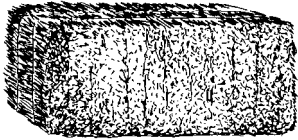


DRY HAY



New England dry hay production totaled 1.13 million tons in 2004, two percent under 2003's total. Although more acreage was cut for dry hay, farmers took fewer dry cuttings due to wet conditions and chopped for haylage instead. By the end of June, three quarters of the first cutting of dry hay was harvested, slightly ahead of the previous year and the five-year averages. During July and August, most areas of New England received above average rainfall which slowed the second and third cuttings of dry hay. Sunny and drier conditions arrived in late August and

early September aiding the growth and harvesting of dry hay. An estimated 605,000 acres were harvested for dry hay during 2004 in New England, four percent above the previous year's level. Dry hay yields averaged 1.87 tons per acre in 2004 compared with 1.98 tons per acre in 2003. Together, prices for dry alfalfa and all other dry hay averaged \$131 per ton in 2004, an increase of eight dollars per ton from the previous year and the highest all hay price since 1997. The total value of the 2004 hay crop was estimated at \$148 million, a five percent increase from 2003's value of production.

DRY HAY: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures				All Other Hay				All Hay				
	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton ^{1/}	Value of Production ^{2/}
	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut													
1995	15	2.10	32	138	58	1.90	110	115	73	1.95	142	120	17,066
1996	15	2.50	38	143	65	1.90	124	120	80	2.03	162	124	20,314
1997	12	2.40	29	164	60	1.80	108	131	72	1.90	137	139	18,904
1998	8	2.20	18	160	55	2.00	110	130	63	2.03	128	134	17,180
1999	11	1.70	19	157	50	1.50	75	133	61	1.54	94	138	12,958
2000	12	2.20	26	165	53	2.10	111	136	65	2.11	137	142	19,386
2001	8	2.30	18	177	55	1.80	99	142	63	1.86	117	147	17,244
2002	9	2.40	22	169	53	1.90	101	136	62	1.98	123	143	17,454
2003	8	2.90	23	170	55	2.10	116	140	63	2.21	139	145	20,150
2004	7	2.70	19	188	59	2.10	124	149	66	2.17	143	154	22,048
Maine													
1995	15	2.00	30	108	210	1.85	389	82	225	1.86	419	84	35,138
1996	10	3.00	30	110	175	1.75	306	85	185	1.82	336	86	29,310
1997	10	2.00	20	143	155	1.50	233	113	165	1.53	253	114	29,189
1998	13	2.50	33	145	145	1.70	247	109	158	1.77	280	113	31,708
1999	12	1.70	20	125	150	1.40	210	98	162	1.42	230	100	23,080
2000	12	2.20	26	134	135	1.80	243	103	147	1.83	269	106	28,513
2001	10	2.20	22	139	135	1.50	203	104	145	1.55	225	108	24,170
2002	12	2.00	24	141	145	1.70	247	106	157	1.73	271	109	29,566
2003	9	2.30	21	145	135	1.80	243	106	144	1.83	264	110	28,803
2004	10	2.00	20	156	145	1.90	276	115	155	1.91	296	118	34,860
Massachusetts													
1995	20	2.40	48	135	80	1.80	144	110	100	1.92	192	116	22,320
1996	15	2.00	30	136	75	2.00	150	114	90	2.00	180	118	21,180
1997	17	2.30	39	167	75	1.70	128	137	92	1.82	167	144	24,049
1998	18	1.80	32	158	85	2.00	170	137	103	1.96	202	140	28,346
1999	17	1.90	32	164	90	1.50	135	134	107	1.56	167	140	23,338
2000	16	2.30	37	164	80	2.00	160	135	96	2.05	197	143	27,668
2001	17	2.30	39	173	80	1.80	144	138	97	1.89	183	146	26,619
2002	16	2.40	38	169	70	1.90	133	140	86	1.99	171	147	25,042
2003	14	2.40	34	175	65	1.80	117	140	79	1.91	151	147	22,330
2004	13	2.40	31	183	75	2.00	150	144	88	2.06	181	151	27,273

See footnotes after the New England table.

DRY HAY: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1995 - 2004

State and Year	Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures				All Other Hay				All Hay				
	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	Price per Ton ^{1/}	Value of Production ^{2/}
	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire													
1995	13	2.10	27	130	55	2.00	110	105	68	2.01	137	110	15,060
1996	12	1.95	23	133	55	1.70	94	110	67	1.75	117	114	13,399
1997	8	2.00	16	167	54	1.65	89	131	62	1.69	105	137	14,331
1998	8	3.00	24	153	48	1.85	89	141	56	2.02	113	144	16,221
1999	7	2.20	15	153	55	1.70	94	126	62	1.76	109	130	14,139
2000	8	2.00	16	156	50	1.70	85	123	58	1.74	101	128	12,951
2001	7	2.00	14	163	50	1.70	85	126	57	1.74	99	131	12,992
2002	8	2.30	18	170	46	1.80	83	133	54	1.87	101	139	14,099
2003	8	2.40	19	170	44	2.00	88	135	52	2.06	107	140	15,110
2004	7	2.10	15	179	50	1.80	90	144	57	1.84	105	149	15,645
Rhode Island													
1995	2	2.00	4	145	5	2.00	10	122	7	2.00	14	129	1,800
1996	2	2.90	6	148	6	2.20	13	125	8	2.38	19	131	2,513
1997	2	2.40	5	168	6	1.80	11	133	8	2.00	16	146	2,303
1998	2	3.00	6	163	8	2.00	16	145	10	2.20	22	150	3,298
1999	2	1.80	4	162	7	1.80	13	139	9	1.89	17	142	2,455
2000	2	2.50	5	168	8	2.10	17	138	10	2.20	22	143	3,186
2001	2	2.20	4	177	7	1.70	12	140	9	1.78	16	145	2,388
2002	2	2.20	4	171	6	2.20	13	139	8	2.13	17	143	2,491
2003	2	2.50	5	175	7	2.00	14	140	9	2.11	19	145	2,835
2004	2	2.30	5	184	7	2.20	15	146	9	2.22	20	156	3,110
Vermont													
1995	95	2.10	200	99	205	1.75	359	77	300	1.86	559	85	47,443
1996	65	2.10	137	116	185	2.00	370	91	250	2.03	507	98	49,562
1997	45	2.30	104	155	220	1.90	418	125	265	1.97	522	131	68,370
1998	45	2.30	104	140	200	2.00	400	115	245	2.06	504	120	60,560
1999	45	1.70	77	127	200	1.70	340	100	245	1.70	417	105	43,779
2000	50	2.00	100	132	180	1.70	306	102	230	1.77	406	109	44,412
2001	40	2.00	80	140	200	1.60	320	104	240	1.67	400	111	44,480
2002	45	2.00	90	140	195	2.00	390	105	240	2.00	480	112	53,550
2003	40	2.00	80	140	195	2.00	390	105	235	2.00	470	111	52,150
2004	40	2.00	80	143	190	1.60	304	111	230	1.67	384	118	45,184
New England													
1995	160	2.13	341	112	613	1.83	1,122	90	773	1.89	1,463	95	138,827
1996	119	2.22	264	124	561	1.88	1,057	98	680	1.94	1,321	103	136,278
1997	94	2.27	213	159	570	1.73	987	125	664	1.81	1,200	131	157,146
1998	94	2.31	217	147	541	1.91	1,032	121	635	1.97	1,249	126	157,313
1999	94	1.78	167	140	552	1.57	867	111	646	1.60	1,034	116	119,749
2000	100	2.10	210	145	506	1.82	922	115	606	1.87	1,132	120	136,116
2001	84	2.11	177	154	527	1.64	863	117	611	1.70	1,040	123	127,893
2002	92	2.13	196	152	515	1.88	967	116	607	1.92	1,163	122	142,202
2003	81	2.25	182	155	501	1.93	968	117	582	1.98	1,150	123	141,378
2004	79	2.15	170	161	526	1.82	959	126	605	1.87	1,129	131	148,120

^{1/} All Hay Price per Ton equals the Value of Production÷Production, rounded to the nearest dollar.^{2/} All Hay Value of Production equals (Alfalfa Production x Alfalfa Price) + (Other Hay Production x Other Hay Price).