

CHICKENS



As of December 1, 2007, the New England (excluding Rhode Island) chicken inventory totaled 9.7 million birds, a decrease of 6.5 percent from the previous year. Egg-laying hens (layers) accounted for 7.4 million birds, or 76.6 percent of the total inventory.

Maine was the largest contributor to New England's

chicken inventory, accounting for 55.8 percent of the total birds and 52.8 percent of layers. Total value of inventory for all chickens within the five states was placed at \$25.4 million in 2007, \$1.5 million less than the 2006 value. These totals do not include chickens of meat-type strains (broilers) raised for commercial meat production.

CHICKENS: Inventory by Class and Value, December 1, 1998 – 2007 ¹

State and Year	Total Layers	Total Pullets	Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Birds				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut						
1998	3,090	859	10	3,959	2.30	9,106
1999	3,093	825	73	3,991	2.10	8,381
2000	3,170	702	73	3,945	2.20	8,679
2001	3,108	632	8	3,748	2.10	7,871
2002	3,047	742	4	3,793	2.30	8,724
2003	2,873	866	6	3,745	2.60	9,737
2004	2,954	667	5	3,626	2.60	9,428
2005	3,058	683	7	3,748	2.60	9,745
2006	3,000	947	7	3,954	2.70	10,676
2007	2,985	655	10	3,650	2.80	10,220
Maine						
1998	5,221	1,592	4	6,817	2.40	16,361
1999	4,601	1,624	9	6,234	2.20	13,715
2000	3,997	1,649	6	5,652	2.30	13,000
2001	4,016	1,585	6	5,607	2.10	11,775
2002	4,185	1,600	5	5,790	2.20	12,738
2003	4,125	1,344	4	5,473	2.50	13,683
2004	3,984	1,515	5	5,504	2.50	13,760
2005	4,027	1,519	5	5,551	2.40	13,322
2006	3,881	1,793	3	5,677	2.40	13,625
2007	3,909	1,479	4	5,392	2.40	12,941
Massachusetts						
1998	442	51	1	494	2.20	1,087
1999	344	75	0	419	2.70	1,131
2000	307	50	0	357	3.00	1,071
2001	301	56	0	357	2.70	964
2002	298	54	0	352	3.10	1,091
2003	257	53	0	310	3.20	992
2004	253	54	0	307	3.20	982
2005	242	54	0	296	3.20	947
2006	234	12	0	246	5.00	1,230
2007	114	7	0	121	4.20	508

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New Hampshire						
1998	129	55	31	215	2.60	559
1999	134	87	27	248	3.00	744
2000	158	94	10	262	3.20	838
2001	190	64	8	262	3.20	838
2002	197	73	8	278	3.30	917
2003	141	68	10	219	3.80	832
2004	162	72	2	236	4.40	1,038
2005	149	65	2	216	5.40	1,166
2006	149	69	5	223	4.30	959
2007	172	91	6	269	4.30	1,157
Vermont						
1998	232	13	1	246	2.60	640
1999	248	25	1	274	2.40	658
2000	213	31	2	246	2.60	640
2001	205	27	2	234	2.50	585
2002	221	5	2	228	2.50	570
2003	182	25	2	209	2.90	606
2004	198	25	2	225	1.90	428
2005	212	25	1	238	1.90	452
2006	206	28	1	235	1.90	447
2007	222	7	1	230	2.70	621
New England ²						
1998	9,114	2,570	47	11,731	2.37	27,753
1999	8,420	2,636	110	11,166	2.21	24,629
2000	7,845	2,526	91	10,462	2.32	24,228
2001	7,820	2,364	24	10,208	2.16	22,033
2002	7,948	2,474	19	10,441	2.30	24,040
2003	7,578	2,356	22	9,956	2.60	25,850
2004	7,551	2,333	14	9,898	2.59	25,636
2005	7,688	2,346	15	10,049	2.55	25,632
2006	7,470	2,849	16	10,335	2.61	26,937
2007	7,402	2,239	21	9,662	2.63	25,447

¹ Excludes commercial broilers.² New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH and VT. Rhode Island was not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

CHICKENS: Lost, Sold for Slaughter and Value of Sales, 1998 – 2007 ¹

State and Year	Chickens Lost ² 1,000 Birds	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number 1,000 Birds	Live Weight 1,000 Pounds	Price per Pound Dollars	Value of Sales 1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1998	562	2,345	8,677	0.017	148
1999	424	2,314	8,562	0.005	43
2000	288	2,190	8,322	0.005	42
2001	286	2,236	8,497	0.005	42
2002	276	2,127	7,870	0.003	24
2003	1,461	823	2,963	0.002	6
2004	1,863	256	896	0.003	3
2005	849	1,005	3,518	0.003	11
2006	750	1,846	6,461	0.003	19
2007	1,108	1,400	4,760	0.004	19
Maine					
1998	530	3,485	13,243	0.017	225
1999	723	3,703	14,442	0.005	72
2000	532	3,373	13,155	0.004	53
2001	1,102	2,251	8,779	0.004	35
2002	494	2,695	10,511	0.004	42
2003	727	2,679	10,180	0.002	20
2004	435	2,669	9,875	0.003	30
2005	1,162	2,089	7,729	0.004	31
2006	815	2,444	9,287	0.004	37
2007	642	2,665	8,795	0.001	9
Massachusetts					
1998	58	410	1,558	0.017	26
1999	43	377	1,433	0.003	4
2000	26	272	1,061	0.004	4
2001	22	689	2,687	0.004	11
2002	16	256	998	0.005	5
2003	34	242	920	0.003	3
2004	29	166	631	0.004	3
2005	16	204	775	0.005	4
2006	23	268	1,018	0.005	5
2007	15	217	716	0.001	1
New Hampshire					
1998	25	134	630	0.017	11
1999	17	135	729	0.070	51
2000	13	131	668	0.036	24
2001	11	227	1,294	0.039	50
2002	12	291	1,630	0.036	59
2003	22	238	1,214	0.024	29
2004	22	180	810	0.020	16
2005	26	187	842	0.024	20
2006	24	232	1,044	0.019	20
2007	32	183	714	0.022	16
Vermont					
1998	15	185	758	0.019	12
1999	22	177	655	0.002	1
2000	18	235	940	0.009	8
2001	17	113	531	0.021	11
2002	17	211	823	0.007	6
2003	20	183	897	0.016	14
2004	22	177	690	0.011	8
2005	21	127	483	0.012	6
2006	26	216	821	0.009	7
2007	25	191	707	0.018	13
New England ³					
1998	1,190	6,559	24,866	0.017	422
1999	1,229	6,706	25,821	0.007	171
2000	877	6,201	24,146	0.005	131
2001	1,438	5,516	21,788	0.007	149
2002	815	5,580	21,832	0.006	136
2003	2,264	4,165	16,174	0.004	72
2004	2,371	3,448	12,902	0.005	60
2005	2,074	3,612	13,347	0.005	72
2006	1,638	5,006	18,631	0.005	88
2007	1,822	4,656	15,692	0.004	58

¹ Annual statistics exclude commercial broilers and covers the 12 month period from December 1 of the previous year through November 30 of the current year.² Includes rendered, died, composted, destroyed, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.³ New England includes CT, ME, MA, NH and VT. Rhode Island is not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.