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**FIELD CROPS:** A dry, warm spring across New England got the 2001 planting season off to a quick start with most crops planted ahead of schedule. Timely rains early in the season soon gave way to summer long drought conditions. By the end of August soil moisture supplies were rated from short to very short across 75 percent of New England, placing many crops under severe stress. Harvest proceeded at a fast pace until showers finally arrived in September; too late to help crop growth, but welcomed to restore ground water supplies.

Drought and a massive armyworm attack in July combined to significantly reduce **dry hay** yields in New England in 2001. Dry hay yields for alfalfa and all other hay averaged 1.71 tons per acre in 2001, down nine percent from the previous year and the lowest yield on record in the region since 1972. Dry conditions allowed more acreage to be baled as dry hay than in the previous year's wet season. Farmers cut 596,000 acres in 2001, an increase of 6,000 acres from 2000. The acreage increase was not enough to offset the low yields however, and total dry tonnage weighed in at 1.0 million tons, eight percent less than a year ago, and the smallest dry hay crop on record in the six-state region.

The 2001 **corn silage** crop held up well considering the prolonged dry conditions. New England production weighed in at 3.4 million tons, seven percent above a year ago due to improved tonnage per acre. Yields averaged 19.4 tons per acre in the region, well above last year's 17.7 tons per acre, and the highest average yield on record for the six-state region. Area harvested as silage totaled 175,000 acres, down from 180,000 acres in 2000.

Dry conditions were balanced with timely rains in New England's small grain producing region, Aroostook County, Maine. Farmers produced 2.3 million bushels of **oats for grain** during 2001, an increase of 11 percent from the previous year's output, and the largest oat crop harvested in the State since 1989. Oats acreage harvested for grain totaled 31,000 acres in 2001, with an average yield of 75 bushels per acre. Maine's production of **barley for grain** during 2001 totaled 1.8 million bushels, up eight percent from the 2000 output due to increased acreage harvested. Barley yields averaged 70 bushels per acre, unchanged from a year earlier.

**TOBACCO:** The December 1, 2001 tobacco forecast placed **broadleaf** production at 3.9 million pounds in the Connecticut River Valley; more than triple last year's disease reduced crop, but seven percent below 1999 output. Broadleaf acreage in Massachusetts sustained damage from a mid-July hail storm, and farmers were forced to harrow under about 25 percent of the planted acreage. Broadleaf yields were expected to average 1,809 pounds per acre in the two States according to early December assessments. Producers intend to harvest 2.0 million pounds of **shade** tobacco in Connecticut and Massachusetts, an increase of nine percent from a year earlier. Tobacco harvest was complete in most areas by mid-September, on schedule with last year and normal. Dry fall conditions provided excellent curing conditions this season.

**FRUIT:** The 2001 New England **apple** crop available for utilization totaled 3.8 million bushels (42-pounds units), eight percent below 2000 utilized production. A severe frost on May 7, 2001 hit southern New England States when the fruit trees were at peak bloom. Damage was extensive at many locations. Warm and dry weather throughout the end of May provided favorable conditions for pollination. By mid-June the apple crop was reported to be in very poor condition in the southern New England States due to the earlier frost, and in good condition in the northern most States. By mid-July both apple scab and hail damage were reported throughout the area. By the beginning of August, some apple growers had already started picking early apple varieties with the New England crop condition rated good overall. A preliminary estimate of value of utilized production shows the 2001 New England apple crop valued at \$39.3 million, 12 percent below the previous year. A revised estimate of value will be available July 2002 after the majority of the 2001 crop has been marketed.

**Pear** growers in Connecticut were devastated by the May 7, 2001 frost. Size of fruit was generally medium, but the crop was reported in poor condition. Utilized pear production in Connecticut was 500 tons, 60 percent below the previous year. The 2001 utilized **peach** production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 75,000 bushels, 13 percent less than 2000 utilized output. The value of the 2001 peach crop in the two states was placed at \$2.4 million, 12 percent below the 2000 value.

Maine's 2001 **wild blueberry** crop was 75.2 million pounds, 32 percent below the record production in 2000 and 14 percent above the 1999 output. Drought conditions, which lasted from late July until harvest, dramatically decreased yields on non-irrigated fields. Disease and insects were not significant problems in 2001; however, the dry conditions forced some growers to completely abandon selected fields.

Massachusetts 2001 **cranberry** production was 1.547 million barrels, 21 percent below last year's total. Cranberry acreage declined by 1,700 acres from the previous year to 12,200 acres. This year's yield was 126.8 barrels per acre compared to 140.3 barrels per acre last year. The average price per barrel increased from last year to \$22.80 per barrel.

**VEGETABLES:** New England fresh market **sweet corn** production totaled 1.0 million hundredweight (cwt.) in 2001, an increase of six percent from the previous year's output. Growers in the six-state region harvested 17,000 acres; an increase of 500 acres from 2000. Vegetable crops fared better in the drought conditions of 2001 than in the cool and rainy conditions which prevailed in 2000. The average yield per acre for New England in 2001 was 60 cwt., slightly higher than in 2000. Value of sweet corn production for New England was placed at \$32.1 million, up five percent from the previous year.

Connecticut and Massachusetts combined to produce a fresh market **tomato** crop of 83,000 cwt. in 2001, 11 percent above the 2000 output. Growers harvested 670 acres and averaged 100 cwt. per acre in Connecticut and 140 cwt. per acre in Massachusetts. Total value of production for the two States was \$7.8 million, an increase of 19 percent from the previous year's value.

**Eggplant** production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 13,000 cwt. in 2001, compared to 23,000 cwt. in 2000. Drought conditions in New England caused yields to drop significantly in the two States, resulting in the decreased output. Connecticut growers averaged 80 cwt. per acre, and Massachusetts growers averaged 100 cwt. per acre. Total value of eggplant production for the two States was \$415,000 in 2001, about half of the previous year's value.

**POTATOES:** **Maine's** 2001 potato production is estimated at 16.1 million hundredweight (cwt.), 10 percent below the 2000 output. The December 1 production forecast placed acres harvested at 62,000 acres, compared with 64,000 acres harvested the previous year. Dry weather conditions got the 2001 planting season off to a good start, with 90 percent planted by the end of May, ahead of last year and normal. Emergence was complete by the end of June, with heat, sunshine and occasional showers promoting rapid crop growth. Shower activity was extremely variable for the remainder of the growing season. Hot, dry conditions persisted through August and September and kept diseases under control, but insect levels were high. Very dry conditions allowed harvest to progress at a fast pace, and farmers welcomed late September rains to reduce bruising. Harvest was completed by October 21, on schedule with normal. Potato yields averaged 260 cwt. per acre, compared with 280 cwt. per acre a year earlier, and the lowest average yield in Maine since 1995.

Potato farmers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island also battled drought conditions during the 2001 crop growing season. **Massachusetts** growers harvested 2,800 acres, with yields averaging 265 cwt. per acre. **Rhode Island** potato farmers harvested 500 acres, with average yields of 270 cwt. per acre.

**POTATO STOCKS:** **Maine** potato stocks on hand January 1, 2002 totaled 10.6 million cwt., 15 percent below 2001's January 1 holdings. Disappearance to January 1 in the State totaled 5.5 million cwt., compared with 5.4 million cwt. a year earlier. Storage accounted for 66 percent of Maine's total production, compared with the previous five-year average of 72 percent. Of the stocks on hand January 1 in Maine, 48 percent were round white varieties, 47 percent were russets, two percent were long whites, and three percent were red varieties.

January 1, 2002 potato stocks in the **15 storage States** totaled 233 million cwt., down 15 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 161 million cwt., was down 12 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. This was the lowest disappearance since 1993. December disappearance of 33.1 million cwt. was down 6 percent from a year ago and the lowest December disappearance in four years. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 17.2 million cwt., down 19 percent from last year and 18 percent below two years ago. Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 81.0 million cwt. to January 1, down 15 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. In December, processors used 16.1 million cwt. of potatoes, down 4 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above two years ago.

**HOGS:** On December 1, 2001, New England's hogs and pigs inventory totaled 36,500 head, down 10 percent from the previous year. Massachusetts accounted for almost 50 percent of New England's hog inventory on 400 farms. Operations with one or more hogs during 2001 totaled 1,550 within the six-state region, down 50 farms from 2000. New England's average litter rate was 7.7 in 2001, slightly less than the national average.

**MILK PRODUCTION:** Milk production in **Vermont** during December 2001 totaled 230 million pounds. There were an estimated 154,000 milk cows on Vermont farms during December. Milk production per cow averaged 1,495 pounds. Milk production in New England during the fourth quarter (October-December) of 2001 totaled 1.119 billion pounds, down less than one percent from the previous quarter. The three-month production per cow averaged 4,363 pounds across New England. There was an average of 256,400 head of milk cows on hand for the time period from October to December.

Milk production in the **20 major milk-producing States** totaled 11.974 billion pounds in December 2001, a four percent increase from November 2001. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 7.741 million head. Milk production per cow averaged 1,547 pounds for December.

**TURKEYS:** The number of **turkeys raised** in four New England States (CT, MA, NH, VT) during 2001 totaled 130,000, down 10 percent from the previous year's count. Massachusetts contributed over half of the total number raised, and Vermont accounted for approximately 35 percent. The national total of 272 million turkeys raised in 2001 was slightly above the previous year's total.

This is a monthly summary of New England agricultural statistics taken from nationwide reports issued by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. **All national reports and state newsletters are available on the Internet at: <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.** National Reports can be ordered by calling 1-800-999-6779. **How can you get these reports electronically?**

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**FIELD CROPS: Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2000 - 2001**

CROPS	Area Planted for all purposes		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
<b>Potatoes</b>	1,000 Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt	
Maine	64.0	62.0	64.0	62.0	280	260	17,920	16,120
Massachusetts	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.8	255	265	638	742
Rhode Island	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	275	270	138	135
NEW ENGLAND	67.3	65.3	67.0	65.3	279	260	18,696	16,997
<b>Oats for Grain</b>					Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Maine	32	33	30	31	70	75	2,100	2,325
<b>Barley for Grain</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
Maine	25	27	24	26	70	70	1,680	1,820
<b>Corn for Silage</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
Connecticut	36	32	33	30	19.0	19.0	627	570
Maine	29	28	26	25	17.5	19.0	455	475
Massachusetts	25	22	20	19	19.5	21.0	390	399
New Hampshire	15	15	14	14	19.5	21.0	273	294
Rhode Island	2	2	2	2	18.0	20.0	36	40
Vermont	90	90	85	85	16.5	19.0	1,403	1,615
NEW ENGLAND	197	189	180	175	17.7	19.4	3,184	3,393
<b>Dry Hay</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
<b>Alfalfa</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
Connecticut	--	--	12	8	2.20	2.30	26	18
Maine	--	--	12	10	2.20	2.20	26	22
Massachusetts	--	--	16	18	2.30	2.30	37	41
New Hampshire	--	--	8	7	2.00	2.00	16	14
Rhode Island	--	--	1	1	2.50	2.20	3	2
Vermont	--	--	50	40	2.00	2.00	100	80
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	99	84	2.10	2.11	208	177
<b>Other Hay</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
Connecticut	--	--	53	55	2.10	1.80	111	99
Maine	--	--	120	120	1.80	1.50	216	180
Massachusetts	--	--	80	80	2.00	1.80	160	144
New Hampshire	--	--	50	50	1.70	1.70	85	85
Rhode Island	--	--	8	7	2.10	1.70	17	12
Vermont	--	--	180	200	1.70	1.60	306	320
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	491	512	1.82	1.64	895	840
<b>All Hay</b>					Tons		1,000 Tons	
Connecticut	--	--	65	63	2.11	1.86	137	117
Maine	--	--	132	130	1.83	1.55	242	202
Massachusetts	--	--	96	98	2.05	1.89	197	185
New Hampshire	--	--	58	57	1.74	1.74	101	99
Rhode Island	--	--	9	8	2.22	1.75	20	14
Vermont	--	--	230	240	1.77	1.67	406	400
NEW ENGLAND	--	--	590	596	1.87	1.71	1,103	1,017
<b>Tobacco</b>					Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
<b>Broadleaf (Type 51)</b>					Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
Connecticut	--	--	600	1,300	1,500	1,775	900	2,308
Massachusetts	--	--	300	850	565	1,860	170	1,581
CT & MA Total	--	--	900	2,150	1,189	1,809	1,070	3,889
<b>Shade (Type 61)</b>					Pounds		1,000 Pounds	
Connecticut	--	--	1,000	1,000	1,550	1,600	1,550	1,600
Massachusetts	--	--	250	300	1,160	1,350	290	405
CT & MA Total	--	--	1,250	1,300	1,472	1,542	1,840	2,005

SOURCE: *Crop Production - Annual Summary*, 8:30 am, January 11, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## FRUIT: Production and Value, 2000 - 2001

CROPS	Production		Utilized Production		Value of Utilized Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
<b>Apples (42-lb bu)</b>	1,000 Bushels				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	488	429	476	417	6,040	5,148
Maine	929	1,095	833	976	7,622	8,350
Massachusetts	1,190	881	1,024	810	13,755	10,645
New Hampshire	810	702	774	667	7,655	6,610
Rhode Island	55	43	52	36	790	504
Vermont	988	929	917	857	8,665	8,065
NEW ENGLAND	4,460	4,079	4,076	3,763	44,527	39,322
U.S.	253,898	224,648	247,671	219,345	1,325,641	1,514,301
<b>Peaches (48-lb bu)</b>	1,000 Bushels				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	42	40	42	40	1,300	1,235
Massachusetts	44	38	44	35	1,470	1,190
U.S. <sup>1/</sup>	54,165	50,779	52,267	48,729	489,116	495,944
<b>Pears</b>	Tons				1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	1,250	510	1,250	500	703	322
U.S.	967,150	970,810	949,170	968,300	250,273	290,155
<b>Cranberries (100-lb bbl)</b>	1,000 Barrels				1,000 Dollars	
Massachusetts	1,950	1,547	1,950	1,536	35,490	35,021
U.S. <sup>2/</sup>	5,642	5,357	5,478	4,799	96,211	110,125
Maine <sup>3/</sup>	9.02	18.00	9.02	17.50	293	718

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes Clingstone peaches in California. <sup>2/</sup> United States cranberry totals include Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin.

<sup>3/</sup> 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 25, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 1999 - 2001

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
<b>Maine</b>									
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 <sup>1/</sup>	75,200	31	22,945	350	1.40	490	74,850	30	22,455

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary Price and Value based on expectations as of September 2001.

SOURCE: **Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts - Preliminary**, 3:00 pm, January 25, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE CROPS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 - 2001

CROPS	Area Planted for all purposes		Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Value of Production	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
<b>Eggplant</b>	Acres				Cwt		1,000 Cwt		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	140	130	130	100	130	80	17	8	595	240
Massachusetts	70	70	50	50	120	100	6	5	210	175
<b>Tomatoes</b>										
Connecticut	400	320	300	270	75	100	23	27	1,840	2,160
Massachusetts	550	450	470	400	110	140	52	56	4,680	5,600
<b>Sweet Corn</b>										
Connecticut	5,300	5,400	4,300	4,600	60	55	258	253	6,450	6,199
Maine	2,700	2,500	2,100	2,000	55	55	116	110	3,828	3,575
Massachusetts	8,200	8,000	6,500	6,700	60	65	390	436	12,870	14,606
New Hampshire	2,200	2,100	1,800	1,800	60	55	108	99	4,320	3,960
Rhode Island	1,000	1,000	900	900	55	75	50	68	1,650	2,108
Vermont	1,200	1,200	900	1,000	45	50	41	50	1,353	1,675
NEW ENGLAND	20,600	20,200	16,500	17,000	58	60	963	1,016	30,471	32,123

SOURCE: **Vegetables - Annual Summary**, 3:00 pm, January 29, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**FALL POTATOES: Production and January 1 Stocks<sup>1/</sup>, 2001 - 2002**

STATE	2000 Crop			2001 Crop		
	Production	Stocks January 1, 2001	Stocks as % of Prod	Production	Stocks January 1, 2002	Stocks as % of Prod
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,741	2,100	56	1,113	900	81
Colorado	27,972	17,700	63	21,357	13,300	62
Idaho	152,320	101,000	66	127,980	86,000	67
<b>Maine</b>	<b>17,920</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>16,120</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>66</b>
Michigan	14,963	6,900	46	14,030	6,200	44
Minnesota	21,240	13,000	61	18,425	10,800	59
Montana	3,503	3,250	93	3,040	2,850	94
Nebraska	10,127	6,650	66	8,512	4,250	50
New York	5,964	1,900	32	5,942	2,200	37
North Dakota	26,950	16,200	60	26,400	16,900	64
Ohio	1,134	170	15	984	120	12
Oregon	30,683	23,000	75	20,730	15,500	75
Pennsylvania	3,510	1,500	43	3,173	1,400	44
Washington	105,000	52,000	50	94,400	45,500	48
Wisconsin	33,800	17,400	51	31,955	16,900	53
15 STATES	458,827	275,270	60	394,161	233,420	59

<sup>1/</sup> Stocks include processor holdings.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 pm, January 16, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 1996 - 2001 Crop Years**

CROP YEAR	Prices Received <sup>1/</sup> 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										
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	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	6.15
2001 <sup>2/</sup>	6.30	5.60	6.05	6.65	7.10						

<sup>1/</sup> Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed and feed.

<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price is a preliminary mid-month forecast.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 pm, December 31, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1, 2000 - 2001**

STATE	December 1		2001 as % of 2000
	2000	2001	
	1,000 Tons		Percent
Connecticut	82	59	72
Maine	145	137	94
Massachusetts	108	105	97
New Hampshire	66	50	76
Rhode Island	11	8	73
Vermont	280	288	103
NEW ENGLAND	692	647	93
U.S.	105,582	110,510	105

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30 am, January 11, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## ANNUAL HOGS &amp; PIGS: December 1 Inventory, 2000 - 2001

STATE	Operations		Breeding Hogs		Market Hogs		Total Inventory	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Number				1,000 Head			
Connecticut	200	200	0.9	0.8	3.1	2.7	4.0	3.5
Maine	400	400	1.5	1.6	5.0	4.9	6.5	6.5
Massachusetts	450	400	3.0	3.0	17.0	15.0	20.0	18.0
New Hampshire	250	250	0.9	0.8	3.1	2.7	4.0	3.5
Rhode Island	50	50	0.7	0.6	2.3	1.9	3.0	2.5
Vermont	250	250	0.7	0.6	2.3	1.9	3.0	2.5
NEW ENGLAND	1,600	1,550	7.7	7.4	32.8	29.1	40.5	36.5
U.S.	86,360	81,130	6,270	6,209	52,868	52,564	59,138	58,774

SOURCE: *Hogs and Pigs*, 3:00 pm, December 28, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## ANNUAL HOGS &amp; PIGS: Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, 2000 - 2001

STATE	December <sup>1/</sup> - November					
	Sows Farrowed		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	1,000 Head		Head		1,000 Head	
Connecticut	1.1	1.0	8.1	8.0	8.9	8.0
Maine	1.9	1.8	7.0	7.5	13.3	13.5
Massachusetts	3.3	3.2	7.6	7.7	25.0	24.6
New Hampshire	1.0	0.8	7.0	7.7	7.0	6.2
Rhode Island	0.9	0.7	6.8	7.5	5.8	5.3
Vermont	0.9	0.7	8.0	8.2	7.2	5.7
NEW ENGLAND	9.1	8.2	7.4	7.7	67.2	63.3
U.S.	11,410	11,302	8.8	8.8	100,748	99,473

<sup>1/</sup> December of previous year.

SOURCE: *Hogs and Pigs*, 3:00 pm, December 28, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## MONTHLY CHICKENS: Layers and Egg Production, December, 2000 - 2001

STATE	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1/</sup>		Egg Production from All Layers <sup>1/</sup>	
	December 2000	December 2001	December 2000	December 2001	December 2000	December 2001	December 2000	December 2001
	1,000 Birds				Number		Million Eggs	
Connecticut	3,114	3,091	3,201	3,144	2,468	2,411	79	76
Maine	3,796	3,810	3,870	3,865	2,295	2,323	89	90
U.S.	269,104	273,934	332,259	338,513	2,193	2,187	7,287	7,404

<sup>1/</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

SOURCE: *Chickens & Eggs*, 3:00 pm, January 31, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

## TURKEYS: Number Raised, 2000 - 2001

STATE	All Turkeys		2001 as % of 2000
	2000	2001	
	1,000 Birds		Percent
Connecticut	5	5	100
Massachusetts	79	74	94
New Hampshire	14	6	43
Vermont	47	45	96
NEW ENGLAND <sup>1/</sup>	145	130	90
U.S.	269,969	272,059	101

<sup>1/</sup> New England includes CT, MA, NH, VT.

SOURCE: *Turkeys Raised*, 3:00 pm, January 10, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, December 2001 with comparisons**

STATE	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont <sup>2/</sup>	158	154	154	1,435	1,400	1,495	227	216	230
New York	670	670	670	1,410	1,440	1,450	945	965	972
Pennsylvania	613	596	592	1,470	1,460	1,540	901	870	912
U.S. <sup>3/</sup>	7,803	7,731	7,741	1,519	1,484	1,547	11,855	11,474	11,974

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for the month, including dry cows. <sup>2/</sup>Vermont's milk production for 2000 will be revised in February 2002.

<sup>3/</sup> 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 17, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**QUARTERLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, October - December 2001 with comparisons**

STATE	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>			Production per Cow			Production		
	Oct - Dec 2000	Jul - Sep 2001	Oct - Dec 2001	Oct - Dec 2000	Jul - Sep 2001	Oct - Dec 2001	Oct - Dec 2000	Jul - Sep 2001	Oct - Dec 2001
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Connecticut	26	24	24	4,400	4,530	4,610	114	109	111
Maine	39	38	38	4,110	4,390	4,300	160	167	163
Massachusetts	22	21	21	4,200	4,310	4,300	92	91	90
New Hampshire	18	18	18	4,130	4,370	4,420	74	79	80
Rhode Island	1.6	1.5	1.4	3,900	3,890	4,030	6.2	5.8	5.6
Vermont	158	152	154	4,259	4,408	4,344	673	670	669
<b>NEW ENGLAND <sup>2/</sup></b>	264.6	254.5	256.4	4,230	4,408	4,363	1,119.2	1,121.8	1,118.6
<b>U.S.</b>	9,211	9,100	9,098	4,416	4,464	4,481	40,678	40,619	40,764

<sup>1/</sup> Average number for the quarter, including dry cows. <sup>2/</sup> New England milk production for 2000 will be revised in February 2002.

SOURCE: **Milk Production**, 3:00 pm, January 17, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY MILK: Average Price Received and Fat Test, December 2001 with comparisons**

STATE	Milk Price, Sold to Plants <sup>1/</sup>			Fat Test		
	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001 <sup>2/</sup>	December 2000	November 2001	December 2001 <sup>2/</sup>
	Dollars Per Cwt			Percent		
Vermont	14.60	15.70	14.10	3.82	3.77	3.81
New York	14.20	15.60	13.80	3.78	3.77	3.78
Pennsylvania	14.70	16.80	15.20	3.83	3.80	3.85
U.S. <sup>3/</sup>	13.00	14.40	13.60	3.81	3.77	3.80

<sup>1/</sup> Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

<sup>2/</sup> Most recent monthly price and butterfat test are preliminary mid-month forecasts.

<sup>3/</sup> 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: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 pm, December 31, 2001, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: New England Production, November 2001 with comparisons**

PRODUCT	November 2000	October 2001	November 2001	November 2001 as percent of:	
				November 2000	October 2001
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	2,896	3,369	2,729	94	81
American Type Cheese <sup>1/</sup>	5,035	5,846	5,691	113	97
Mozzarella Cheese	4,669	4,807	5,448	117	113
Other Italian Cheese <sup>2/</sup>	1,040	1,341	1,607	155	120
Cottage Cheese <sup>3/</sup>	565	551	585	104	106
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	6,846	7,567	6,308	92	83
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	612	593	727	119	123
Milk Sherbet, Hard	166	218	176	106	81

<sup>1/</sup> American Type Cheese includes cheddars, Colby, washed curd, stirred curd, Monterey and Jack.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella. <sup>3/</sup> Creamed and lowfat.

SOURCE of NATIONAL PRODUCTION: **Dairy Products**, 3:00 pm, January 4, 2002, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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