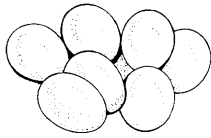


LAYERS and EGGS



Laying flocks in New England produced 2.1 billion eggs in 2003, down two percent from the previous year's egg production. The average price per dozen eggs increased from 56.3 cents in 2002

to 72.8 cents in 2003. Higher egg prices offset lower egg production in 2003, contributing to the 26 percent increase in value of production from the previous year to a total of \$126.4 million.

ANNUAL ^{1/} LAYERS and EGGS: ^{2/} Average Number of Layers, Eggs Produced and Value, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Average Number of Layers	Egg Production			
		Eggs per Layer ^{3/}	Total Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ^{4/}	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1994	3,686	264	972	99.6	80,676
1995	3,577	264	944	66.9	52,628
1996	3,556	267	950	73.9	58,504
1997	3,389	271	917	59.8	45,697
1998	3,095	271	839	58.9	41,181
1999	3,074	269	828	57.8	39,882
2000	3,129	276	863	55.5	39,914
2001	3,152	280	884	56.8	41,819
2002	3,106	276	856	51.9	37,022
2003	2,923	272	795	66.6	44,123
Maine					
1994	5,059	277	1,403	92.3	107,914
1995	4,946	276	1,364	64.9	73,770
1996	5,028	288	1,449	72.1	87,061
1997	5,026	285	1,434	69.4	82,933
1998	4,789	287	1,373	63.0	72,083
1999	4,743	286	1,356	62.2	70,286
2000	4,225	269	1,135	59.6	56,377
2001	4,076	270	1,100	61.8	56,640
2002	4,146	261	1,080	59.0	53,100
2003	4,221	266	1,121	75.5	70,530
Massachusetts					
1994	777	266	207	98.7	17,026
1995	513	259	133	66.3	7,348
1996	512	277	142	74.3	8,792
1997	540	289	156	61.0	7,930
1998	479	290	139	64.2	7,431
1999	392	278	109	65.5	5,946
2000	329	283	93	62.9	4,875
2001	283	283	80	65.7	4,380
2002	295	301	89	63.0	4,200
2003	251	291	73	80.2	4,879

See footnotes after the New England table.

**ANNUAL ^{1/} LAYERS and EGGS: ^{2/} Average Number of Layers,
Eggs Produced and Value, 1994 - 2003**

State and Year	Average Number of Layers	Egg Production			
		Eggs per Layer ^{3/}	Total Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ^{4/}	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire					
1994	158	247	39	96.9	3,149
1995	157	280	44	80.9	2,966
1996	153	275	42	80.9	2,832
1997	148	311	46	82.5	3,163
1998	159	264	42	74.7	2,616
1999	134	254	34	89.2	2,526
2000	139	281	39	86.6	2,813
2001	152	283	43	84.3	3,021
2002	186	296	55	74.4	2,976
2003	148	291	43	91.0	3,261
Vermont					
1994	83	335	27	85.2	1,918
1995	91	286	26	55.1	1,193
1996	117	291	34	65.7	1,862
1997	186	301	56	60.6	2,827
1998	221	294	65	61.2	3,316
1999	226	288	65	61.4	3,327
2000	232	293	68	59.8	3,389
2001	206	296	61	63.2	3,213
2002	200	292	58	62.3	3,037
2003	180	294	53	81.8	3,613
New England ^{5/}					
1994	9,763	271	2,648	95.5	210,683
1995	9,284	270	2,511	65.9	137,905
1996	9,366	279	2,617	72.9	159,051
1997	9,289	281	2,609	65.6	142,550
1998	8,743	281	2,458	61.8	126,627
1999	8,569	279	2,392	61.2	121,967
2000	8,054	273	2,198	58.6	107,368
2001	7,869	276	2,168	60.4	109,073
2002	7,933	270	2,138	56.3	100,335
2003	7,723	270	2,085	72.8	126,406

^{1/} Annual statistics cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30.

^{2/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

^{3/} Eggs per Layer equals total egg production divided by average number of layers.

^{4/} Handling, shipping, and marketing charges excluded beginning in 1995.

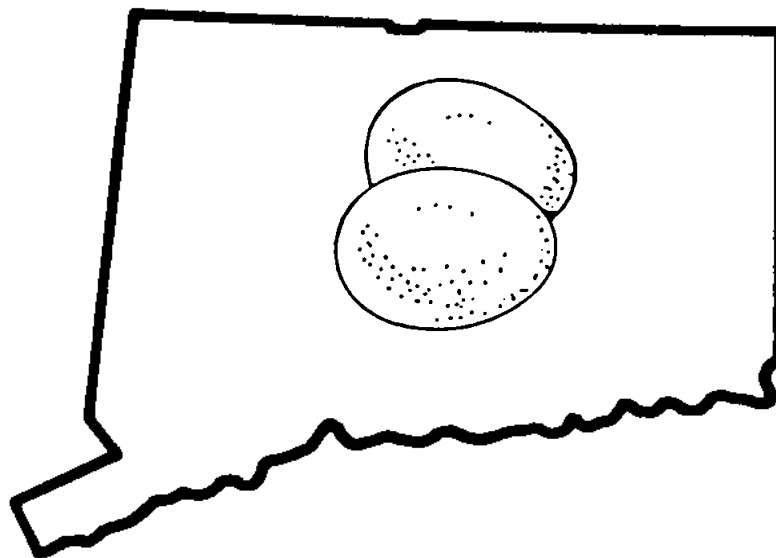
^{5/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont. Rhode Island was excluded to avoid disclosing individual data.

MONTHLY LAYERS and EGGS: ^{1/} Average Number of Layers, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
	1,000 Birds											
Connecticut												
1994	3,840	3,784	3,695	3,641	3,607	3,588	3,701	3,727	3,648	3,690	3,662	3,649
1995	3,663	3,574	3,509	3,549	3,596	3,561	3,536	3,565	3,661	3,623	3,534	3,542
1996	3,518	3,549	3,529	3,484	3,479	3,483	3,567	3,612	3,634	3,626	3,588	3,600
1997	3,526	3,469	3,406	3,401	3,477	3,456	3,393	3,319	3,254	3,253	3,315	3,397
1998	3,457	3,450	3,449	3,400	3,093	2,898	2,898	2,809	2,805	2,897	2,972	3,037
1999	3,114	3,126	3,105	3,128	3,134	3,083	3,006	2,982	3,003	3,039	3,082	3,087
2000	3,088	3,114	3,143	3,109	3,061	3,051	3,125	3,222	3,209	3,164	3,130	3,135
2001	3,201	3,258	3,284	3,219	3,190	3,199	3,157	3,112	3,050	3,033	3,044	3,073
2002	3,144	3,169	3,157	3,100	3,103	3,135	3,087	3,090	3,090	3,068	3,072	3,062
2003	3,069	3,035	3,010	2,986	2,921	2,869	2,820	2,904	2,891	2,806	2,869	2,892
Maine												
1994	4,892	4,920	4,993	5,125	5,201	5,173	5,098	5,032	5,035	5,081	5,130	5,031
1995	4,945	4,953	4,911	4,977	5,049	4,972	4,960	5,005	4,895	4,882	4,917	4,881
1996	4,882	4,974	4,967	4,870	4,878	4,984	5,008	5,027	5,059	5,139	5,290	5,256
1997	5,176	5,112	5,227	5,226	5,055	5,039	4,970	4,927	4,904	4,894	4,935	4,857
1998	4,831	4,833	4,797	4,717	4,704	4,760	4,751	4,664	4,645	4,755	4,900	5,118
1999	5,195	5,064	4,860	4,814	4,694	4,646	4,577	4,537	4,627	4,670	4,623	4,611
2000	4,472	4,333	4,236	4,238	4,240	4,172	4,187	4,314	4,281	4,170	4,079	4,011
2001	3,870	3,948	4,058	3,941	4,221	4,353	4,183	4,190	4,064	4,008	4,057	4,023
2002	3,865	3,865	4,074	3,954	4,009	4,319	4,334	4,230	4,221	4,328	4,328	4,220
2003	4,276	4,343	4,300	4,248	4,232	4,199	4,126	4,185	4,224	4,181	4,184	4,158

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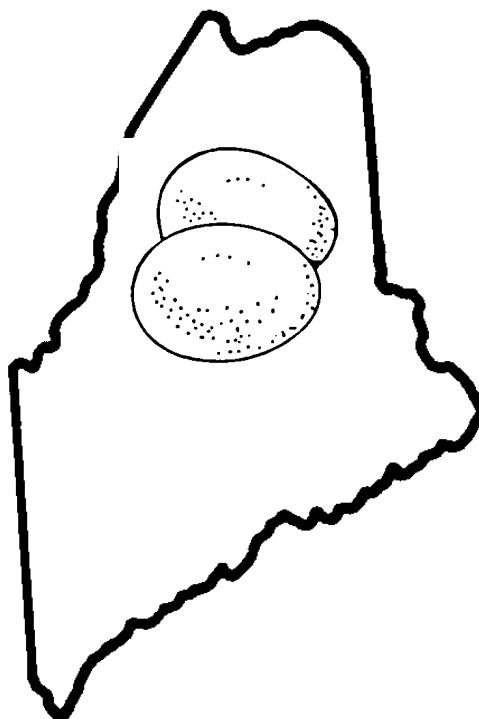


MONTHLY LAYERS and EGGS: ^{1/} Average Number of Eggs Laid per 100 Layers, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Number of Eggs Laid per 100 Layers												
Connecticut												
1994	2,240	2,273	2,030	2,252	2,135	2,202	2,108	2,227	2,275	2,195	2,239	2,192
1995	2,239	2,210	2,023	2,282	2,225	2,218	2,149	2,216	2,185	2,181	2,264	2,202
1996	2,274	2,226	2,125	2,296	2,213	2,239	2,187	2,298	2,229	2,151	2,258	2,222
1997	2,297	2,248	2,143	2,411	2,186	2,228	2,151	2,290	2,336	2,183	2,293	2,296
1998	2,285	2,203	2,001	2,324	2,199	2,208	2,174	2,350	2,424	2,278	2,389	2,305
1999	2,312	2,303	2,061	2,293	2,170	2,173	2,129	2,314	2,298	2,205	2,336	2,332
2000	2,429	2,344	2,068	2,316	2,221	2,294	2,208	2,328	2,400	2,244	2,364	2,360
2001	2,468	2,455	2,192	2,454	2,320	2,282	2,312	2,410	2,325	2,202	2,293	2,310
2002	2,417	2,430	2,217	2,452	2,288	2,265	2,235	2,330	2,233	2,151	2,279	2,253
2003	2,476	2,405	1,927	2,210	2,225	2,300	2,199	2,307	2,352	2,210	2,266	2,317
Maine												
1994	2,310	2,317	2,103	2,322	2,250	2,358	2,295	2,385	2,383	2,322	2,398	2,286
1995	2,346	2,342	2,118	2,331	2,238	2,333	2,238	2,258	2,329	2,315	2,400	2,336
1996	2,438	2,413	2,275	2,485	2,378	2,528	2,416	2,407	2,431	2,316	2,382	2,359
1997	2,415	2,426	2,181	2,354	2,295	2,441	2,374	2,436	2,427	2,329	2,452	2,409
1998	2,484	2,462	2,230	2,438	2,317	2,374	2,273	2,401	2,433	2,376	2,449	2,384
1999	2,464	2,468	2,222	2,486	2,407	2,454	2,294	2,336	2,421	2,313	2,379	2,321
2000	2,393	2,400	2,219	2,383	2,311	2,416	2,142	2,012	1,979	2,098	2,349	2,167
2001	2,295	2,503	2,011	2,124	2,220	2,313	2,264	2,358	2,185	2,138	2,384	2,187
2002	2,329	2,561	2,209	2,276	2,195	2,200	2,100	2,270	2,180	1,987	2,033	1,777
2003	1,707	1,957	2,023	2,331	2,292	2,358	2,254	2,294	2,344	2,344	2,414	2,261

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

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MONTHLY LAYERS and EGGS: ^{1/} Eggs Produced, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
	Million Eggs											
Connecticut												
1994	86	86	75	82	77	79	78	83	83	81	82	80
1995	82	79	71	81	80	79	76	79	80	79	80	78
1996	80	79	75	80	77	78	78	83	81	78	81	80
1997	81	78	73	82	76	77	73	76	76	71	76	78
1998	79	76	69	79	68	64	63	66	68	66	71	70
1999	72	72	64	72	68	67	64	69	69	67	72	72
2000	75	73	65	72	68	70	69	75	77	71	74	74
2001	79	80	72	79	74	73	73	75	71	67	70	71
2002	76	77	70	76	71	71	69	72	69	66	70	69
2003	76	73	58	66	65	66	62	67	68	62	65	67
Maine												
1994	113	114	105	119	117	122	117	120	120	118	123	115
1995	116	116	104	116	113	116	111	113	114	113	118	114
1996	119	120	113	121	116	126	121	121	123	119	126	124
1997	125	124	114	123	116	123	118	120	119	114	121	117
1998	120	119	107	115	110	113	109	112	113	113	120	122
1999	128	125	108	120	113	114	105	106	112	108	110	107
2000	107	104	94	101	98	100	90	87	85	88	96	87
2001	89	99	82	84	94	101	95	99	89	86	97	88
2002	90	99	90	90	88	95	91	96	92	86	88	75
2003	73	85	87	99	97	99	93	96	99	98	101	94

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

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