

## TOBACCO

Final 2003 estimates of **broadleaf tobacco** production placed total marketed output in the Connecticut River Valley at 3.4 million pounds, 16 percent below the previous year's output due to untimely rains and lack of sunshine. Excessive moisture promoted blue mold, brown spot and increased fertilizer leaching, and farmers were forced to harrow under an estimated 13 percent of planted acreage. Additional problems appeared when the crop hung to cure; namely, pole sweat, stem rot, brown spot and sunburn not evident when initially harvested. Broadleaf yields averaged 1,429 pounds per acre in the two States, compared with 1,828 pounds per acre in 2002. Prices ranged from as low as \$0.10 per pound to over \$6.00 per pound depending on quality. The average price of \$3.58 per pound reflects an average across

all prices, weighted by pounds sold at each price. The value of 2003 crop broadleaf tobacco marketed was placed at \$12.1 million, compared with \$21.6 million a year earlier.

In 2003, producers harvested 1.3 million pounds of **shade tobacco** in Connecticut and Massachusetts, 15 percent above 2002's disease-reduced output. Yields averaged 1,253 pounds per acre, 52 more pounds per acre than in 2002, but well under the previous five-year average of 1,466 pounds per acre.

[Tobacco charts appear on page 51.]

## TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Broadleaf Tobacco (Type 51)					Shade Tobacco (Type 61)					All Tobacco			
	Area Hvstd	Yield per Acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Hvstd	Yield per Acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Hvstd	Yield per Acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	Value of Production
	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Acres	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>														
1994	745	1,890	1,408	3.05	4,294	910	1,400	1,274	2/	2/	1,655	1,621	2,682	2/
1995	1,000	1,980	1,980	3.85	7,623	990	1,560	1,544	2/	2/	1,990	1,771	3,524	2/
1996	1,220	1,840	2,245	6.20	13,919	1,040	1,490	1,550	2/	2/	2,260	1,679	3,795	2/
1997	1,315	1,760	2,314	6.00	13,884	1,230	1,475	1,814	2/	2/	2,545	1,622	4,128	2/
1998	1,435	1,600	2,296	5.40	12,398	1,380	1,435	1,980	2/	2/	2,815	1,519	4,276	2/
1999	1,530	1,650	2,525	4.50	11,363	1,510	1,950	2,945	2/	2/	3,040	1,799	5,470	2/
2000	600	1,500	900	4.90	4,410	1,000	1,550	1,550	2/	2/	1,600	1,531	2,450	2/
2001	1,300	1,790	2,327	5.55	12,915	970	1,490	1,445	2/	2/	2,270	1,662	3,772	2/
2002	1,350	1,820	2,457	5.45	13,391	650	1,320	858	2/	2/	2,000	1,658	3,315	2/
2003	1,400	1,530	1,960	3.50	6,860	780	1,290	1,006	2/	2/	2,180	1,361	2,966	2/
<b>Massachusetts</b>														
1994	210	1,905	400	3.10	1,240	280	1,400	392	2/	2/	490	1,616	792	2/
1995	240	1,920	461	4.05	1,867	275	1,660	457	2/	2/	515	1,783	918	2/
1996	410	1,600	656	6.55	4,297	390	1,425	556	2/	2/	800	1,515	1,212	2/
1997	725	1,825	1,323	9.50	12,569	450	1,310	590	2/	2/	1,175	1,628	1,913	2/
1998	925	1,445	1,337	5.67	7,581	340	1,325	451	2/	2/	1,265	1,413	1,788	2/
1999	970	1,695	1,644	5.10	8,384	350	1,951	683	2/	2/	1,320	1,763	2,327	2/
2000	300	565	170	5.00	850	250	1,160	290	2/	2/	550	836	460	2/
2001	840	1,780	1,495	5.65	8,447	300	1,040	312	2/	2/	1,140	1,585	1,807	2/
2002	850	1,840	1,564	5.25	8,211	310	950	295	2/	2/	1,160	1,603	1,859	2/
2003	970	1,470	1,426	3.70	5,276	280	1,150	322	2/	2/	1,250	1,398	1,748	2/
<b>New England <sup>3/</sup></b>														
1994	955	1,893	1,808	3.06	5,534	1,190	1,400	1,666	2/	2/	2,145	1,620	3,474	2/
1995	1,240	1,969	2,441	3.89	9,490	1,265	1,582	2,001	2/	2/	2,505	1,773	4,442	2/
1996	1,630	1,780	2,901	6.28	18,216	1,430	1,473	2,106	2/	2/	3,060	1,636	5,007	2/
1997	2,040	1,783	3,637	7.27	26,453	1,680	1,431	2,404	2/	2/	3,720	1,624	6,041	2/
1998	2,360	1,539	3,633	5.50	19,979	1,720	1,413	2,431	2/	2/	4,080	1,486	6,064	2/
1999	2,500	1,668	4,169	4.74	19,747	1,860	1,951	3,628	2/	2/	4,360	1,788	7,797	2/
2000	900	1,189	1,070	4.92	5,260	1,250	1,472	1,840	25.30	46,552	2,150	1,353	2,910	51,812
2001	2,140	1,786	3,822	5.59	21,362	1,270	1,383	1,757	23.00	40,411	3,410	1,636	5,579	61,773
2002	2,200	1,828	4,021	5.37	21,602	960	1,201	1,153	22.50	25,943	3,160	1,637	5,174	47,545
2003	2,370	1,429	3,386	3.58	12,136	1,060	1,253	1,328	2/	2/	3,430	1,374	4,714	2/

<sup>1/</sup> Any leaf that is not harvested, or harvested and destroyed for any reason, is excluded from production.

<sup>2/</sup> Connecticut and Massachusetts Shade type 61 price and value of production not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3/</sup> New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.