

TURKEYS

Producers from four New England states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont, raised 131,000 turkeys in 2004, down three percent from the 2003 count. Farmers in Massachusetts raised 53 percent of that total, while Vermont contributed 40 percent. The value of turkey production in New England totaled \$4.9 million in 2004. Pounds produced in the region were down four percent compared to a year earlier. The 2004 New England average price per pound live weight for turkeys averaged

\$1.55, up five cents from the previous year. Over half of the region's cash receipts from turkeys sold were generated from sales of turkeys in Massachusetts.

Growers in Massachusetts and Vermont raised 113,000 turkeys in 2005, a decrease of seven percent from a year earlier in those two states. The value of turkey production for Massachusetts and Vermont decreased 12 percent to \$4.0 million in 2005.

TURKEYS: Annual Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

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				
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
2004	5	127	1.35	171
2005 ^{4/}	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts				
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
2004	70	1,736	1.59	2,760
2005	57	1,357	1.65	2,239

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New Hampshire				
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
2004	4	100	1.77	177
2005 ^{4/}	—	—	—	—
Vermont				
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	49	1,054	1.40	1,476
2002	53	1,314	1.37	1,800
2003	52	1,196	1.49	1,782
2004	52	1,227	1.50	1,841
2005	56	1,271	1.41	1,792

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New England ^{5/}				
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	134	2,882	1.42	4,079
2002	133	3,298	1.44	4,747
2003	135	3,310	1.48	4,886
2004	131	3,190	1.55	4,949
2005 ^{4/}	—	—	—	—

^{1/} Number raised is based on turkeys placed September 1 previous year through August 31 of current year and excludes young turkeys lost.

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

^{3/} Actual live weight prices

^{4/} Estimates for CT, NH and New England total discontinued in 2005.

^{5/} For 1996 – 2004 New England includes Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont.