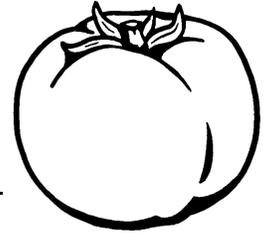


TOMATOES (for Fresh Market)

The planting conditions in New England during 2000 were generally poor. The cool and wet weather slowed maturity and caused many problems with disease and insects. Yields were below normal due to excessive rain. Blight, rot, and hornworm damage were prevalent. A significant percentage of tomato acreage was lost due to rotting in the fields.

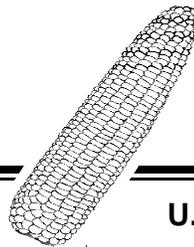
Massachusetts produced a fresh market tomato crop of 5.2 million pounds in 2000, a seven percent decrease from the previous year's crop and the lowest production on record in the state.

Farmers harvested 470 acres, an increase of four percent from the previous year. Yields only averaged 11,000 pounds per acre, compared with the already low yield of 12,500 pounds per acre in 1999. This was the lowest yield on record since state statistics began in 1948, with 1999's average yield coming in at second to lowest. Growers received an average of \$90.00 per cwt. for the 2000 crop, down \$10.00 per cwt. from 1999. The total value of the Massachusetts fresh market tomato crop in 2000, at \$4.7 million, was down 16 percent from the previous year and was at a ten-year low.



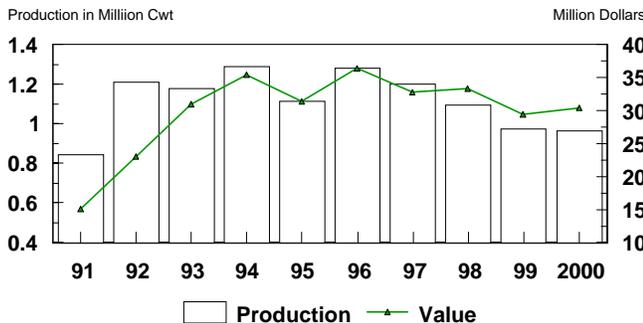
TOMATOES: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1991 - 2000

STATE & YEAR	Area		Yield per Acre	Production	Value per Cwt	Value of Production
	Planted	Harvested				
	Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Massachusetts						
1991	590	460	210	97	70.00	6,790
1992	650	570	150	86	80.00	6,880
1993	550	520	180	94	60.00	5,640
1994	530	490	180	88	60.00	5,280
1995	550	480	135	65	75.00	4,875
1996	500	450	150	68	85.00	5,780
1997	510	420	140	59	80.00	4,720
1998	500	450	155	70	100.00	7,000
1999	530	450	125	56	100.00	5,600
2000	550	470	110	52	90.00	4,680



Sweet Corn Production & Value

For Fresh Market, New England, 1991-2000



1991: New England includes only CT & MA
 1992 - 2000: New England includes all six states

U.S. Sweet Corn Production, 2000

For Fresh Market, Percent by State

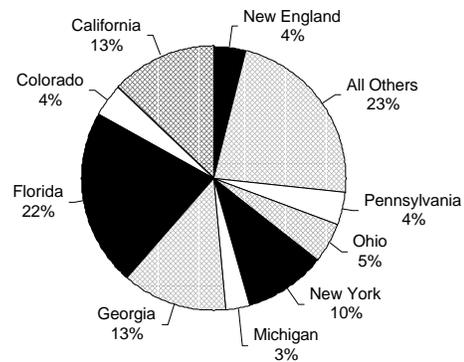


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