

As of December 1, 2004, New England (excluding Rhode Island) had a total inventory of 8.7 million chickens, a decrease of 13 percent from the previous year's inventory. The majority of inventory consisted of egg-laying hens (layers), accounting for 6.3 million birds, or 73 percent.

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Maine was the largest contributor to New England's chicken inventory, accounting for 49 percent of the total birds and 43 percent of all layers. The total value of inventory of all chickens within the five states was placed at \$22.5 million in 2004, down 13 percent from 2003. These totals do not include chickens of meat-type strains (broilers) raised for commercial meat production.

CHICKENS: ^{1/} Inventory by Class and Value, December 1, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Total Layers ^{3/}	Total Pullets ^{3/}	Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Birds				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut						
1995	3,532	825	12	4,369	2.50	10,923
1996	3,613	815	4	4,432	2.40	10,637
1997	3,459	849	1	4,309	2.30	9,911
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	2,949	663	5	3,617	2.60	9,404
Maine						
1995	4,867	1,810	35	6,712	1.90	12,753
1996	5,198	1,869	6	7,073	2.10	14,853
1997	4,779	2,116	5	6,900	2.40	16,560
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	2,732	1,514	8	4,251	2.50	10,628
Massachusetts						
1995	353	168	1	522	2.10	1,096
1996	609	159	5	773	2.20	1,701
1997	545	158	1	704	2.20	1,549
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

See footnote after the New England table.

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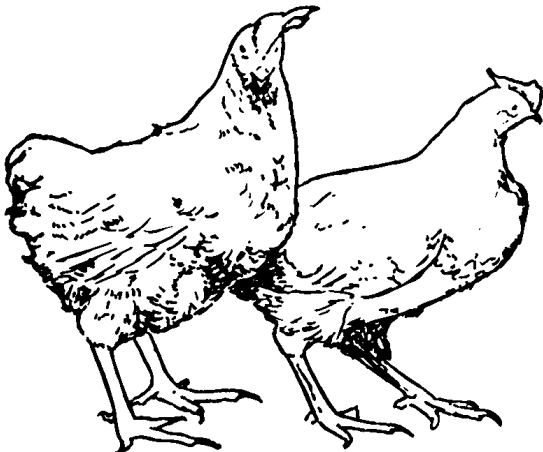
State and Year	Total Layers ^{3/}	Total Pullets ^{3/}	Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Birds				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire						
1995	163	80	32	275	2.00	550
1996	155	62	30	247	2.40	593
1997	159	53	6	218	2.40	523
1998	129	55	31	215	2.60	559
1999	134	87	27	248	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	17	251	4.40	1,104
Vermont						
1995	103	17	1	121	2.30	278
1996	185	11	1	197	3.00	591
1997	197	5	1	203	2.90	589
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
New England^{2/}						
1995	9,018	2,900	81	11,999	2.13	25,600
1996	9,760	2,916	46	12,722	2.23	28,375
1997	9,139	3,181	14	12,334	2.36	29,132
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	6,294	2,328	32	8,651	2.61	22,546

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.^{2/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island was not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.^{3/} Age breakouts for Layers & Pullets no longer published due to program change.

CHICKENS ^{1/}: Lost, Sold for Slaughter and Value of Sales, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Chickens Lost ^{2/}	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number	Live Weight	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Birds		1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1995	780	2,168	10,840	2.9	314
1996	770	1,896	8,532	0.4	34
1997	440	2,192	9,645	2.5	241
1998	562	2,345	8,677	1.7	148
1999	424	2,314	8,562	0.5	43
2000	288	2,190	8,322	0.5	42
2001	286	2,236	8,497	0.5	42
2002	276	2,127	7,870	0.3	24
2003	1,461	823	2,963	0.2	6
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Maine					
1995	1,194	3,460	17,300	2.9	502
1996	949	3,130	14,085	0.5	70
1997	558	3,578	15,743	2.0	315
1998	530	3,485	13,243	1.7	225
1999	723	3,703	14,442	0.5	72
2000	532	3,373	13,155	0.4	53
2001	1,102	2,251	8,779	0.4	35
2002	494	2,695	10,511	0.4	42
2003	727	2,679	10,180	0.2	20
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Massachusetts					
1995	86	601	3,005	2.9	87
1996	73	223	1,004	0.4	4
1997	66	390	1,716	2.0	34
1998	58	410	1,558	1.7	26
1999	43	377	1,433	0.3	4
2000	26	272	1,061	0.4	4
2001	22	689	2,687	0.4	11
2002	16	256	998	0.5	5
2003	32	227	863	0.3	3
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/

See footnotes after the New England table.



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State and Year	Chickens Lost ^{2/}	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number	Live Weight	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Birds		1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire					
1995	24	166	830	2.9	24
1996	24	234	1,053	0.4	4
1997	22	140	616	2.5	15
1998	25	134	630	1.7	11
1999	17	135	729	7.0	51
2000	13	131	668	3.6	24
2001	11	227	1,294	3.9	50
2002	12	291	1,630	3.6	59
2003	22	232	1,183	2.4	28
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
Vermont					
1995	9	55	275	2.9	8
1996	13	90	405	0.4	2
1997	17	90	396	2.5	10
1998	15	185	758	1.6	12
1999	22	177	655	0.2	1
2000	18	235	940	0.9	8
2001	17	113	531	2.1	11
2002	17	211	823	0.7	6
2003	20	183	897	1.6	14
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/
New England ^{3/}					
1995	2,093	6,450	32,250	2.9	935
1996	1,829	5,573	25,079	0.5	114
1997	1,103	6,390	28,116	2.2	615
1998	1,190	6,559	24,866	1.7	422
1999	1,229	6,706	25,821	0.7	171
2000	877	6,201	24,146	0.5	131
2001	1,438	5,516	21,788	0.7	149
2002	815	5,580	21,832	0.6	136
2003	2,262	4,144	16,086	0.4	71
2004	4/	4/	4/	4/	4/

^{1/} Annual statistics exclude commercial broilers and cover the 12-month period December 1, previous year through November 30.

^{2/} Includes deaths and other losses during the 12-month period.

^{3/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island is not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{4/} 2004 Inshipments, Marketings, Farm Slaughter and Deaths will be available April 28, 2005.