



CHICKENS

On December 1, 2003, the total number of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) on farms in New England (excluding Rhode Island) was 9.9 million birds, a decrease of four percent from the

2002 total inventory. The value of all chickens on hand was \$25.7 million, up eight percent from the previous year's value of inventory. As of December 1, 2003, the majority of all chickens on hand were hens and pullets of laying age, accounting for 76 percent of the total.

CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory by Class and Value, December 1, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Layers on Hand			Pullets Not of Laying Age		Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	Layers 1 Year Old and Older	Layers 20 Weeks Old But Less than 1 Year	Total Layers	Pullets 13 Weeks Old and Older But Less Than 20 Weeks	Pullet Chicks and Pullets Under 13 Weeks of Age				
				1,000 Birds				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut									
1994	1,680	2,021	3,701	232	600	22	4,555	2.50	11,388
1995	1,016	2,516	3,532	251	574	12	4,369	2.50	10,923
1996	1,090	2,523	3,613	217	598	4	4,432	2.40	10,637
1997	1,141	2,318	3,459	299	550	1	4,309	2.30	9,911
1998	1,227	1,863	3,090	206	653	10	3,959	2.30	9,106
1999	1,396	1,697	3,093	309	516	73	3,991	2.10	8,381
2000	968	2,202	3,170	213	489	73	3,945	2.20	8,679
2001	1,054	2,054	3,108	204	428	8	3,748	2.10	7,871
2002	1,021	2,026	3,047	241	501	4	3,793	2.30	8,724
2003	1,461	1,412	2,873	303	563	6	3,745	2.60	9,737
Maine									
1994	291	4,592	4,883	314	1,192	51	6,440	2.10	13,524
1995	214	4,653	4,867	1,647	163	35	6,712	1.90	12,753
1996	1,202	3,996	5,198	544	1,325	6	7,073	2.10	14,853
1997	2,256	2,523	4,779	621	1,495	5	6,900	2.40	16,560
1998	2,511	2,710	5,221	477	1,115	4	6,817	2.40	16,361
1999	2,210	2,391	4,601	558	1,066	9	6,234	2.20	13,715
2000	1,934	2,063	3,997	762	887	6	5,652	2.30	13,000
2001	1,947	2,069	4,016	726	859	6	5,607	2.10	11,775
2002	1,711	2,474	4,185	427	1,173	5	5,790	2.20	12,738
2003	1,674	2,451	4,125	360	984	4	5,473	2.50	13,683
Massachusetts									
1994	100	487	587	1	57	1	646	2.20	1,421
1995	94	259	353	42	126	1	522	2.10	1,096
1996	122	487	609	85	74	5	773	2.20	1,701
1997	72	473	545	3	155	1	704	2.20	1,549
1998	183	259	442	0	51	1	494	2.20	1,087
1999	69	275	344	29	46	0	419	2.70	1,131
2000	148	159	307	3	47	0	357	3.00	1,071
2001	78	215	293	3	53	0	349	2.70	942
2002	68	214	282	2	52	0	336	3.10	1,042
2003	53	174	227	50	3	0	280	3.20	896

See footnote after the New England table.

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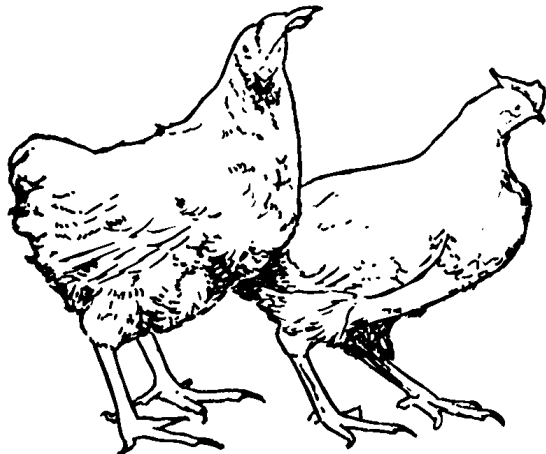
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New Hampshire									
1994	18	151	169	23	70	30	292	1.70	496
1995	14	149	163	9	71	32	275	2.00	550
1996	12	143	155	23	39	30	247	2.40	593
1997	53	106	159	24	29	6	218	2.40	523
1998	42	87	129	6	49	31	215	2.60	559
1999	42	92	134	36	51	27	248	3.00	744
2000	21	137	158	14	80	10	262	3.20	838
2001	11	132	143	29	35	8	215	3.20	688
2002	58	90	148	14	59	8	229	3.30	756
2003	11	130	141	16	52	10	219	3.80	832
Vermont									
1994	13	75	88	5	0	1	94	2.30	216
1995	25	78	103	17	0	1	121	2.30	278
1996	116	69	185	10	1	1	197	3.00	591
1997	9	188	197	1	4	1	203	2.90	589
1998	30	202	232	13	0	1	246	2.60	640
1999	40	208	248	25	0	1	274	2.40	658
2000	35	178	213	4	27	2	246	2.60	640
2001	84	94	178	24	3	2	207	2.50	518
2002	99	95	194	4	1	2	201	2.50	503
2003	8	164	172	23	2	2	199	2.90	577
New England^{2/}									
1994	2,102	7,326	9,428	575	1,919	105	12,027	2.25	27,045
1995	1,363	7,655	9,018	1,966	934	81	11,999	2.13	25,600
1996	2,542	7,218	9,760	879	2,037	46	12,722	2.23	28,375
1997	3,531	5,608	9,139	948	2,233	14	12,334	2.36	29,132
1998	3,993	5,121	9,114	702	1,868	47	11,731	2.37	27,753
1999	3,757	4,663	8,420	957	1,679	110	11,166	2.21	24,629
2000	3,106	4,739	7,845	996	1,530	91	10,462	2.32	24,228
2001	3,174	4,564	7,738	986	1,378	24	10,126	2.15	21,794
2002	2,957	4,899	7,856	688	1,786	19	10,349	2.30	23,763
2003	3,207	4,331	7,538	752	1,604	22	9,916	2.59	25,725

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.^{2/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island was not include to avoid disclosing individual operations.

CHICKENS ^{1/}: Lost, Sold for Slaughter and Value of Sales, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Chickens Lost ^{2/}	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number	Live Weight	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Birds		1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1994	388	2,486	12,430	3.4	423
1995	780	2,168	10,840	2.9	314
1996	770	1,896	8,532	0.4	34
1997	440	2,192	9,645	2.5	241
1998	562	2,345	8,677	1.7	148
1999	424	2,302	8,517	0.5	43
2000	288	2,190	8,322	0.5	42
2001	286	2,236	8,497	0.5	42
2002	276	2,127	7,870	0.3	24
2003	1,461	823	2,963	0.2	6
Maine					
1994	574	3,497	17,485	3.4	594
1995	1,194	3,460	17,300	2.9	502
1996	949	3,130	14,085	0.5	70
1997	558	3,578	15,743	2.0	315
1998	530	3,485	13,243	1.7	225
1999	723	3,641	14,200	0.5	71
2000	532	3,373	13,155	0.4	53
2001	1,102	2,245	8,756	0.4	35
2002	494	2,695	10,511	0.4	42
2003	727	2,679	10,180	0.2	20
Massachusetts					
1994	80	445	2,225	3.4	76
1995	86	601	3,005	2.9	87
1996	73	223	1,004	0.4	4
1997	66	390	1,716	2.0	34
1998	58	410	1,558	1.7	26
1999	43	377	1,433	0.3	4
2000	26	272	1,061	0.4	4
2001	22	683	2,664	0.4	11
2002	16	256	998	0.5	5
2003	32	227	863	0.3	3

See footnotes after the New England table.



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New Hampshire					
1994	14	101	505	3.4	17
1995	24	166	830	2.9	24
1996	24	234	1,053	0.4	4
1997	22	140	616	2.4	15
1998	25	134	630	1.7	11
1999	17	135	729	7.0	51
2000	13	131	668	3.6	24
2001	11	227	1,294	3.9	50
2002	12	291	1,630	3.6	59
2003	22	232	1,183	2.4	28
Vermont					
1994	40	65	325	3.4	11
1995	9	55	275	2.9	8
1996	13	90	405	0.4	2
1997	17	90	396	2.5	10
1998	15	140	574	1.6	9
1999	22	177	655	0.2	1
2000	18	235	940	0.9	8
2001	17	113	531	2.1	11
2002	17	211	823	0.7	6
2003	20	183	897	1.6	14
New England ^{3/}					
1994	1,096	6,594	32,970	3.4	1,121
1995	2,093	6,450	32,250	2.9	935
1996	1,829	5,573	25,079	0.5	114
1997	1,103	6,390	28,116	2.2	615
1998	1,190	6,514	24,682	1.7	419
1999	1,229	6,632	25,534	0.7	170
2000	877	6,201	24,146	0.5	131
2001	1,438	5,504	21,742	0.7	149
2002	815	5,580	21,832	0.6	136
2003	2,262	4,144	16,086	0.4	71

^{1/} Annual statistics exclude commercial broilers and cover the 12-month period December 1, previous year through November 30.^{2/} Includes deaths and other losses during the 12-month period.^{3/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island is not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.