

## TOBACCO

**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, Production and Value, 1998 – 2007 <sup>1</sup>

State and Year	Broadleaf Tobacco (Type 51)					Shade Tobacco (Type 61)					All Tobacco			
	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	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>														
1998	1,450	1,600	2,320	5.40	12,528	1,380	1,435	1,980	D	D	2,830	1,519	4,300	D
1999	1,530	1,650	2,525	4.50	11,363	1,510	1,950	2,945	D	D	3,040	1,799	5,470	D
2000	650	1,500	975	4.90	4,778	1,000	1,550	1,550	D	D	1,650	1,530	2,525	D
2001	1,380	1,790	2,470	5.55	13,709	970	1,415	1,373	D	D	2,350	1,635	3,843	D
2002	1,350	1,820	2,457	5.45	13,391	650	1,320	858	D	D	2,000	1,658	3,315	D
2003	1,400	1,400	1,960	3.50	6,860	780	1,180	920	D	D	2,180	1,321	2,880	D
2004	1,500	1,530	2,295	5.25	12,049	860	1,595	1,372	D	D	2,360	1,554	3,667	D
2005	1,520	1,720	2,614	5.70	14,900	930	1,400	1,302	D	D	2,450	1,598	3,916	D
2006	1,650	1,760	2,904	6.50	18,876	850	1,140	969	D	D	2,500	1,549	3,873	D
2007	1,900	1,830	3,477	6.40	22,253	1,000	1,450	1,450	D	D	2,900	1,699	4,927	D
<b>Massachusetts</b>														
1998	925	1,445	1,337	5.67	7,581	340	1,325	451	D	D	1,265	1,413	1,788	D
1999	970	1,695	1,644	5.10	8,384	350	1,950	683	D	D	1,320	1,763	2,327	D
2000	250	720	180	5.00	900	260	1,000	260	D	D	510	863	440	D
2001	840	1,780	1,495	5.65	8,447	300	1,040	312	D	D	1,140	1,585	1,807	D
2002	850	1,840	1,564	5.25	8,211	310	950	295	D	D	1,160	1,603	1,859	D
2003	970	1,470	1,426	3.70	5,276	280	1,120	314	D	D	1,250	1,392	1,740	D
2004	920	1,600	1,472	5.40	7,949	320	1,390	445	D	D	1,240	1,546	1,917	D
2005	900	1,670	1,503	5.55	8,342	290	1,180	342	D	D	1,190	1,550	1,845	D
2006	950	1,610	1,530	6.75	10,328	200	1,310	262	D	D	1,150	1,558	1,792	D
2007	1,100	1,750	1,925	6.90	13,283	220	1,300	286	D	D	1,320	1,675	2,211	D
<b>New England <sup>2</sup></b>														
1998	2,375	1,540	3,657	5.50	20,109	1,720	1,413	2,431	D	D	4,095	1,487	6,088	D
1999	2,500	1,668	4,169	4.74	19,747	1,860	1,951	3,628	D	D	4,360	1,788	7,797	D
2000	900	1,283	1,155	4.92	5,678	1,260	1,437	1,810	25.30	45,793	2,160	1,373	2,965	51,471
2001	2,220	1,786	3,965	5.59	22,156	1,270	1,327	1,685	23.00	38,755	3,490	1,619	5,650	60,911
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	1,164	1,234	26.00	32,084	3,430	1,347	4,620	44,220
2004	2,420	1,557	3,767	5.31	19,998	1,180	1,540	1,817	25.30	45,971	3,600	1,551	5,584	65,969
2005	2,420	1,701	4,117	5.65	23,242	1,220	1,348	1,644	21.00	34,524	3,640	1,583	5,761	57,766
2006	2,600	1,705	4,434	6.59	29,204	1,050	1,172	1,231	21.70	26,712	3,650	1,552	5,665	55,916
2007	3,000	1,801	5,402	6.58	35,536	1,220	1,423	1,736	*	*	4,220	1,691	7,138	*

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

<sup>2</sup> New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.

D Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

\* 2007 Connecticut and Massachusetts shade price available February, 2009.