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During the week of April 6 – 12, 2008 hourly wages for all hired workers in the Northeast I region increased 23 cents to \$11.00 to the same period in 2007. Nation wide wages for all farm workers averaged \$10.60, an increase of 40 cents from the same week in 2007 but a decrease of 19 cents from the week of January 6-12, 2008. The All category of workers' wages decreased from the previous quarter in the region. Nationally livestock workers saw the greatest increase, 73 cents over the hourly wages reported for the same period of 2007.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Wage Rates for Hired Workers by Type, Northeast I and US, April 2008 with Comparisons ¹

Region and Category	April 8-14, 2007	January 6-12, 2008	April 6-12, 2008
Dollars per Hour			
Northeast I ²			
All Hired Workers	10.77	11.60	11.00
Field	10.10	11.59	10.19
Livestock	9.59	10.02	9.97
Field and Livestock	9.90	10.60	10.10
UNITED STATES ³			
Dollars per Hour			
All Hired Workers	10.20	10.81*	10.60
Field	9.35	9.67*	9.65
Livestock	9.59	10.18*	10.32
Field and Livestock	9.42	9.88*	9.87

¹ Farm Labor excludes agricultural service workers. Hired workers includes field, livestock, supervisory, and other workers.

² Northeast I includes CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, and VT.

³ United States excludes Alaska.

* Revised.

SOURCE: *Farm Labor*, 3:00p.m., May 16, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Maine **potato stocks** on hand as of May 1, 2008 totaled 3.95 million cwt, 25 percent below May 1, 2007 holdings and the lowest level on hand since 2002. Disappearance to May 1 in Maine totaled 12.6 million cwt, compared with 12.7 million cwt a year earlier. Storage accounted for 24 percent of Maine's total production, compared with 29 percent in May of 2007, and the 5-year average of 26 percent. The price received for 2007 crop potatoes across all sales for fresh market, processing, and seed averaged \$8.55 per cwt during March 2008, compared with the previous year's \$7.60 per cwt, and the 5-year average of \$7.30 per cwt.

The 13 major potato States held 92.7 million cwt of potatoes in storage May 1, 2008, up 17 percent from a year ago and 22 percent above May 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 23 percent of the 2007

The week of April 6 – 12, 2008 saw 700,000 farm workers employed in the United States (excluding Alaska). There were 36,000 workers employed on farms in the Northeast I region compared to 30,000 in 2007.

Farm work accounted for 41.0 hours of labor nationally and 43.2 hours in the region. This represents 1.5 million worker hours regionally and more than 29 million worker hours for the United States as a whole.

QUARTERLY FARM LABOR: Hired Workers on Farms and Weekly Hours Worked Northeast I and US, April 2008 with Comparisons ¹

Region and Category	April 8-14, 2007	January 6-12, 2008	April 6-12, 2008
1,000 Workers			
Hired Workers on Farms			
Northeast I ²	30	23	36
UNITED STATES ³	736	594 *	700
Hours per Week			
Weekly Hours Worked			
Northeast I ²	42.4	41.5	43.2
UNITED STATES ³	40.7	38.4	41.0

fall storage states' production, up three percentage points from last year. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 was at 307 million cwt, one percent below last year but up three percent from 2006. Shrink and loss, at 23.4 million cwt, was down three percent from the same period in 2007 but up six percent from 2006. Processors have used 158 million cwt of the 2007 potato crop so far this season, down three percent from last year's season-to-date usage but up six percent from two years ago. Idaho and Malheur county, Oregon total processing decreased 1 percent from a year ago and Maine's total processing was three percent below 2007. Washington and the rest of Oregon total processing was four percent lower than last season. Dehydrating usage accounted for 33.4 million cwt of the total processing, down eight percent from last year but 11 percent above the same period in 2006.

FALL POTATOES: Production and May 1 Stocks, 2007 – 2008¹

State	2006 Crop			2007 Crop		
	Production	Stocks May 1, 2007	Stocks as Percentage of Production	Production	Stocks May 1, 2008	Stocks as Percentage of Production
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,870	450	12	4,223	460	11
Colorado	22,686	5,800	26	20,981	4,400	21
Idaho	128,915	33,000	26	131,650	37,000	28
Maine	17,980	5,300	29	16,530	3,950	24
Michigan	14,190	700	5	14,700	1,600	11
Minnesota	20,400	4,100	20	20,680	4,800	23
Montana	3,518	*	*	3,696	*	*
Nebraska	8,730	1,400	16	8,051	1,000	12
New York	5,700	*	*	5,216	*	*
North Dakota	25,480	4,800	19	23,660	3,900	16
Oregon	18,533	4,800	26	20,238	6,400	32
Washington	89,900	14,000	16	102,300	25,000	24
Wisconsin	29,370	4,000	14	28,160	3,700	13
Other States		700			500	
13 STATES	389,272	79,050	20	400,085	92,710	23
Klamath Basin ²		600			570	

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 25.6 million cwt.

² Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

* Missing stocks combined into 'Other States'.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., May 15, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

POTATOES: Shrinkage and Loss,
13 Fall Storage States, 2004 – 2007

Crop Year	2004 ¹	2005	2006	2007
	Million Cwt			
To Dec 1	15.5	12.7	13.2	13.9
To Jan 1	19.1	15.0	16.1	16.0
To Feb 1	22.0	16.8	18.4	18.0
To Mar 1	24.8	18.4	20.4	19.7
To Apr 1	27.3	20.2	22.3	21.6
To May 1	29.7	22.0	24.0	23.4
To Jun 1	32.5	23.7	25.5	
Season	35.4	26.4	27.8	

¹ 15 fall storage states.

SOURCE: *Potato Stocks*, 3:00 p.m., May 15, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Final 2007 estimates of New England December **hay stocks** totaled 587,000 tons, a decrease from the December 2006 total of 636,000 tons. All stocks were down in every state but Maine and Connecticut with Maine having the greatest increase in stocks of all the New England states. Across the United States total stocks increased from 96.6 million tons in 2006 to 104.0 million tons in 2007.

May 1, 2008 estimates of New England **hay stocks** totaled 114,000

HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1, 2005 – 2007

State	2005	2006	2007
	1,000 Tons		
Connecticut	55	65	67
Maine	138	140	160
Massachusetts	76	90	76
New Hampshire	53	60	45
Rhode Island	10	8	6
Vermont	257	273	233
NEW ENGLAND	589	636	587
UNITED STATES	105,205	96,555	103,986

SOURCE: *Crop Production*, 8:30a.m., May 9, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received
Monthly and Marketing Year Average
2003 – 2007 Crop Years¹

Month	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	Dollars per Cwt				
August	6.00	5.90	*	*	*
September	5.25	5.15	5.85	6.25	6.20
October	5.45	5.65	6.30	6.50	6.30
November	5.85	6.15	7.90	8.15	7.20
December	5.70	6.35	8.20	8.25	7.35
January	5.80	5.90	8.20	8.40	7.45
February	5.70	6.55	8.40	7.90	7.95
March	6.10	6.60	8.75	7.60	8.55
April	6.30	6.95	9.45	8.15	9.00
May	6.75	7.30	9.30	8.20	
June	7.05	7.40	8.55	8.05	
Market Year Average	6.05	6.50	8.25	7.80	7.50 ²

¹ Average price of potatoes sold for fresh market, processing, seed, and feed.

² Preliminary.

* Missing data indicates too few potatoes being marketed to set price.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

tons, increasing from last year's total of 105,000 tons. Almost every state saw significant decreases from May 2007 figures. Only Vermont saw an increase in stocks on hand increasing 22 tons for a total of 60 tons for May 2008. This increase was enough to offset any decreases and raise total stocks to 114,000 tons. Nation wide overall stocks increased substantially from 15.0 million tons in 2007 to 21.6 million tons in 2008.

HAY: Stocks on Farms, May 1, 2006 – 2008

State	2006	2007	2008
	1,000 Tons		
Connecticut	9	12	8
Maine	25	27	27
Massachusetts	17	13	12
New Hampshire	8	12	6
Rhode Island	1	3	1
Vermont	57	38	60
NEW ENGLAND	117	105	114
UNITED STATES	21,345	15,013	21,593

Broadleaf tobacco production weighed in at 5.4 million pounds in the Connecticut River Valley in 2007. Increased acreage harvested and improved yields in Connecticut and Massachusetts placed 2007 marketed production 22 percent above last year's output. Cool, wet conditions initially delayed growth in the greenhouses and setting out transplants, however warmer temperatures followed and the crop was all in the ground by the end of June, on schedule with normal. Dry conditions during July forced growers to irrigate if equipment was available. August brought localized storms to the Valley and with it heavy rains, high winds and hail; acreage losses were reported at some locations. The crop was 100 percent harvested by mid-September, on schedule with last year and normal.

Broadleaf yields averaged 1,801 pounds per acre in the two states in 2007, compared with the previous year average of 1,705 pounds per acre

Producers intend to market 1.74 million pounds of **shade tobacco** in Connecticut and Massachusetts, a 41 percent increase in production from last year's low output. Based on mid-March assessments, marketed yields were expected to average 1,423 pounds per acre, compared with the 1,172 pounds per acre average a year earlier. Final shade yield and prices will be available in early 2009, after the bulk of the crop is marketed.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2006 – 2007 ¹

State and Type	Area Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Tobacco	Acres		Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Broadleaf (Type 51):										
Connecticut	1,650	1,900	1,760	1,830	2,904	3,477	6.500	6.400	18,876	22,253
Massachusetts	950	1,100	1,610	1,750	1,530	1,925	6.750	6.900	10,328	13,283
CT and MA Total	2,600	3,000	1,705	1,801	4,434	5,402	6.586	6.578	29,204	35,536
Shade (Type 61):										
Connecticut	850	1,000	1,140	1,450	969	1,450	D	*	D	*
Massachusetts	200	220	1,310	1,300	262	286	D	*	D	*
CT and MA Total	1,050	1,220	1,172	1,423	1,231	1,736	21.700	*	26,712	*
UNITED STATES (All Types) ²	339,000	356,000	2,146	2,191	727,347	779,899	1.665	1.686	1,210,978	1,310,900

¹ 2007 revised.

² Includes estimated 2007 value of production for CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown. The 2006 CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown price was used to compute the 2007 value of production.

D CT and MA, CT Valley Shade-grown price and value for 2006 are combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

* Price and value are not available for 2007.

SOURCE: **Crop Production**, 8:30 a.m. May 9, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



New England's **cattle and calf** cash receipts decreased from \$99.7 million in 2006 to \$87.5 million in 2007. Both cattle and calves marketings decreased, despite cattle and calf prices remaining fairly constant. New England's cattle and calf marketings totaled 105.6 million pounds in 2007, down fourteen percent from 2006.

Connecticut was the only state to experience an increase in marketings in 2007. Maine experienced the largest decrease in marketings with 16.1 million pounds sold, 7.3 million pounds less than the previous year. In 2007, Vermont accounted for over half of the region's cattle and calf liveweight marketings.

CATTLE and CALVES: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition, 2006 – 2008 ¹

State	All Cattle on Hand Jan.1			Calves Born		Inshipments		Marketings				Farm Slaughter		Deaths		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2006	2007	Cattle		Calves		2006	2007	2006	2007	
								2006	2007	2006	2007					
	1,000 Head															
Connecticut	52.0	53.0	50.0	21.0	19.0	3.0	2.0	10.9	13.0	8.6	8.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	2.0	
Maine	92.0	86.0	89.0	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.0	21.2	12.7	17.4	15.5	1.0	1.0	4.4	4.8	
Massachusetts	47.0	44.0	46.0	22.0	23.0	2.0	2.0	11.5	7.0	12.0	12.0	1.0	1.0	2.5	3.0	
New Hampshire	39.0	35.0	36.0	17.0	15.0	1.0	1.0	9.8	4.7	10.1	8.0	0.5	0.5	1.6	1.8	
Rhode Island	5.0	4.9	5.1	2.4	2.3	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	
Vermont	275.0	265.0	265.0	119.0	120.0	8.0	6.0	49.0	39.5	72.0	70.5	2.0	2.0	14.0	14.0	
NEW ENGLAND	510.0	487.9	491.1	218.4	215.3	15.2	12.1	103.5	77.6	121.3	115.1	5.6	5.6	25.3	25.9	

¹ Balance sheet estimates by state; the sum of inventory Jan 1, 2007, calf crop, and inshipments is equal to the sum of marketings, farm slaughter, deaths, and inventory Jan. 1, 2008. SOURCE: **Meat Animal Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary**, 3:00 p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

CATTLE and CALVES: Production and Income, 2006 and 2007

State	Production		Marketings		Price per 100 Pounds			Cash Receipts		Gross Income ¹		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	Cattle		Calves	2006	2007	2006	2007	
					2006	2007	2006					2007
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars			1,000 Dollars				
Connecticut	13,965	12,366	12,863	15,040	69	69	110	100	9,969	11,097	11,274	12,391
Maine	20,710	19,054	23,422	16,078	77	80	110	105	19,298	13,986	20,637	15,351
Massachusetts	11,242	11,146	13,695	9,360	71	72	115	105	10,991	7,729	12,331	9,080
New Hampshire	9,784	8,737	12,296	7,011	75	71	115	110	10,515	6,226	11,833	7,338
Rhode Island	1,414	1,077	1,354	913	68	68	110	100	1,057	702	1,185	830
Vermont	50,642	53,997	58,820	57,190	71	71	110	105	47,854	47,745	49,452	49,554
NEW ENGLAND	107,757	106,377	122,450	105,592	*	*	*	*	99,684	87,485	106,712	94,544

¹ The value of home consumption accounts for the difference between gross income and cash receipts.

* New England price per 100 pounds is not available.

SOURCE: *Meat Animal Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**VERMONT CATTLE: All Cattle and Calves
Inventory by County, January 1, 2005 – 2008**

County	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Head			
Addison	65,200	65,200	62,800	63,300
Bennington	3,200	3,200	3,100	2,900
Caledonia	15,200	15,200	15,000	15,400
Chittenden	13,500	13,500	13,000	12,800
Essex	4,500	4,500	4,300	4,200
Franklin	64,600	64,600	61,900	62,300
Grand Isle	5,900	5,900	5,700	5,400
Lamoille	7,000	7,000	6,700	7,100
Orange	17,100	17,100	16,500	16,300
Orleans	35,800	35,800	34,500	34,300
Rutland	17,800	17,800	17,200	16,700
Washington	8,700	8,700	8,400	8,400
Windham	7,900	7,900	7,600	7,500
Windsor	8,600	8,600	8,300	8,400
STATE TOTAL	275,000	275,000	265,000	265,000

**VERMONT CATTLE: Milk Cows and Calves
Inventory by County, January 1, 2005 – 2008**

County	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Head			
Addison	32,300	33,400	32,900	32,400
Bennington	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,400
Caledonia	7,700	7,500	7,400	7,300
Chittenden	7,000	6,900	6,400	6,400
Essex	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200
Franklin	37,600	37,800	38,600	39,100
Grand Isle	2,800	2,700	2,900	2,900
Lamoille	3,900	4,000	3,900	3,700
Orange	8,700	8,800	8,400	8,300
Orleans	21,400	21,600	21,100	20,600
Rutland	7,000	6,400	6,100	5,700
Washington	4,100	3,800	3,700	4,000
Windham	3,700	3,700	3,800	3,800
Windsor	2,800	2,500	2,100	2,200
STATE TOTAL	143,000	143,000	141,000	140,000

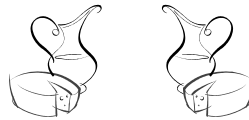
MONTHLY MILK: Number of Cows and Production, April 2008 with Comparisons

State	Milk Cows ¹			Production per Cow			Production		
	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008	April 2007	March 2008	April 2008
	1,000 Head			Pounds			Million Pounds		
Vermont	140	140	140	1,495	1,590	1,560	209	223	218
New York	627	626	626	1,605	1,690	1,670	1,006	1,058	1,045
Pennsylvania	550	549	549	1,690	1,680	1,670	930	922	917
UNITED STATES²	8,292	8,436	8,444	1,745	1,794	1,757	14,470	15,134	14,833

¹ Average number for month, includes dry cows.

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., May 19, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



VERMONT MILK: 2003 – 2008 Prices Received by Farmers for Milk Sold ¹

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
	Price per Cwt												
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	15.70	15.90	16.80	17.70	19.20	21.20	23.20	23.50	23.80	23.30	23.80	23.30	20.60
2008 ²	22.20	20.40	18.90	19.00									*

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.

* 2008 Annual average will be available in April 2009.

SOURCE: *Agricultural Prices*, 3:00 p.m., April 30, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS: NEW ENGLAND Production of Butter and Cheese, by Month, 2007

Month	Butter	American Cheese ¹	Mozzarella Cheese	Other Italian Cheese ²	Cottage Cheese ³
January	3,365	7,488	3,195	414	525
February	3,248	6,241	3,277	384	611
March	2,835	6,194	3,397	693	544
April	2,585	7,237	3,303	540	528
May	2,384	7,315	3,428	783	653
June	1,637	5,371	3,407	580	592
July	1,174	6,565	3,729	590	552
August	658	6,338	3,625	798	679
September	1,228	5,849	3,249	604	509
October	1,389	7,069	2,499	488	658
November	1,533	6,476	3,304	689	559
December	2,375	6,345	3,062	498	397
ANNUAL	24,411	78,488	39,475	7,061	6,807

¹ American type cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

² Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella

³ Creamed and low fat

⁴ Includes both hard and soft serve

SOURCE: NEW ENGLAND 2007 Summary of Annual Manufactured Dairy Products Survey, conducted February 2008.

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS: NEW ENGLAND Production of Frozen Desserts, by Month, 2007

Month	Ice Cream ⁴	Low Fat Ice Cream ⁴	Milk Sherbet ⁴
January	8,843	2,129	200
February	7,102	1,442	143
March	6,259	2,027	155
April	7,858	2,463	220
May	6,906	2,439	235
June	6,924	2,462	164
July	8,287	2,148	189
August	7,174	1,785	116
September	7,164	1,494	133
October	6,600	1,958	200
November	5,146	1,347	122
December	5,072	866	77
ANNUAL	83,335	22,560	1,954

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS: NEW ENGLAND and UNITED STATES Production, 2006 – 2007

Product	NEW ENGLAND			UNITED STATES		
	2006 ¹	2007	2007 as Percentage of 2006	2006 ¹	2007	2007 as Percentage of 2006
	1,000 Pounds			1,000 Pounds		
Butter	26,004	24,411	94	1,448,428	1,532,890	106
American cheese ²	74,954	78,488	105	3,912,669	3,877,827	99
Mozzarella cheese	40,011	39,475	99	3,144,445	3,303,305	105
Other Italian cheese ³	11,898	7,061	59	828,489	830,925	100
Cottage cheese ⁴	7,123	6,807	96	778,023	781,592	100
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Ice Cream ⁵	93,359	83,335	89	982,130	950,872	97
Low Fat Ice Cream	20,003	22,560	113	376,557	382,620	102
Hard Serve	12,517	13,226	106	128,471	145,983	114
Soft Serve	7,486	9,334	125	248,086	236,637	95
Milk Sherbet ⁵	2,633	1,954	74	59,152	62,741	106
	Number			Number		
Dairy Plants ⁶	76	75	99	1,094	1,109	101

¹ Revised

² American type cheese includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

³ Includes all Italian cheese except Mozzarella

⁴ Creamed and low fat

⁵ Includes both hard and soft serve.

⁶ Number of dairy plants manufacturing one or more dairy products.

SOURCE: New England 2007 Summary of the Annual Manufactured Dairy Products Survey, conducted February 2008. For United States data, *Dairy Products - Annual*, 3:00 p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

MONTHLY DAIRY PRODUCTS: NEW ENGLAND Production, March 2008 with Comparisons

Product	March 2007 ¹	February 2008 ¹	March 2008	March 2008 as a percent of:	
				March 2007	February 2008
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	2,835	3,550	1,604	57	45
American type Cheese ²	6,194	6,673	6,362	103	95
Mozzarella Cheese	3,394	2,998	3,406	100	114
Other Italian Cheese ³	693	475	657	95	138
Cottage Cheese ⁴	544	615	495	91	80
	1,000 Gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream, Hard	5,925	4,712	6,293	106	134
Low Fat Ice Cream, Hard	957	1,230	1,407	147	114
Milk Sherbet, Hard	140	130	206	147	158

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., May 5, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Cash receipts from **sheep and lamb** marketings in New England totaled nearly \$2.1 million in 2007 a decrease of 11 percent from the previous year. Although the number of lambs marketed

increased slightly, sheep marketings decreased significantly from the previous year's level. Production totaled 2.7 million liveweight pounds in 2007, an increase of 16 percent from 2006

SHEEP and LAMBS: Inventory and Lamb Crop 2006 – 2007 ¹

Region and Year	All Sheep and Lambs Jan 1		Lambs Born
	1,000 Head		
NEW ENGLAND			
2006	47.0		32.0
2007	44.0		36.0
UNITED STATES			
2006	6,230.0		4,065.0
2007	6,165.0		4,050.0

SHEEP and LAMBS: Disposition, 2006 – 2007 ¹

Region and Year	Inshipments	Marketings		Farm Slaughter	Deaths
		Sheep	Lambs		
1,000 Head					
NEW ENGLAND					
2006	2.1	11.2	20.5	0.9	4.5
2007	2.4	4.5	21.9	2.0	6.0
UNITED STATES					
2006	1,464.2	692.1	4,196.3	69.4	636.4
2007	1,438.5	747.6	4,094.5	78.8	677.6

¹ Balance sheet statistics; for example January 1, 2007 inventory is equal to January 1, 2006 inventory plus 2006 lambs born plus 2006 inshipments minus 2006 marketings minus 2006 farm slaughter minus 2006 deaths.

SOURCE: *Meat Animal Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary*, 3:00p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



SHEEP and LAMBS: Production and Income, 2006 – 2007

Region and Year	Production ¹	Marketings ²	Average Price per 100 Pounds		Cash Receipts ³	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
			Sheep	Lambs			
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
NEW ENGLAND							
2006	2,316	2,743	50.00	125.00	2,378	329	2,707
2007	2,685	2,107	46.00	120.00	2,112	442	2,554
UNITED STATES							
2006	473,089	580,424	35.20	95.50	492,517	11,220	503,737
2007	460,847	575,238	31.00	98.50	492,432	12,972	505,404

¹ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.

² Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the region.

³ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

SOURCE: *Meat Animal Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary*, 3:00p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

Marketings of **hogs and pigs** in New England totaled 7.3 million pounds in 2007, down six percent from 2006. Massachusetts accounted for 35 percent of the region's total liveweight marketings, while Maine accounted for 23 percent. New England cash receipts from hog and pig marketings totaled \$2.9 million in 2007, compared

with \$3.1 million in 2006; a decrease of seven percent. New England farmers received an average of \$38.00 per hundredweight for hogs and pigs marketed in 2007, down \$1.00 from a year earlier. Massachusetts led the New England states with \$973,000 in cash receipts, followed by Maine with \$691,000.

HOGS and PIGS: Inventory and Pig Crop, 2005 – 2007 ¹

State	All Hogs and Pigs On Hand Dec 1			Pig Crop Dec ² – Nov	
	2005	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head				
Connecticut	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.56	5.46
Maine	5.0	4.8	4.7	8.96	9.52
Massachusetts	13.0	13.0	12.0	13.28	12.00
New Hampshire	3.2	2.8	2.9	4.20	4.50
Rhode Island	1.8	2.1	2.3	4.80	4.74
Vermont	2.3	2.5	2.7	4.62	5.18
NEW ENGLAND ³	28.8	28.8	28.6	40.42	41.40

HOGS and PIGS: Disposition, 2006 – 2007 ¹

State	Inshipments		Marketings		Farm Slaughter		Deaths	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Head							
Connecticut	0.1	0.1	4.1	4.7	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
Maine	1.7	0.5	10.2	9.3	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.6
Massachusetts	1.9	1.5	14.2	13.5	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6
New Hampshire	1.5	1.5	5.6	5.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Rhode Island	0.1	0.1	4.4	4.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Vermont	1.4	0.8	5.3	5.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
NEW ENGLAND ³	6.7	4.5	43.8	42.8	1.3	1.3	2.1	2.0

¹ Balance sheet statistics; for example Dec 1, 2007 inventory is equal to December 1, 2006 inventory plus 2007 pig crop plus 2007 inshipments minus 2007 marketings minus 2007 farm slaughter minus 2007 deaths.

² December of previous year.

³ New England totals may not balance due to rounding.

SOURCE: *Meat Animals Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

HOGS and PIGS: Production and Income, 2006 – 2007

State	Production		Marketings		Price per 100 Pounds ¹		Cash Receipts		Gross Income ²	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars		1,000 Dollars			
Connecticut	744	892	587	714	39.00	38.00	231	273	277	317
Maine	2,651	2,246	2,175	1,675	39.00	38.00	872	691	1,089	927
Massachusetts	2,661	2,686	2,482	2,537	39.00	38.00	973	973	1,110	1,097
New Hampshire	838	893	868	852	39.00	38.00	340	325	376	370
Rhode Island	875	682	785	621	39.00	38.00	308	238	326	256
Vermont	1,032	1,066	923	944	39.00	38.00	365	362	413	423
NEW ENGLAND	8,801	8,465	7,820	7,343	39.00	38.00	3,089	2,862	3,591	3,390

¹ An average New England price was used to generate cash receipts and gross income for individual states.

² The value of home consumption accounts for the difference between gross income and cash receipts.

SOURCE: *Meat Animals Production, Disposition and Income – 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 25, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.



POULTRY PRODUCTION and VALUE: The value of **chickens sold for slaughter** in New England (excluding Rhode Island) totaled \$58,000 in 2007, down 34 percent from a year earlier. New England poultry operations received an average of 0.4 cents per pound liveweight for birds slaughtered in 2007, down 0.1 cents per pound from 2006. Chickens sold for slaughter across the region totaled 4.7 million birds in 2007. The 15.7 million pounds sold fell 16 percent below the previous year.

Laying flocks in New England (excluding Rhode Island) produced 2.0 billion **eggs** in 2007, roughly the same as the previous year's egg production. The average price per dozen eggs in the region

rose from 55.8 cents in 2006 to 87.5 cents in 2007. This brought the value of the New England egg production up to \$144.3 million in 2007; an increase of 54 percent from 2006.

The value of **turkey** production in Massachusetts and Vermont totaled \$4.6 million in 2007, an eight percent increase from 2006. Massachusetts and Vermont produced a total of 2.6 million pounds, one percent less than 2006. The annual average price per pound liveweight for turkeys averaged \$1.86 in Massachusetts, 18 cents higher than the previous year, and the average price per pound for Vermont turkeys was \$1.59, nine cents higher than in 2006.

ANNUAL TURKEYS: Production, Price, and Value, 2006

State	Number Raised ¹	Pounds Produced ²	Price per Pound ³	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Massachusetts	62	1,438	1.68	2,416
Vermont	55	1,238	1.50	1,857
MA and VT	117	2,676	1.60	4,273
UNITED STATES	262,460	7,463,885	0.48	3,573,690

ANNUAL TURKEYS: Production, Price, and Value, 2007

State	Number Raised ⁴	Pounds Produced ²	Price per Pound ³	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Massachusetts	59	1,493	1.86	2,777
Vermont	51	1,148	1.59	1,825
MA and VT	110	2,641	1.74	4,602
UNITED STATES	271,689	7,869,224	0.47	3,710,846

¹ Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2005 through August 31 2006. Data excludes young turkeys lost.

² Pounds produced are on a liveweight basis.

³ Prices are actual liveweight prices.

⁴ Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2006 through August 31 2007. Data excludes young turkeys lost.

SOURCE: *Poultry Production and Value, 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 28, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL CHICKENS: Lost, Sold for Slaughter, Price, and Value of Sales, 2006 – 2007¹

State	Chickens Lost ²		Chickens Sold for Slaughter							
	Number		Number		Pounds Sold		Price per Pound		Value of Sales	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	1,000 Birds				1,000 Pounds		Cents		1,000 Dollars	
Connecticut	750	1,108	1,846	1,400	6,461	4,760	0.3	0.4	19	19
Maine	815	642	2,444	2,665	9,287	8,795	0.4	0.1	37	9
Massachusetts	23	15	268	217	1,018	716	0.5	0.1	5	1
New Hampshire	24	32	232	183	1,044	714	1.9	2.2	20	16
Vermont	26	25	216	191	821	707	0.9	1.8	7	13
NEW ENGLAND³	1,638	1,822	5,006	4,656	18,631	15,692	0.5	0.4	88	58
UNITED STATES	101,078	100,663	172,748	167,249	918,977	906,809	5.8	5.6	53,754	50,783

¹ Estimates cover the 12 - month period of December 1, previous year, through November 30, current year. Data excludes broilers.

² Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12 - month period.

³ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT. RI is not included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOURCE: *Poultry Production and Value, 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 28, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

ANNUAL EGGS: Production, Price, and Value, 2006

State	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Value of Production
	Million	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut	791	0.513	33,840
Maine	1,064	0.578	51,288
Massachusetts	71	0.655	3,875
New Hampshire	36	0.794	2,381
Vermont	55	0.530	2,427
NEW ENGLAND³	2,017	0.558	93,811
UNITED STATES	91,328	0.582	4,431,745

ANNUAL EGGS: Production, Price, and Value, 2007

State	Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ²	Value of Production
	Million	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut	814	0.766	51,938
Maine	1,013	0.949	80,093
Massachusetts	52	0.990	4,288
New Hampshire	42	1.120	3,916
Vermont	59	0.832	4,091
NEW ENGLAND³	1,980	0.875	144,326
UNITED STATES	90,581	0.885	6,678,147

¹ Estimates cover the 12 – month period of December 1, previous year through November 30, current year.

² Includes hatching and market (table) eggs

³ NEW ENGLAND include CT, ME, MA, NH, and VT. RI is not included to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SOURCE: *Poultry Production and Value, 2007 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., April 28, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MONTHLY CHICKENS:
Layers and Egg Production, April 2007**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks of 30,000 and Above	All Layers ¹	Eggs Per 100 for All Layers ¹	Egg Production from All Layers ¹
	1,000 Birds		Number	Million Eggs
Connecticut	2,943	3,004	2,330	71
Maine	3,913	3,977	2,188	88
UNITED STATES	208,185	345,578	2,162	7,806

**MONTHLY CHICKENS:
Layers and Egg Production, April 2008**

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks of 30,000 and Above	All Layers ¹	Eggs Per 100 for All Layers ¹	Egg Production from All Layers ¹
	1,000 Birds		Number	Million Eggs
Connecticut	2,846	2,905	2,306	66
Maine	4,025	4,094	2,223	97
UNITED STATES	275,466	341,159	2,164	7,673

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., April 23, 2008, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

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