

TURKEYS



The value of **turkey** production in New England totaled \$4.9 million in 2003, a three percent increase from the 2002 value. Pounds produced in the region were up slightly compared with a year earlier. The New England annual average

price per pound live weight for turkeys averaged \$1.48, compared with \$1.44 the previous year. Over half of the region's cash receipts from turkeys sold were generated from sales of turkeys in Massachusetts.

TURKEYS: Annual Production and Value, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Number Raised ^{1/}	Pounds Produced ^{2/}	Price per Pound ^{3/}	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
1994	20	468	1.00	468
1995	15	291	1.25	364
1996	8	176	1.01	178
1997	5	125	1.07	134
1998	5	130	1.00	130
1999	5	125	1.12	140
2000	5	125	1.19	149
2001	5	108	1.13	122
2002	7	174	1.27	221
2003	5	135	1.22	165
Massachusetts				
1994	120	3,192	1.22	3,894
1995	105	2,153	1.23	2,648
1996	85	1,870	1.20	2,244
1997	82	2,050	1.28	2,624
1998	81	2,066	1.25	2,583
1999	78	2,067	1.28	2,646
2000	79	1,975	1.33	2,627
2001	74	1,591	1.44	2,291
2002	68	1,686	1.50	2,529
2003	73	1,847	1.47	2,715

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New Hampshire				
1994	15	374	1.19	445
1995	17	347	1.17	406
1996	15	323	1.17	378
1997	15	368	1.35	497
1998	14	336	1.40	470
1999	15	360	1.40	504
2000	14	350	1.49	522
2001	6	129	1.47	190
2002	5	124	1.59	197
2003	5	132	1.70	224
Vermont ^{4/}				
1994	30	615	0.99	609
1995	31	639	1.14	728
1996	35	735	1.00	735
1997	39	936	1.18	1,104
1998	41	984	1.04	1,023
1999	41	943	1.13	1,066
2000	47	1,175	1.20	1,410
2001	45	968	1.40	1,355
2002	53	1,314	1.37	1,800
2003	52	1,196	1.49	1,782

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New England ^{5/}				
1994	185	4,649	1.16	5,416
1995	168	3,430	1.21	4,146
1996	143	3,104	1.14	3,535
1997	141	3,479	1.25	4,359
1998	141	3,516	1.20	4,206
1999	139	3,495	1.25	4,356
2000	145	3,625	1.30	4,708
2001	130	2,796	1.42	3,958
2002	133	3,298	1.44	4,747
2003	135	3,310	1.48	4,886

^{1/} Number raised is based on turkeys placed September 1 previous year through August 1 and excludes young turkeys lost.

^{2/} Pounds produced are on a live weight basis.

^{3/} Prices are equivalent live weight returns to producers.

^{4/} Vermont official estimates began in 1994. Pounds produced and price per pound for earlier years are derived based on turkeys raised and cash receipts for those years.

^{5/} New England includes Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.