229

^{1/} Average number for month, including dry cows.
^{2/} United States includes 20 major States: AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, and WI.
 SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Number of Licensed Dairy Herds ^{1/}, 2003-2004

State	Licensed Dairy Herds	
	2003	2004
	Number	
Connecticut	200	180
Maine	400	390
Massachusetts	230	220
New Hampshire	150	140
Rhode Island	20	20
Vermont	1,390	1,280
New England	2,390	2,230
United States	70,375	66,830

^{1/} Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from state and other regulatory agencies.
 SOURCE: *Milk Production*, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, 2003 - 2004

State and Month	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Production per Cow		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Connecticut						
January - March	23	21	4,720	4,850	109	102
April - June	22	20	4,840	4,980	106	100
July - September	22	20	4,520	4,730	99	95
October - December	21	20	4,700	4,770	99	95
Annual	22	20	18,773	19,600	413	392
Maine						
January - March	35	34	4,420	4,450	155	151
April - June	35	34	4,600	4,610	161	157
July - September	35	34	4,490	4,580	157	156
October - December	34	33	4,450	4,490	151	148
Annual	35	34	17,829	18,000	624	612
Massachusetts						
January - March	20	17	4,400	4,380	88	74
April - June	20	17	4,470	4,490	89	76
July - September	18	17	4,400	4,320	79	73
October - December	18	17	4,240	4,270	76	73
Annual	19	17	17,474	17,412	332	296
New Hampshire						
January - March	17	16	4,670	4,780	79	76
April - June	16	16	4,910	4,850	79	78
July - September	16	16	4,650	4,600	74	74
October - December	16	16	4,590	4,620	73	74
Annual	16	16	19,063	18,875	305	302
Rhode Island						
January - March	1	1	4,170	4,300	6	5
April - June	1	1	4,500	4,370	6	5
July - September	1	1	4,100	4,230	5	5
October - December	1	1	3,950	4,130	5	5
Annual	1	1	17,000	16,333	22	20
Vermont						
January - March	152	145	4,401	4,490	669	651
April - June	149	145	4,557	4,524	679	656
July - September	147	145	4,415	4,448	649	645
October - December	146	144	4,384	4,389	640	632
Annual	149	145	17,698	17,821	2,637	2,584
Vermont						
January	153	146	1,495	1,515	229	221
February	152	145	1,370	1,435	208	208
March	151	145	1,535	1,530	232	222
April	150	145	1,495	1,485	224	215
May	149	145	1,565	1,545	233	224
June	148	145	1,500	1,495	222	217
July	148	145	1,505	1,525	223	221
August	147	145	1,470	1,495	216	217
September	147	145	1,430	1,430	210	207
October	147	145	1,450	1,455	213	211
November	146	144	1,415	1,415	207	204
December	146	143	1,505	1,515	220	217
Annual	149	145	17,698	17,821	2,637	2,584
New England						
January - March	248	234	4,460	4,526	1,106	1,059
April - June	243	233	4,609	4,601	1,120	1,072
July - September	239	233	4,448	4,498	1,063	1,048
October - December	236	231	4,424	4,446	1,044	1,027
Annual	242	233	17,905	18,052	4,333	4,206
United States Annual	9,083	9,010	18,760	18,957	170,394	170,805

^{1/} Average number, including dry cows.

SOURCE: Milk Production, 3:00 p.m., February 17, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, January, 2004 - 2005

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/}	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,904	2,889	2,957	2,947	2,435	2,443	73	70
Maine	4,024	2,169	4,069	2,226	2,261	1,977	96	63
United States	274,048	282,645	338,550	347,739	2,182	2,188	7,554	7,728

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

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory by Class and Total Inventory, December 1, 2004

State	Total Layers		Total Pullets		Other Chickens		All Chickens	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Birds							
Connecticut	2,873	2,949	866	663	6	5	3,745	3,617
Maine	4,125	2,732	1,344	1,514	4	5	5,573	4,251
Massachusetts	257	253	53	54	0	0	310	307
New Hampshire	141	162	68	72	10	17	219	251
Vermont	182	198	25	25	2	2	209	225
New England ^{2/}	7,578	6,294	2,356	2,328	22	29	9,956	8,651
United States	340,979	344,278	100,346	101,624	8,439	8,263	449,764	454,165

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.

^{2/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.

SOURCE: *Chicken and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory and Value, December 1, 2003 - 2004

State	All Chickens		Value per Bird		Value of Inventory	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Birds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	3,745	3,617	2.60	2.60	9,737	9,404
Maine	5,473	4,251	2.50	2.50	13,683	10,628
Massachusetts	310	307	3.20	3.20	992	982
New Hampshire	219	251	3.80	4.40	832	1,104
Vermont	209	225	2.90	1.90	606	428
New England ^{2/}	9,956	8,651	2.60	2.61	25,850	22,546
United States	449,764	454,165	2.48	2.47	1,116,273	1,120,663

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.

^{2/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL ^{1/} LAYERS AND EGGS: ^{2/} Average Number of Layers and Eggs Produced, 2003 - 2004

State	Average Number of Layers		Eggs per Layer		Total Egg Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Birds		Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	2,923	2,848	272	287	795	818
Maine	4,221	3,471	266	276	1,121	957
Massachusetts	267	263	289	281	77	74
New Hampshire	150	155	287	278	43	43
Vermont	192	203	281	272	54	55
New England ^{3/}	7,753	6,940	270	281	2,090	1,947
United States	338,393	342,279	259	260	87,473	89,131

^{1/} Annual estimates cover the period December 1, previous year through November 30, current year.

^{2/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

^{3/} New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT.

SOURCE: *Chickens and Eggs - Annual Summary*, 3:00 p.m., February 24, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FARMS ^{1/}: Number, Size and Land in Farms, 2003 - 2004

State	Farms		Average Size of Farm		Land in Farms	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Number		Acres		1,000 Acres	
Connecticut	4,200	4,200	86	86	360	360
Maine	7,200	7,200	190	190	1,370	1,370
Massachusetts	6,100	6,100	85	85	520	520
New Hampshire	3,400	3,400	132	132	450	450
Rhode Island	850	850	71	71	60	60
Vermont	6,500	6,400	192	195	1,250	1,250
New England	28,250	28,150	142	142	4,010	4,010
United States	2,126,860	2,113,470	441	443	938,650	936,600

^{1/} A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

SOURCE: *Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations - 2004 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., January 31, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, December 2004 with Comparisons

Product	December 2003	November 2004	December 2004	December 2004 as percent of:	
				December 2003	November 2004
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	3,453	159	123	4	77
American Type Cheese ^{1/}	4,860	5,148	4,408	91	86
Mozzarella Cheese	6,250	6,204	5,022	80	81
Other Italian Cheese ^{2/}	895	610	815	91	134
Cottage Cheese ^{3/}	627	581	510	81	88
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	5,628	5,820	6,081	108	104
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	544	868	580	107	67
Milk Sherbet, Hard	184	168	170	92	101

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey and Jack.

^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.

^{3/} Creamed and low fat.

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 p.m., February 4, 2005, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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