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POTATO STOCKS: Maine potato stocks on hand January 1, 2001 totaled 12.5 million cwt (hundredweight), 4 percent below 2000's January 1 holdings. Disappearance to January 1 in the state totaled 5.4 million cwt, compared with 4.8 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 70 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous 5-year average of 72 percent. Of the varieties of stocks on hand in Maine on January 1, 47 percent were round white, 2 percent were long white, 47 percent were russet, and 4 percent were red.

The 15 major potato states held a record high of 273 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2001, up 14 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set in January 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 59 percent of the 2000 fall storage states' production, up 2 percentage points from a year ago. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 8 percent round white, 4 percent long white, and 86 percent russet, with more russets but fewer reds and round whites than a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 189 million cwt, was a record high. This disappearance was up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season. December disappearance of 36.6 million cwt was also a record high for the month. Shrink and loss to this point in the season was 22.5 million cwt, up 7 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago.

Processing of 2000 crop potatoes totaled a record high 97.1 million cwt to January 1, up 5 percent from the 1999 crop and 2 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season for comparable states. In December, processors claimed a record high 18.5 million cwt of potatoes, up 11 percent from a year ago and 8 percent above the previous high in December 1995 for comparable states.

POTATOES: Maine's 2000 potato production is estimated at 17.9 million cwt (hundredweight), fractionally above the 1999 output. The December 1 production forecast placed acres harvested at 64,000 acres, compared with 62,500 acres harvested the previous year. Cool, wet conditions through the end of May got the 2000 crop year planting season off to a slow start. Emergence was complete by the end of June, with heat, sunshine and occasional showers promoting rapid crop growth. Harvest conditions were warm and dry, ideal for digging through early October. Rain and snow put harvest on hold in mid-October, but warm temperatures returned for growers to dig the remainder of the crop. Harvest was complete by October 22, ahead of last year, but on schedule with normal. Potato yields averaged 280 cwt per acre, compared with 285 cwt per acre in 1999, and the previous 5-year average of 264 cwt per acre.

Potato farmers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island also battled cool, wet spring conditions to get the 2000 crop planted. Heavy spring rain drowned out fields, rendered many herbicides ineffective, and caused excessive reductions in soil nitrogen levels. Growers in Massachusetts were forced to leave 300 acres unharvested. Cool, rainy conditions persisted throughout most of the growing season. Good weather from late August through October allowed tubers to size up on higher land, and provided excellent harvesting conditions. Massachusetts growers harvested 2,500 acres, with yields averaging 255 cwt per acre. Rhode Island potato farmers harvested 500 acres, with average yields of 275 cwt per acre.

VEGETABLES & FIELD CROPS: The planting conditions in New England this year were generally poor. Many crops were seeded late due to the wet and cool weather. Yields were down because of excessive rain and cool temperatures, slowing maturity for vegetables. Disease and insects caused problems due to the unusually wet growing season.

New England **sweet corn** production for fresh market totaled 963,000 cwt in 2000, slightly less than the 1999 output. Although acreage planted decreased in 2000, growers in the six-state region harvested 16,500 acres, which is 300 more acres than in 1999. Yields, on average, were low this year, averaging 60 cwt per acre, the same as in 1999. Value of sweet corn production for New England was placed at \$30.5 million in 2000, an increase of 3 percent from the previous year.

Massachusetts produced a fresh market **tomato** crop of 52,000 cwt in 2000. Growers harvested 470 acres this year, with yields averaging 110 cwt per acre. Massachusetts farmers received \$90.00 per cwt, down \$10.00 from 1999. Total value for Massachusetts, at \$4.7 million, was down 16 percent from the previous year.

Eggplant was new to New England's estimating program this year. Connecticut produced 17,000 cwt from 130 harvested acres. Massachusetts farms produced 6,000 cwt of eggplant this year and harvested 50 acres. Farmers in both states received an average price of \$35.00 per cwt, resulting in a total value of \$595,000 for Connecticut and \$210,000 for Massachusetts in 2000.

Oats for Grain: Production in the state of Maine totaled 2.1 million bushels in 2000, down 3 percent from the previous year's output. Harvested acreage totaled 30,000 acres, 3,000 acres higher than 1999's grain acreage. This year's yield averaged 70 bushels per acre, down from 80 bushels per acre in 1999.

New England added **barley** to its estimating program this year. Production of barley in the state of Maine for 2000 totaled 1.5 million bushels, with harvested acreage at 21,000 acres. The average yield was calculated as 70 bushels per acre.

The 2000 season had lower than average **dry hay** yields throughout New England. Wet weather conditions in the spring and summer months forced many farmers to chop their hay as haylage since drying conditions were not favorable. Compared to 1999, 55,000 fewer acres of dry hay were harvested, however a 17 percent increase in yield contributed to a 7 percent increase in production. Total dry hay production in New England was 1.1 million tons. Due to the increased production compared to 1999, hay stocks on December 1 were 21 percent higher than the previous year's level.

TOBACCO: This year's cool, wet growing season was disastrous for the Connecticut River Valley's tobacco crops. Broadleaf harvest had advanced to about 35 percent in early August, when the presence of an *Alternaria* fungus, "brown spot," was discovered. Cool, wet conditions in July had provided ideal conditions for the fungus to develop. Although "brown spot" is indigenous to the Connecticut River Valley, it normally only affects the lower leaves of the tobacco plants as they age. The fungus causes brown spots on the tobacco leaves, effectively rendering the tobacco leaves unmarketable. The growing season's unusually wet and cool conditions persisted into August. The damage caused by the fungus was intensified because there was no way to control its spread. Many producers with infected acreage were forced to harrow under the crop. Of the 2,250 acres of broadleaf tobacco in Connecticut and Massachusetts intended for harvest as of August 1, 2000, only 900 acres were actually harvested. At some locations, tobacco leaves harvested and hanging in sheds were also discovered to be infected and growers were forced to destroy those leaves, as well. In Connecticut, 20 percent of the harvested broadleaf tobacco had to be destroyed. In Massachusetts, 60 percent of the harvested broadleaf production had to be destroyed. The two-state estimate of broadleaf production of 729,000 pounds represents growers' assessments as of December 1, 2000 of marketable pounds, and compares with 4.2 million pounds marketed a year earlier. Shade tobacco production in the Connecticut River Valley is estimated at only 1.7 million pounds for 2000, less than half the output from a year earlier due.

FRUITS: The 2000 New England **apple** crop available for utilization totaled 4.1 million bushels (42-pound units), 28 percent below 1999 utilized production. New England orchards reached full bloom by mid-May. Cool, wet weather throughout the end of May and the beginning of June provided unfavorable conditions for pollination. Wet weather continued through June and July, with outbreaks of scab reported in all areas. Hail damage was reported throughout the area with some Northern New England operations reporting total losses for the year. A preliminary estimate of value of utilized production shows the 2000 New England apple crop valued at \$44.3 million, 19 percent below the previous year. A revised estimate of value will be available July 2001, after the majority of the 2000 crop has been marketed.

Pear growers in Connecticut reported a good bloom, but set was only moderate due to cool and rainy weather during pollination. Size of fruit was generally medium to large, with the rain contributing to the increase in size. Utilized pear production was 1,250 tons, 32 percent above the previous year. Pear value at \$703,000, was 4 percent below the previous year. The 2000 utilized **peach** production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 86,000 bushels, 2 percent under 1999 utilized output. The value of the 2000 peach crop in the two states was placed at \$2.8 million, 9 percent below the 1999 value.

Maine produced a record **wild blueberry** crop this year, estimated to be 110.6 million pounds, which is 68 percent above 1999's output and 76 percent above 1998 production. As of mid-July, growers reported that crop prospects were above average, although development was about a week behind normal. The extended bloom allowed for sufficient pollination. The persistent moisture was favorable to the growth of the berries, and the cooler temperatures maintained berry quality and slowed disease throughout the season. The extended harvest period - of such length that local schools delayed opening for the harvest - allowed time for most of the berries to be picked. Perfect conditions!

Cranberry production for 2000 was 1.85 million barrels in Massachusetts, 1 percent below last year's output. Massachusetts' acreage decreased from 1,100 acres to 13,900 acres. Massachusetts' cranberry yield per acre averaged 133.1 barrels. Based on a special survey conducted in December 2000, Massachusetts' cranberries averaged \$20.30 per barrel. The nation's cranberry crop totaled 5.5 million barrels in 2000, 12 percent below 1999's production.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service over the past few weeks. All national and state-level reports, such as this, are available on the Internet.

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FALL POTATOES: Production and January 1 Stocks ^{1/}, 2000 - 2001

| STATE | 2000 Crop | | | 2001 Crop | | | |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Production | Stocks Jan 1, 2000 | Stocks as % of Prod | Production | Stocks Dec 1, 2000 | Stocks Jan 1, 2001 | Stocks as % of Prod |
| | 1,000 Cwt | | Percent | 1,000 Cwt | | | Percent |
| California | 4,005 | 2,700 | 67 | 3,741 | 2,700 | 2,100 | 56 |
| Colorado | 25,762 | 17,300 | 67 | 27,972 | 20,300 | 17,700 | 63 |
| Idaho | 133,330 | 86,000 | 65 | 152,320 | 110,500 | 100,000 | 66 |
| Maine | 17,813 | 13,000 | 73 | 17,920 | 14,100 | 12,500 | 70 |
| Michigan | 14,963 | 7,100 | 47 | 14,963 | 8,700 | 6,900 | 46 |
| Minnesota | 18,020 | 9,000 | 50 | 21,240 | 14,200 | 13,000 | 61 |
| Montana | 3,325 | 3,100 | 93 | 3,503 | 3,350 | 3,250 | 93 |
| Nebraska | 8,904 | 4,320 | 49 | 10,127 | 6,450 | 5,500 | 54 |
| New York | 6,758 | 2,500 | 37 | 5,964 | 2,700 | 1,900 | 32 |
| North Dakota | 26,400 | 13,800 | 52 | 26,950 | 18,500 | 15,800 | 59 |
| Ohio | 987 | 190 | 19 | 1,134 | 320 | 210 | 19 |
| Oregon | 28,020 | 20,500 | 73 | 30,683 | 25,000 | 23,000 | 75 |
| Pennsylvania | 3,080 | 1,500 | 49 | 3,510 | 1,700 | 1,100 | 31 |
| Washington | 95,200 | 41,000 | 43 | 108,000 | 61,000 | 54,000 | 50 |
| Wisconsin | 34,000 | 17,900 | 53 | 33,800 | 20,000 | 16,000 | 47 |
| 15 STATES | 420,567 | 239,910 | 57 | 461,827 | 309,520 | 272,960 | 59 |

^{1/} Reliability of the stocks estimate is 2.8 percent. This means chances are 2 out of 3 the current estimate will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 2.8 percent. Chances are 9 out of 10 the difference will not exceed 4.9 percent.

SOURCE: **Potato Stocks**, 3:00 pm, January 16, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1995 - 2000 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 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1995 | 5.55 | 5.25 | 5.85 | 6.25 | 6.25 | 6.30 | 6.30 | 6.60 | 6.85 | 7.05 | 6.40 |
| 1996 | 5.20 | 4.70 | 4.90 | 4.35 | 4.35 | 4.65 | 4.50 | 4.75 | 5.05 | 4.55 | 4.60 |
| 1997 | 8.10 | 5.65 | 5.70 | 6.10 | 6.30 | 6.10 | 6.35 | 6.55 | 6.95 | 6.75 | 6.40 |
| 1998 | 6.25 | 5.40 | 5.70 | 5.85 | 5.90 | 6.15 | 6.45 | 6.90 | 7.45 | 7.05 | 6.45 |
| 1999 | 5.80 | 5.30 | 5.45 | 6.35 | 6.45 | 6.30 | 6.35 | 6.40 | 6.80 | 6.60 | 6.35 |
| 2000 ^{2/} | 5.80 | 5.50 | 5.60 | 5.50 | 5.70 | | | | | | |

^{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 pm, December 29, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

VEGETABLES CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Values, 1999 - 2000

| CROPS | Area Planted for all purposes | | Area Harvested | | Yield per Acre | | Production | | Value of Production | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Eggplant, fresh market ^{1/} | Acres | | | | Cwt | | 1,000 Cwt | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Connecticut | -- | 140 | -- | 130 | -- | 130 | -- | 17 | -- | 595 |
| Massachusetts | -- | 70 | -- | 50 | -- | 120 | -- | 6 | -- | 210 |
| Tomatoes, fresh market | | | | | | | | | | |
| Massachusetts | 530 | 550 | 450 | 470 | 125 | 110 | 56 | 52 | 5,600 | 4,680 |
| Sweet Corn, fresh market | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 5,700 | 5,300 | 3,800 | 4,300 | 50 | 60 | 190 | 258 | 4,560 | 6,450 |
| Maine | 3,000 | 2,700 | 2,500 | 2,100 | 55 | 55 | 138 | 116 | 4,278 | 3,828 |
| Massachusetts | 8,300 | 8,200 | 6,300 | 6,500 | 70 | 60 | 441 | 390 | 13,671 | 12,870 |
| New Hampshire | 2,300 | 2,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 60 | 60 | 108 | 108 | 3,888 | 4,320 |
| Rhode Island | 1,100 | 1,000 | 800 | 900 | 55 | 55 | 44 | 50 | 1,408 | 1,650 |
| Vermont | 1,200 | 1,200 | 1,000 | 900 | 55 | 45 | 55 | 41 | 1,705 | 1,353 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 21,600 | 20,600 | 16,200 | 16,500 | 60 | 60 | 976 | 963 | 29,510 | 30,471 |

^{1/} Eggplant was added to the New England estimating program in 2000. No 1999 data is available.

SOURCE: **Vegetables - Annual Summary**, 3:00 p.m., January 29, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1999 - 2000

| CROPS | Area Planted for all purposes | | Area Harvested | | Yield per Acre | | Production | | Value of Production ^{1/} | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------|--------|--------------------------------------|------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Potatoes | 1,000 Acres | | | | Cwt | | 1,000 Cwt | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Maine | 65.0 | 64.0 | 62.5 | 64.0 | 285 | 280 | 17,813 | 17,920 | 113,113 | -- |
| Massachusetts | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 255 | 255 | 740 | 638 | 4,699 | -- |
| Rhode Island | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 225 | 275 | 135 | 138 | 979 | -- |
| NEW ENGLAND | 68.6 | 67.3 | 66.0 | 67.0 | 283 | 279 | 18,688 | 18,696 | 118,791 | -- |
| Oats for Grain | | | | | Bushels | | 1,000 Bushels | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Maine | 30.0 | 32.0 | 27.0 | 30.0 | 80.0 | 70.0 | 2,160 | 2,100 | -- | -- |
| Barley for Grain ^{3/} | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maine | -- | 22.0 | -- | 21.0 | -- | 70.0 | -- | 1,470 | -- | -- |
| Corn for Silage | | | | | Tons | | 1,000 Tons | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Connecticut | 38 | 36 | 31 | 33 | 17.5 | 19.0 | 543 | 627 | 15,747 | -- |
| Maine | 33 | 28 | 30 | 26 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 540 | 455 | 16,200 | -- |
| Massachusetts | 26 | 25 | 21 | 20 | 18.5 | 19.5 | 389 | 390 | 12,448 | -- |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 19.5 | 19.5 | 293 | 273 | 8,497 | -- |
| Rhode Island | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 16.5 | 18.0 | 50 | 36 | 1,500 | -- |
| Vermont | 106 | 90 | 93 | 85 | 18.0 | 16.5 | 1,674 | 1,403 | 45,198 | -- |
| NEW ENGLAND | 221 | 196 | 193 | 180 | 18.1 | 17.7 | 3,489 | 3,184 | 99,590 | -- |
| Dry Hay | | | | | | | 1,000 Tons | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Alfalfa | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | -- | -- | 11 | 12 | 1.70 | 2.20 | 19 | 26 | -- | -- |
| Maine | -- | -- | 12 | 12 | 1.70 | 2.20 | 20 | 26 | -- | -- |
| Massachusetts | -- | -- | 17 | 16 | 1.90 | 2.30 | 32 | 37 | -- | -- |
| New Hampshire | -- | -- | 7 | 8 | 2.20 | 2.00 | 15 | 16 | -- | -- |
| Rhode Island | -- | -- | 1 | 1 | 1.80 | 2.50 | 2 | 3 | -- | -- |
| Vermont | -- | -- | 45 | 50 | 1.70 | 2.00 | 77 | 100 | -- | -- |
| NEW ENGLAND | -- | -- | 93 | 99 | 1.77 | 2.10 | 165 | 208 | -- | -- |
| Other Hay | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | -- | -- | 50 | 53 | 1.50 | 2.10 | 75 | 111 | -- | -- |
| Maine | -- | -- | 150 | 120 | 1.40 | 1.80 | 210 | 216 | -- | -- |
| Massachusetts | -- | -- | 90 | 80 | 1.50 | 2.00 | 135 | 160 | -- | -- |
| New Hampshire | -- | -- | 55 | 50 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 94 | 85 | -- | -- |
| Rhode Island | -- | -- | 7 | 8 | 1.80 | 2.10 | 13 | 17 | -- | -- |
| Vermont | -- | -- | 200 | 180 | 1.70 | 1.70 | 340 | 306 | -- | -- |
| NEW ENGLAND | -- | -- | 552 | 491 | 1.57 | 1.82 | 867 | 895 | -- | -- |
| All Hay | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | -- | -- | 61 | 65 | 1.54 | 2.11 | 94 | 137 | -- | -- |
| Maine | -- | -- | 162 | 132 | 1.42 | 1.83 | 230 | 242 | -- | -- |
| Massachusetts | -- | -- | 107 | 96 | 1.56 | 2.05 | 167 | 197 | -- | -- |
| New Hampshire | -- | -- | 62 | 58 | 1.76 | 1.74 | 109 | 101 | -- | -- |
| Rhode Island | -- | -- | 8 | 9 | 1.88 | 2.22 | 15 | 20 | -- | -- |
| Vermont | -- | -- | 245 | 230 | 1.70 | 1.77 | 417 | 406 | -- | -- |
| NEW ENGLAND | -- | -- | 645 | 590 | 1.60 | 1.87 | 1,032 | 1,103 | -- | -- |
| Tobacco | | | | | Pounds | | 1,000 Pounds | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Broadleaf (Type 51) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | -- | -- | 1,530 | 600 | 1,650 | 965 | 2,525 | 579 | 11,363 | -- |
| Massachusetts | -- | -- | 970 | 300 | 1,695 | 500 | 1,644 | 150 | 8,384 | -- |
| CT & MA Total | -- | -- | 2,500 | 900 | 1,668 | 810 | 4,169 | 729 | 19,747 | -- |
| Shade (Type 61) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | -- | -- | 1,510 | 1,100 | 1,950 | 1,300 | 2,945 | 1,430 | 2/ | 2/ |
| Massachusetts | -- | -- | 350 | 250 | 1,951 | 1,000 | 683 | 250 | 2/ | 2/ |
| CT & MA Total | -- | -- | 1,860 | 1,350 | 1,951 | 1,244 | 3,628 | 1,680 | 2/ | 2/ |

^{1/}Value of Production will be available in the **Crop Values** report listed below. *Potato, Oats, Barley, Hay, and Broadleaf Tobacco production values will appear in the February Ag Review.* ^{2/}Shade Tobacco value is not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{3/}Barley for Grain was added to the New England estimating program in 2000. No 1999 data is available.

SOURCES: **Crop Production - Annual Summary**, 8:30 am, January 11, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Vegetables - Annual Summary, 3:00 pm, January 29, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.
Crop Values, to be published 3:00 pm, February 15, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

FRUIT: Production and Value, 1999 - 2000

| CROPS | Production | | Utilized Production | | Value of Utilized Production | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------------------|---------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| Apples (42-lb bu) | 1,000 Bushels | | | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Connecticut | 548 | 500 | 524 | 500 | 6,078 | 6,132 |
| Maine | 1,714 | 833 | 1,452 | 714 | 12,335 | 6,850 |
| Massachusetts | 1,548 | 1,167 | 1,357 | 1,048 | 15,300 | 12,980 |
| New Hampshire | 1,036 | 869 | 1,000 | 857 | 9,023 | 9,190 |
| Rhode Island | 86 | 52 | 69 | 52 | 1,079 | 870 |
| Vermont | 1,357 | 952 | 1,238 | 881 | 10,640 | 8,240 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 6,289 | 4,373 | 5,640 | 4,052 | 54,455 | 44,262 |
| U.S. | 253,112 | 252,333 | 248,726 | 246,064 | 1,549,815 | 1,553,536 |
| Peaches (48-lb bu) | 1,000 Bushels | | | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Connecticut | 46 | 42 | 46 | 42 | 1,430 | 1,300 |
| Massachusetts | 42 | 44 | 42 | 44 | 1,600 | 1,470 |
| U.S. ^{1/} | 52,619 | 54,394 | 50,696 | 52,494 | 462,836 | 495,067 |
| Pears | Tons | | | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Connecticut | 1,050 | 1,250 | 950 | 1,250 | 736 | 703 |
| U.S. | 1,015,450 | 975,150 | 1,013,435 | 957,170 | 298,009 | 255,354 |
| Cranberries (100-lb bbl) | 1,000 Barrels | | | | 1,000 Dollars | |
| Massachusetts ^{2/} | 1,875 | 1,850 | 1,875 | 1,800 | 31,503 | 36,540 |
| U.S. ^{3/} | 6,334 | 5,539 | 6,334 | 5,288 | 112,235 | 4/ |
| Maine ^{5/} | 3 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 94 | 293 |

^{1/} Excludes Clingstone peaches in California. ^{2/} 2000 preliminary cranberry value was requested by the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association and funded by the Massachusetts Department of Food & Agriculture. ^{3/} United States cranberry totals include Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin. ^{4/} U.S. Value for 2000 will be available August 21, 2001. ^{5/} Maine cranberry data is from the Cranberry Associate at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, 207-581-2940.

SOURCE: **Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts - Preliminary**, 3:00 pm, January 20, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 1999 - 2000

| STATE & YEAR | Total Production | All Price per Pound | Total Value of Production | Fresh Blueberries | | | Blueberries for Processing | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | | | | Production | Price per Pound | Value of Production | Production | Price per Pound | Value of Production |
| | 1,000 Lbs | Cents | 1,000 Dollars | 1,000 Lbs | Dollars | 1,000 Dollars | 1,000 Lbs | Cents | 1,000 Dollars |
| Maine | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 65,864 | 51 | 33,627 | 62 | 1.10 | 68 | 65,802 | 51 | 33,559 |
| 2000 ^{1/} | 110,640 | 40 | 44,312 | 70 | 1.20 | 84 | 110,570 | 40 | 44,228 |

^{1/} Preliminary Price and Value based on expectations as of September 2000.

SOURCE: **Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts - Preliminary**, 3:00 p.m., January 23, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL HOGS & PIGS: December 1 Inventory, 1999 - 2000

| STATE | Operations with Hogs | | Breeding Hogs | | Market Hogs | | Total Inventory | |
|---------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|---------|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Number | | 1,000 Head | | | | | |
| Connecticut | 250 | 200 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Maine | 400 | 400 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 7.0 | 6.5 |
| Massachusetts | 450 | 450 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 17.0 | 17.0 | 20.0 | 20.0 |
| New Hampshire | 250 | 250 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Rhode Island | 60 | 50 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| Vermont | 250 | 250 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 1,660 | 1,600 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 32.2 | 32.8 | 39.5 | 40.5 |
| U.S. | 98,610 | 85,760 | 6,234.0 | 6,275.0 | 53,109.0 | 53,573.0 | 59,342.0 | 59,848.0 |

SOURCE: **Hogs and Pigs**, 3:00 pm, December 28, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL HOGS & PIGS: Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, 1999 - 2000

| STATE | December ^{1/} - November | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------|------|------------|-----------|
| | Sows Farrowed | | Pigs per Litter | | Pig Crop | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | 1,000 Head | | Head | | 1,000 Head | |
| Connecticut | 1.0 | 1.1 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.9 |
| Maine | 2.1 | 1.9 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 13.7 | 13.3 |
| Massachusetts | 3.4 | 3.3 | 7.7 | 7.6 | 26.0 | 25.0 |
| New Hampshire | 0.9 | 1.0 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| Rhode Island | 0.7 | 0.9 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 3.6 | 5.8 |
| Vermont | 0.7 | 0.9 | 8.3 | 8.0 | 5.8 | 7.2 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 8.8 | 9.1 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 63.8 | 67.2 |
| U.S. | 11,641.0 | 11,462.0 | 8.8 | 8.8 | 102,354.0 | 101,355.0 |

^{1/} December of previous yearSOURCE: **Hogs and Pigs**, 3:00 pm, December 28, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, December 2000 with comparisons

| STATE | Milk Cows ^{1/} | | | Production per Cow | | | Production | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | December 1999 | November 2000 | December 2000 | December 1999 | November 2000 | December 2000 | December 1999 | November 2000 | December 2000 |
| | 1,000 Head | | | Pounds | | | Million Pounds | | |
| Vermont | 161 | 158 | 158 | 1,440 | 1,380 | 1,460 | 232 | 218 | 231 |
| New York | 700 | 690 | 690 | 1,440 | 1,350 | 1,400 | 1,008 | 932 | 966 |
| Pennsylvania | 619 | 616 | 613 | 1,480 | 1,425 | 1,470 | 916 | 878 | 901 |
| U.S. ^{2/} | 7,760 | 7,842 | 7,838 | 1,536 | 1,458 | 1,522 | 11,918 | 11,434 | 11,932 |

^{1/} Average number for the month, including dry cows^{2/} U.S. includes only 20 major states: AZ CA FL ID IL IN IA KY MI MN MO NM NY OH PA TX VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, January 18, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, October - December 2000 with comparisons

| STATE | Milk Cows ^{1/} | | | Production per Cow | | | Production | | |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Oct - Dec 1999 | July - Sep 2000 | Oct - Dec 2000 | Oct - Dec 1999 | July - Sep 2000 | Oct - Dec 2000 | Oct - Dec 1999 | July - Sep 2000 | Oct - Dec 2000 |
| | 1,000 Head | | | Pounds | | | Million Pounds | | |
| Connecticut | 28 | 26 | 26 | 4,510 | 4,400 | 4,440 | 126 | 114 | 115 |
| Maine | 41 | 39 | 39 | 4,020 | 4,250 | 4,170 | 165 | 166 | 163 |
| Massachusetts | 24 | 22 | 22 | 4,270 | 4,340 | 4,240 | 102 | 95 | 93 |
| New Hampshire | 19 | 18 | 18 | 4,075 | 4,200 | 4,200 | 77 | 76 | 76 |
| Rhode Island | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 3,860 | 4,020 | 3,970 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 6.4 |
| Vermont | 161 | 160 | 158 | 4,150 | 4,330 | 4,285 | 668 | 693 | 677 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 274.9 | 266.7 | 264.6 | 4,166 | 4,315 | 4,272 | 1,145.3 | 1,150.8 | 1,130.4 |
| U.S. | 9,170 | 9,253 | 9,250 | 4,405 | 4,465 | 4,419 | 40,406 | 41,311 | 40,877 |

^{1/} Average number for quarter including dry cowsSOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, January 18, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY MILK: Average Price Received and Fat Test, December 2000 with comparisons

| STATE | All Milk Price ^{1/} | | | Fat Test | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | December 1999 | November 2000 | December 2000 ^{2/} | December 1999 | November 2000 | December 2000 ^{2/} |
| | Dollars Per Cwt | | | Percent | | |
| Connecticut | 14.10 | -- | -- | 3.75 | -- | -- |
| Maine | 13.60 | -- | -- | 3.77 | -- | -- |
| Massachusetts | 14.30 | -- | -- | 3.80 | -- | -- |
| New Hampshire | 14.20 | -- | -- | 3.85 | -- | -- |
| Rhode Island | 14.20 | -- | -- | 3.74 | -- | -- |
| Vermont | 13.90 | 14.20 | 14.40 | 3.78 | 3.78 | 3.80 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 13.93 | -- | -- | 3.78 | -- | -- |
| U.S. ^{3/} | 12.40 | 12.60 | 12.90 | 3.79 | 3.78 | 3.80 |

^{1/} Before deductions for hauling and government withholding. Includes bulk-tanks, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. ^{2/} Most recent monthly price and butterfat test are preliminary mid-month forecasts. ^{3/} U.S. includes only 35 major states: AL AZ AR CA CO FL GA ID IL IN IA KS KY LA MD MI MN MS MO NE NM NY NC ND OH OK OR PA TN TX UT VT VA WA WI.SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, December 30, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, November 2000 with comparisons

| PRODUCT | November 1999 | October 2000 | November 2000 | November 2000 as percent of: | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | November 1999 | October 2000 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | Percent | |
| Butter | 3,152 | 3,116 | 2,896 | 92 | 93 |
| American Cheese ^{1/} | 5,869 | 5,375 | 5,026 | 86 | 94 |
| Mozzarella Cheese | 5,132 | 4,917 | 4,635 | 90 | 94 |
| Other Italian Cheese ^{2/} | 737 | 1,150 | 1,253 | 170 | 109 |
| Cottage Cheese ^{3/} | 514 | 567 | 565 | 110 | 100 |
| | 1,000 Gallons | | | Percent | |
| Ice Cream, Hard | 5,807 | 9,149 | 7,020 | 121 | 77 |
| Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard | 367 | 750 | 693 | 189 | 92 |
| Milk Sherbet, Hard | 203 | 273 | 234 | 115 | 86 |

^{1/} American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack. ^{2/} Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella.

^{3/} Creamed and lowfat

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: *Dairy Products*, 3:00 pm, January 3, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, November, 1999 - 2000

| STATE | Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above | | All Layers ^{1/} | | Eggs per 100 for All Layers | | Egg Production from All Layers | |
|-------------|--|---------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | 1,000 Birds | | | | Number | | Million Eggs | |
| Connecticut | 2,934 | 3,024 | 3,087 | 3,158 | 2,332 | 2,343 | 72 | 74 |
| Maine | 4,477 | 3,933 | 4,611 | 4,009 | 2,321 | 2,168 | 107 | 87 |
| U.S. | 264,095 | 268,407 | 328,253 | 330,486 | 2,137 | 2,126 | 7,016 | 7,025 |

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

SOURCE: *Chickens & Eggs*, 3:00 pm, December 21, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY CHICKENS: Hatchery Production, November, 1999 - 2000

| REGION | Broiler-Type Chicks | | | | Egg-Type Chicks | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|
| | Hatched during Nov | | Hatched Jan - Nov | | Hatched during Nov | | Hatched Jan - Nov | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | 1,000 Birds | | | | | | | |
| NEW ENGLAND | 443 | 261 | 6,738 | 3,993 | 818 | 520 | 8,146 | 6,656 |
| U.S. | 676,769 | 674,222 | 7,967,266 | 8,043,356 | 32,892 | 32,646 | 417,883 | 394,826 |

SOURCE: *Chickens & Eggs*, 3:00 pm, December 21, 2000, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1, 1999 - 2000

| STATE | December 1 | | 2000 as % of 1999 |
|---------------|------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | |
| | 1,000 Tons | | Percent |
| Connecticut | 47 | 82 | 174 |
| Maine | 138 | 145 | 105 |
| Massachusetts | 84 | 108 | 129 |
| New Hampshire | 65 | 66 | 102 |
| Rhode Island | 8 | 11 | 138 |
| Vermont | 229 | 280 | 122 |
| NEW ENGLAND | 571 | 692 | 121 |
| U.S. | 108,922 | 103,730 | 95 |

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 am, January 11, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

TURKEYS: Numbers Raised, 1999 - 2000

| STATE | All Turkeys | | 2000 as % of 1999 |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | |
| | 1,000 Birds | | Percent |
| Connecticut | 5 | 5 | 100 |
| Massachusetts | 78 | 79 | 101 |
| New Hampshire | 15 | 14 | 93 |
| Vermont | 41 | 47 | 115 |
| NEW ENGLAND ^{1/} | 139 | 145 | 104 |
| U.S. | 270,494 | 269,969 | 100 |

^{1/} New England includes CT, MA, NH, VT

SOURCE: **Turkeys**, 3:00 pm, January 12, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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