

DRY HAY

New England's dry hay production totaled 1.05 million tons in 2005, seven percent under the previous year's total. The growing season got off to a slow start. The month of May was one of the coldest in history and extended periods of rain made it one of the wettest. A mix of sun, rain and warm temperatures aided the growth of hay during June and by month's end the dry hay harvest was on pace with the five year average. Sunny days with scattered rain showers were the norm for most of July. By the end of the month, first and second cuttings of dry hay were slightly below five year averages. Hot and dry conditions dominated New England during August and relief

did not arrive until remnants of Hurricane Katrina brought heavy rains to the region. There were 609,000 acres cut for dry hay during 2005 in New England, a slight increase from the previous year. Dry hay yields averaged 1.72 tons per acre in 2005 compared with 1.87 tons per acre in 2004. Together, prices for dry alfalfa and all other dry hay averaged \$145 per ton in 2005, an increase of eleven dollars per ton from the previous year the highest New England all hay price on record. The total value of the 2005 hay crop was estimated at \$152 million.

DRY HAY: Acreage, Yield and Production, 1996 – 2005

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	Value of Production
	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													
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	192	59	2.10	124	150	66	2.17	143	156	22,248
2005	8	2.40	19	190	55	1.80	99	157	63	1.87	118	162	19,153
Maine													
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	160	145	1.90	276	119	155	1.91	296	122	36,044
2005	11	2.70	30	166	140	1.50	210	135	151	1.59	240	139	33,330
Massachusetts													
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	185	75	2.00	150	145	88	2.06	181	152	27,458
2005	14	2.20	31	180	75	2.10	158	152	89	2.12	189	157	29,596

See footnotes after the New England table.

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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													
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	185	50	1.80	90	145	57	1.84	105	151	15,825
2005	8	2.10	17	194	49	1.80	88	162	57	1.04	105	167	17,554
Rhode Island													
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	188	7	2.20	15	149	9	2.22	20	159	3,175
2005	2	3.00	6	185	7	2.00	14	156	9	2.22	20	165	3,294
Vermont													
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	153	190	1.60	304	114	230	1.67	384	122	46,896
2005	45	1.80	81	158	195	1.50	293	123	240	1.56	374	131	48,837
New England													
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	168	526	1.82	959	128	605	1.87	1,129	134	151,673
2005	88	2.09	184	171	521	1.65	862	140	609	1.72	1,046	145	151,764

^{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).

DRY HAY: Stocks on Farms, December 1 and May 1, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Total Production	December 1		May 1 Following Year		Stat and Year	Total Production	December 1		May 1 Following Year	
		Stocks	Percentage of Total Dry Hay Production	Stocks	Percentage of Total Dry Hay Production			Stocks	Percentage of Total Dry Hay Production	Stocks	Percentage of Total Dry Hay Production
	1,00 Tons		Percent	1,000 Tons	Percent		1,000 Tons		Percent	1,000 Tons	Percent
CONNECTICUT						NEW HAMPSHIRE					
1996	162	97	60	13	8	1996	117	70	60	12	10
1997	137	69	50	16	12	1997	105	49	47	9	9
1998	128	77	60	13	10	1998	113	72	64	17	15
1999	94	47	50	8	9	1999	109	65	60	11	10
2000	137	82	60	21	15	2000	101	66	65	14	14
2001	117	59	50	9	8	2001	99	50	51	9	9
2002	123	73	59	14	11	2002	101	55	54	9	9
2003	139	83	60	14	10	2003	107	60	56	11	10
2004	143	73	51	21	15	2004	105	53	50	12	11
2005	118	55	47	1/	1/	2005	105	53	50	1/	1/
MAINE						RHODE ISLAND					
1996	336	202	60	57	17	1996	19	6	32	1	5
1997	253	152	60	25	10	1997	16	9	56	1	6
1998	280	196	70	56	20	1998	22	12	55	2	9
1999	230	138	60	23	10	1999	17	9	53	1	6
2000	269	155	58	44	16	2000	22	14	64	2	9
2001	225	152	68	25	11	2001	16	9	56	2	13
2002	271	161	59	39	14	2002	17	10	59	1	6
2003	264	164	62	33	13	2003	19	10	53	2	11
2004	296	189	64	39	13	2004	20	12	60	2	10
2005	240	138	58	1/	1/	2005	20	10	50	1/	1/
MASSACHUSETTS						VERMONT					
1996	180	108	60	31	17	1996	507	330	65	86	17
1997	167	92	55	17	10	1997	522	261	50	73	14
1998	202	101	50	40	20	1998	504	286	57	116	23
1999	167	84	50	17	10	1999	417	225	54	60	14
2000	197	108	55	30	15	2000	406	268	66	70	17
2001	183	103	56	31	17	2001	400	253	63	87	22
2002	171	77	45	21	12	2002	480	240	50	80	17
2003	151	72	48	15	10	2003	470	332	71	86	18
2004	181	95	52	17	9	2004	384	276	72	71	18
2005	189	76	40	1/	1/	2005	374	257	69	1/	1/
NEW ENGLAND						NEW ENGLAND					
1996						1996	1,321	813	62	200	15
1997						1997	1,200	632	53	141	12
1998						1998	1,249	744	60	244	20
1999						1999	1,034	568	55	120	12
2000						2000	1,132	693	61	181	16
2001						2001	1,040	626	60	163	16
2002						2002	1,163	616	53	164	14
2003						2003	1,150	721	63	161	14
2004						2004	1,129	698	62	162	14
2005						2005	1,046	589	56	1/	1/



^{1/} May 1, 2006 Stocks available in Crop Production, May 12, 2006.

HAY FORAGE PRODUCTION

Hay forage production is the sum of all dry hay production and haylage/greenchop production after converting the haylage/greenchop production to a dry equivalent basis (13 percent moisture) by multiplying the green weight (weight at harvest) by 0.4943. The conversion factor (0.4943) is based on the assumption that one ton of dry hay is 0.87 ton of dry matter; one ton of greenchop is 0.25 ton dry matter. The total

haylage/greenchop production is assumed to be comprised of 90 percent haylage and 10 percent greenchop. Therefore, the conversion factor used to adjust haylage/greenchop production to a dry equivalent basis equals $\{(0.45 \times 0.9) + (0.25 \times 0.1)\} / 0.87 = 0.4943$. The factors assumed here may vary and can be adjusted. Adjustments would result in a slightly different conversion factor.

HAY FORAGE: Acreage, Yield, and Production in Vermont, 2001 – 2005 ^{1/}

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production
	1,000 Acres	Tons	1,000 Tons
All Hay Forage ^{2/} (Dry Equivalent)			
2001	390	2.72	1,059
2002	380	3.08	1,172
2003	350	3.43	1,199
2004	365	2.99	1,092
2005	360	2.81	1,010
All Hay Alfalfa Forage ^{2/} (Dry Equivalent)			
2001	90	3.44	310
2002	100	3.37	337
2003	90	4.04	364
2004	90	3.58	322
2005	95	3.40	323
All Haylage and Greenchop ^{3/} (Green Weight)			
2001	240	5.55	1,333
2002	225	6.22	1,399
2003	190	7.76	1,474
2004	215	6.67	1,433
2005	205	6.28	1,287
Alfalfa Haylage and Greenchop ^{4/} (Green Weight)			
2001	70	6.65	466
2002	75	6.65	499
2003	70	8.20	574
2004	70	7.00	490
2005	70	7.00	490

^{1/} All forage production is the sum of the following dry equivalents: alfalfa hay harvested as dry hay, all other hay harvested as dry hay, alfalfa haylage and greenchop, all other hay haylage and greenchop; after converting alfalfa and all other haylage and greenchop to a dry equivalent basis.

^{2/} All alfalfa forage production is the sum of alfalfa harvested as dry hay; and alfalfa haylage and greenchop production after converting it to a dry equivalent basis.

^{3/} Includes all types of forage harvested as haylage or greenchop. Forage harvested as dry hay, and corn and sorghum silage/greenchop are not included.

^{4/} Includes only alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures that were harvested as haylage or greenchop. Alfalfa harvested as dry hay is not included.



FIELD CORN



Cool, rainy conditions prevented farmers from planting field corn early; however, 90 percent of the crop was seeded by mid-June, on schedule with normal. Hot, humid temperatures during the summer provided excellent growing conditions; however, crop development was up to two weeks behind normal due to the late start. Lack of rain in southernmost areas kept yields at or below previous year's levels in all states except Vermont. Silage

corn yields averaged 20.5 tons per acre in Vermont in 2005, one ton per acre more than a year earlier, and the highest yielding crop on record for the state. Yields in New England averaged 20.2 tons per acre in 2005, matching last year highest yielding crop on record for the region. New England silage corn crop weighed in at 3.5 million tons in 2005, slightly below the previous year. New England total value of production was \$102.5 million in 2005, one percent above 2004 total value.

FIELD CORN: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Area Planted for All Purposes	Harvested for Silage				
		Area Harvested for Silage	Yield per Acre	Production	Value per Ton	Value of Production
	1,000 Acres		Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
CONNECTICUT						
1996	37	32	18.5	592	27.00	15,984
1997	38	33	19.0	627	29.00	18,183
1998	35	30	17.0	510	29.00	14,790
1999	38	31	17.5	543	29.00	15,747
2000	36	33	19.0	627	29.00	18,183
2001	32	30	19.0	570	28.00	15,960
2002	32	29	18.0	522	28.00	14,616
2003	30	28	17.5	490	28.00	13,720
2004	30	27	21.5	581	29.00	17,458
2005	28	26	20.0	520	31.00	16,120
MAINE						
1996	31	24	14.5	348	26.00	9,048
1997	32	28	16.0	448	30.00	13,440
1998	34	31	16.5	512	31.00	15,872
1999	33	30	18.0	540	30.00	16,200
2000	29	26	17.5	455	29.00	13,195
2001	28	25	19.0	475	29.00	13,775
2002	29	26	17.0	442	29.00	12,818
2003	28	25	18.0	450	29.00	13,050
2004	28	25	19.5	488	29.00	14,152
2005	26	24	18.5	444	29.00	12,876
MASSACHUSETTS						
1996	32	27	19.5	527	29.50	15,547
1997	28	23	20.0	460	31.00	14,260
1998	25	22	19.5	429	33.00	14,157
1999	26	21	18.5	389	32.00	12,448
2000	25	20	19.5	390	32.00	12,480
2001	22	19	21.0	399	30.00	11,970
2002	22	18	19.0	342	30.00	10,260
2003	20	17	19.0	323	30.00	9,690
2004	20	17	22.0	374	29.00	10,846
2005	20	17	21.5	366	32.00	11,712

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		Area Harvested for Silage	Yield per Acre	Production	Value per Ton	Value of Production
	1,000 Acres		Tons	1,000 Tons	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
1996	17	15	17.0	255	26.50	6,758
1997	17	16	19.5	312	28.50	8,892
1998	15	14	18.5	259	30.00	7,770
1999	15	15	19.5	293	29.00	8,497
2000	15	14	19.5	273	30.00	8,190
2001	15	14	21.0	294	29.00	8,526
2002	15	14	19.5	273	30.00	8,190
2003	15	14	19.5	273	30.00	8,190
2004	15	14	21.0	294	30.00	8,820
2005	15	14	20.5	287	31.00	8,897
RHODE ISLAND						
1996	3	3	16.0	48	29.50	1,416
1997	3	3	16.5	50	31.00	1,550
1998	3	3	18.0	54	31.50	1,701
1999	3	3	16.5	50	30.00	1,500
2000	2	2	18.0	36	30.00	1,080
2001	2	2	20.0	40	29.00	1,160
2002	2	2	16.5	33	30.00	990
2003	2	2	18.0	36	30.00	1,080
2004	2	2	20.0	40	31.00	1,240
2005	2	2	20.0	40	31.00	1,240
VERMONT						
1996	97	82	16.5	1,353	28.00	37,884
1997	104	96	18.0	1,728	29.50	50,976
1998	112	107	17.0	1,819	28.00	50,932
1999	106	93	18.0	1,674	27.00	45,198
2000	90	85	16.5	1,403	27.00	37,881
2001	90	85	19.0	1,615	26.00	41,990
2002	95	91	16.0	1,456	28.00	40,768
2003	100	91	18.5	1,684	29.00	48,836
2004	95	90	19.5	1,755	28.00	49,140
2005	95	90	20.5	1,845	28.00	51,660
NEW ENGLAND						
1996	217	183	17.1	3,123	27.74	86,637
1997	222	199	18.2	3,625	29.60	107,301
1998	224	207	17.3	3,583	29.37	105,222
1999	221	193	18.1	3,489	28.54	99,590
2000	197	180	17.7	3,184	28.58	91,009
2001	189	175	19.4	3,393	27.52	93,381
2002	195	180	17.0	3,068	28.57	87,642
2003	195	177	18.4	3,256	29.04	94,566
2004	190	175	20.2	3,532	28.78	101,656
2005	186	173	20.2	3,502	29.27	102,505

OATS

Maine's whole grain oat production totaled 1.96 million bushels in 2005, down 23 percent from the previous year. Oat yields averaged 70 bushels per acre in 2005, down ten bushels from the 2004 average. Grain prices per bushel decreased 10 cents to \$1.10 in 2005. Decreased output and prices received for oats placed value of production \$2.16 million in 2005, down 30 percent from a year earlier.

Maine oats were seeded late due to excessive spring rainfall. Warm, sunny conditions prevailed during June, but by mid-

July, the crop was beginning to show signs of stress due to lack of moisture. Heat and sparse shower activity through August brought crop development back on schedule with normal. Crop conditions were rated good to excellent as harvest got underway the end of August. However, excessive rain throughout late September and early October saturated fields, brought harvest to a standstill, and caused the condition of the crop to worsen. Growers who intended to harvest oats for grain reported acreage was plowed down, cut for greenchop, or abandoned due to excessive moisture.

OATS: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels ^{1/}	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
MAINE						
1996	31	28	75	2,100	1.57	3,297
1997	26	23	73	1,679	1.20	2,015
1998	24	23	73	1,679	0.97	1,629
1999	30	27	80	2,160	0.90	1,944
2000	28	26	70	1,820	0.90	1,638
2001	31	29	75	2,175	1.10	2,393
2002	28	27	85	2,295	1.45	3,328
2003	27	26	78	2,028	1.10	2,231
2004	34	32	80	2,560	1.20	3,072
2005	32	28	70	1,960	1.10	2,156

^{1/} Standard weight used for one bushel of oats is 32 pounds



BARLEY

Maine growers harvested 1.32 million bushels of barley in 2005. This production matches the output from 2004, and is 25 percent below total production in 2003. Barley yields averaged 60 bushels per acre in 2005, unchanged from a year earlier and down 5 bushels per acre from 2003. The value of the 2005 crop was placed at \$2.05 million, down two percent from the previous year. Grain prices per bushel decreased three cents to \$1.55 in 2005. As with oats, planting of barley ranged one to

two weeks later than normal due to wet spring conditions. Although warm sunny conditions in the summer brought development back on schedule with normal, excessive moisture in September slowed harvest progress and prevented barley yields from reaching full potential. The last of the barley was combined by early November, approximately one month later than normal.

BARLEY: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 2000 – 2005 ^{1/}

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Grain Production	Price per Bushel	Value of Production
	Planted for all Purposes	Harvested for Grain				
	1,000 Acres		Bushels ^{2/}	1,000 Bushels	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
MAINE						
2000	26	25	70	1,750	1.45	2,538
2001	28	27	70	1,890	1.50	2,835
2002	28	27	80	2,160	1.70	3,672
2003	28	27	65	1,755	1.30	2,282
2004	23	22	60	1,320	1.58	2,086
2005	23	22	60	1,320	1.55	2,046

^{1/} Estimates began in 2000.

^{2/} Standard weight used for one bushel of barley is 48 pounds.

TOBACCO

After a cold, wet start, an excellent growing season prevailed for broadleaf tobacco in 2005. Growers contacted in December of 2005 placed broadleaf production at 4.1 million pounds in the Connecticut River Valley. Improved yields brought 2005 production eight percent above last year's output and 20 percent above 2003 crop sales. Hot, dry conditions during the summer forced irrigation at many farms, but confined the spread of blue mold to one location. Damage from hail offset full crop production in some areas. Broadleaf harvest finished up by mid-September, on schedule with normal and excellent curing conditions prevailed through the end of the month. Final acreage, yield and price assessments for the 2005

broadleaf crop will be published in May of 2006 in the **Crop Production Report**.

Producers intend to market 1.8 million pounds of shade tobacco in Connecticut and Massachusetts, a six percent drop in production from last year's output. Based on early December 2005 assessments, marketed yields were expected to average 1,465 pounds per acre, compared with the 1,623 pounds per acre average a year earlier. Final acreage, yield and price assessments for the 2005 shade crop will be published in May of 2007 in the **Crop Production Report**.

TOBACCO: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Broadleaf Tobacco (Type 51)					Shade Tobacco (Type 61)					All Tobacco			
	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production ^{1/}	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production ^{1/}	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production ^{1/}	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
CONNECTICUT														
1996	1,220	1,840	2,245	6.20	13,919	1,040	1,490	1,550	2/	2/	2,260	1,679	3,795	2/
1997	1,315	1,760	2,314	6.00	13,884	1,230	1,475	1,814	2/	2/	2,545	1,622	4,128	2/
1998	1,450	1,600	2,320	5.40	12,528	1,380	1,435	1,980	2/	2/	2,830	1,519	4,300	2/
1999	1,530	1,650	2,525	4.50	11,363	1,510	1,950	2,945	2/	2/	3,040	1,799	5,470	2/
2000	650	1,500	975	4.90	4,778	1,000	1,550	1,550	2/	2/	1,650	1,530	2,525	2/
2001	1,380	1,790	2,470	5.55	13,709	970	1,415	1,373	2/	2/	2,350	1,635	3,843	2/
2002	1,350	1,820	2,457	5.45	13,391	650	1,320	858	2/	2/	2,000	1,658	3,315	2/
2003	1,400	1,400	1,960	3.50	6,860	780	1,180	920	2/	2/	2,180	1,321	2,880	2/
2004	1,500	1,530	2,295	5.25	12,049	860	1,650	1,419	2/	2/	2,360	1,574	3,714	2/
2005	1,500	1,750	2,625	5.85	15,356	930	1,550	1,442	2/	2/	2,430	1,674	4,067	2/
MASSACHUSETTS														
1996	410	1,600	656	6.55	4,297	390	1,425	556	2/	2/	800	1,515	1,212	2/
1997	725	1,825	1,323	9.50	12,569	450	1,310	590	2/	2/	1,175	1,628	1,913	2/
1998	925	1,445	1,337	5.67	7,581	340	1,325	451	2/	2/	1,265	1,413	1,788	2/
1999	970	1,695	1,644	5.10	8,384	350	1,950	683	2/	2/	1,320	1,763	2,327	2/
2000	250	720	180	5.00	900	260	1,000	260	2/	2/	510	863	440	2/
2001	840	1,780	1,495	5.65	8,447	300	1,040	312	2/	2/	1,140	1,585	1,807	2/
2002	850	1,840	1,564	5.25	8,211	310	950	295	2/	2/	1,160	1,603	1,859	2/
2003	970	1,470	1,426	3.70	5,276	280	1,120	314	2/	2/	1,250	1,392	1,740	2/
2004	920	1,600	1,472	5.40	7,949	320	1,550	496	2/	2/	1,240	1,587	1,968	2/
2005	900	1,600	1,440	5.85	8,424	300	1,200	360	2/	2/	1,200	1,500	1,800	2/
NEW ENGLAND ^{3/}														
1996	1,630	1,780	2,901	6.28	18,216	1,430	1,473	2,106	2/	2/	3,060	1,636	5,007	2/
1997	2,040	1,783	3,637	7.27	26,453	1,680	1,431	2,404	2/	2/	3,720	1,624	6,041	2/
1998	2,375	1,540	3,657	5.50	20,109	1,720	1,413	2,431	2/	2/	4,095	1,487	6,088	2/
1999	2,500	1,668	4,169	4.74	19,747	1,860	1,950	3,628	2/	2/	4,360	1,788	7,797	2/
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	1,623	1,915	25.30	48,450	3,600	1,578	5,682	68,448
2005	2,400	1,694	4,065	5.85	23,780	1,230	1,465	1,802	4/	4/	3,630	1,616	5,867	4/

^{1/} Any leaf that is not harvested, or harvested and destroyed for any reason, is excluded from production.

^{2/} Connecticut and Massachusetts Shade type 61 price and value of production not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{3/} New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.

^{4/} 2005 Connecticut and Massachusetts shade price available February, 2007.

FALL POTATOES



December 1, 2005 assessments placed Maine's 2005 potato production at 15.7 million cwt (hundredweight), 17 percent below 2004 and the smallest crop harvested in the state since 1922. Maine farmers planted 57,500 acres in 2005, a reduction of 6,000 acres from the previous year. The December 1 forecast placed acres harvested at 56,200 acres, 1,300 fewer acres than

planted. A late season and poor harvesting conditions in October conspired to keep farmers digging into early November; some acreage ended up being too wet for field entry. Yields averaged 280 cwt per acre in 2005, below 2004's record yielding crop, but above the previous five year average of 276 cwt per acre. Maine's 2005 potato crop had a rainy start and a rainy finish. Cool, wet weather during the month of May delayed planting by two weeks. The crop was only 20 percent planted as of June 1, compared with last year's 95 percent planted and normal of 80 percent planted. Drought conditions during the summer put stress on the developing crop, but kept disease pressure in check. September rains bulked up

potatoes, but made harvest difficult. Excessive rains hit mid-October, when the crop was only 80 percent harvested. Flooded fields delayed harvest at many locations, and growers were still digging into early November. Final 2005 crop disposition and sales data will be available September 21, 2006.

Maine ranked eighth in the Nation based on the value of 2004 fall potato sales. The price received for 2004 crop Maine potatoes averaged \$6.50 per cwt, up \$0.45 per cwt from a year earlier, and above the National fall potato average price of \$5.08 per cwt.

Potato farmers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island also battled wet conditions in 2005 to get the crop planted and harvested, with near drought conditions during the growing season. The remnants of Hurricane Rita hit in early October, when harvest was 85-95 percent complete. Flooding was extensive and field entry impossible at many locations due to oversaturated soils. Massachusetts growers harvested 2,400 acres with yields averaging 260 cwt per acre. Rhode Island potato farmers harvested 500 acres and yields averaged 210 cwt per acre.

FALL POTATOES: Acreage, Yield, Production, Disposition and Value, 1996 – 2005

State and Year	Area		Yield per Acre	Production	Total Used for Seed	Disposition			Price Per Cwt	Value of	
	Planted	Harvested				On Farm Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
						Seed, Feed, Home Use	Shrink and Loss				
	1,000 Acres		Cwt		1,000 Cwt			Dollars	1,000 Dollars		
MAINE											
1996	78.0	77.0	275	21,175	1,584	395	1,800	18,980	4.60	97,405	87,308
1997	72.0	72.0	265	19,080	1,430	275	1,760	17,045	6.40	122,112	109,088
1998	65.5	64.5	280	18,060	1,430	360	1,740	15,960	6.45	116,487	102,942
1999	65.0	62.5	285	17,813	1,408	330	1,850	15,633	6.35	113,113	99,270
2000	64.0	64.0	280	17,920	1,313	315	1,490	16,115	6.15	110,208	99,107
2001	62.5	62.0	265	16,430	1,355	301	849	15,280	7.65	125,690	116,892
2002	64.5	64.0	265	16,960	1,386	310	790	15,860	7.05	119,568	111,813
2003	66.0	65.5	260	17,030	1,245	215	2,430	14,385	6.05	103,032	87,029
2004	63.5	61.5	310	19,065	1,188	190	4,900	13,975	6.50	123,923	90,838
2005	57.5	56.2	280	15,736	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/
MASSACHUSETTS											
1996	2.7	2.6	260	676	59	0	18	658	5.65	3,819	3,718
1997	3.0	3.0	270	810	68	0	40	770	7.70	6,237	5,929
1998	2.9	2.9	235	682	60	0	30	652	6.25	4,263	4,075
1999	3.0	2.9	255	740	64	0	30	710	6.35	4,699	4,509
2000	2.9	2.6	255	663	63	1	75	587	5.40	3,580	3,170
2001	3.0	2.9	265	769	71	5	30	734	6.90	5,306	5,065
2002	3.3	3.2	255	816	65	5	16	795	7.30	5,957	5,804
2003	3.0	2.7	265	716	56	5	16	695	6.00	4,296	4,170
2004	2.6	2.5	320	800	61	5	6	789	6.60	5,280	5,207
2005	2.5	2.4	260	624	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

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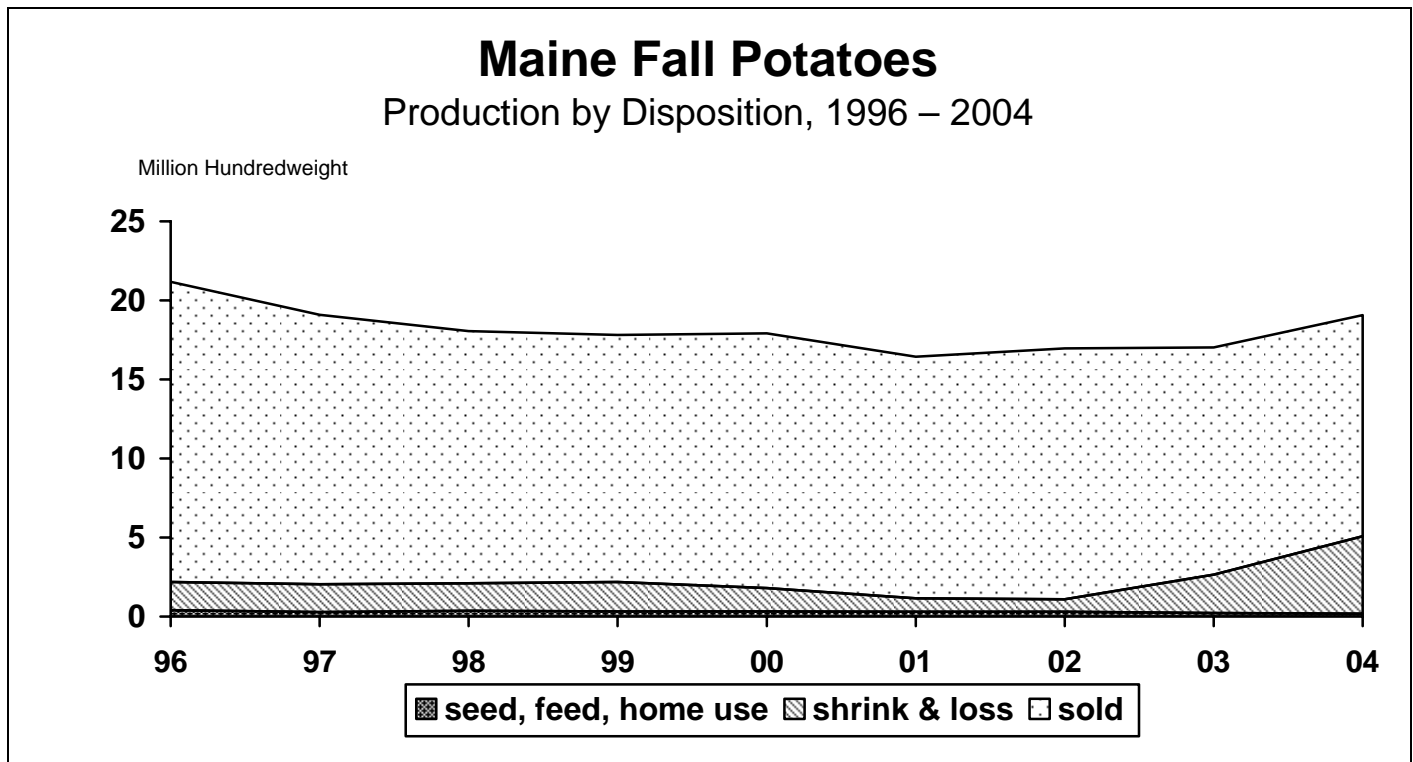
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	Planted	Harvested				On Farm Where Grown		Sold		Production	Sales
						Seed, Feed, Home Use	Shrink and Loss				
	1,000 Acres		Cwt			1,000 Cwt			Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
RHODE ISLAND											
1996	0.8	0.8	240	192	16	—	2	190	6.50	1,248	1,235
1997	0.8	0.8	270	216	16	—	3	213	7.60	1,642	1,619
1998	0.7	0.7	210	147	11	—	2	145	6.60	970	957
1999	0.6	0.6	225	135	9	—	2	133	7.25	979	964
2000	0.5	0.5	275	138	13	—	—	138	7.20	994	994
2001	0.5	0.5	280	140	10	—	3	137	6.70	938	918
2002	0.5	0.5	235	118	13	—	—	118	7.75	915	915
2003	0.6	0.6	285	171	11	—	12	159	7.00	1,197	1,113
2004	0.5	0.5	290	145	14	—	3	142	7.65	1,109	1,086
2005	0.5	0.5	210	105	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

NEW ENGLAND ^{2/}											
1996	81.5	80.4	274	22,043	1,659	395	1,820	19,828	4.65	102,472	92,261
1997	75.8	75.8	265	20,106	1,514	275	1,803	18,028	6.47	129,991	116,636
1998	69.1	68.1	277	18,889	1,501	360	1,772	16,757	6.44	121,720	107,974
1999	68.6	66.0	283	18,688	1,481	330	1,882	16,476	6.36	118,791	104,743
2000	67.4	67.1	279	18,721	1,389	316	1,565	16,840	6.13	114,782	103,271
2001	66.0	65.4	265	17,339	1,436	306	882	16,151	7.61	131,934	122,875
2002	68.3	67.7	264	17,894	1,464	315	806	16,773	7.07	126,440	118,532
2003	69.6	68.8	260	17,917	1,312	220	2,458	15,239	6.06	108,525	92,312
2004	66.6	64.5	310	20,010	1,263	195	4,909	14,906	6.52	130,312	97,131
2005	60.5	59.1	279	16,465	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/	1/

^{1/} 2005 Crop production, disposition, and sales will be published September 21, 2006 in the Potatoes, 2005 Summary Report.

^{2/} New England includes: Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island



MAINE POTATOES: Percent of Acres Planted by Variety, 2001 – 2005

Variety and Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
By Variety:					
Russet Burbank	29.1	36.4	33.2	36.7	42.5
Frito-Lay, All	12.6	10.9	11.9	11.5	17.1
Shepody	11.4	9.2	9.8	9.3	7.2
Atlantic	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.0	3.5
Superior	8.9	7.2	6.1	3.0	3.4
Yukon Gold	2.2	1.4	2.0	3.3	2.8
Ontario	7.3	9.7	8.3	5.5	2.8
Goldrush	1.7	1.1	1.6	1.9	2.7
Norwis	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.4
Katahdin	3.9	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.4
Snowden	1.5	1.4	2.2	2.3	2.2
Russet Norkotah	3.5	4.7	4.4	3.0	1.6
Reba (NY 87)	1/	1/	1.7	1.7	1.4
Norland	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.5	2.3
Monona	1/	1/	1/	1.7	1.0
Chieftain	2.2	1.8	1.4	1.3	1/
Centennial Russet	1/	1/	1/	1.2	1/
Mainstay	1/	1/	1/	1.0	1/
Other Varieties	8.1	7.4	7.1	6.4	4.7
Total Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
By Type:					
Reds	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	3.5
White (Long and Round)	60.0	53.0	56.0	51.0	49.5
Russet Varieties	35.0	43.0	40.0	43.5	47.0
Total Varieties	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^{1/} Included with other varieties

MAINE POTATOES: Number of Tubers ^{1/} per Hill and Hills per Acre, by Type, 2001 – 2005

Year	Round Whites		Long Whites		Russets		All Varieties ^{2/}	
	Tubers ^{1/} per Hill	Hills per Acre	Tubers ^{1/} per Hill	Hills per Acre	Tubers ^{1/} per Hill	Hills per Acre	Tubers ^{1/} per Hill	Hills per Acre
2001	6.2	13,509	6.4	12,722	9.4	9,304	7.5	11,862
2002	7.4	13,803	5.6	12,230	10.7	9,596	8.5	11,948
2003	7.8	13,521	6.8	12,021	10.5	9,731	8.9	11,729
2004	8.5	13,609	6.8	13,024	10.7	10,012	9.3	11,969
2005	7.3	12,494	6.7	10,402	9.8	9,007	8.6	10,595

^{1/} Tubers 1½ inches and over

^{2/} Includes red varieties

MAINE POTATOES: Percent of Net Yield by Weight within Grade, ^{1/} by Type, 2001 – 2005

Grade	Round Whites					Long Whites					Russets				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Percent														
United States No. 1 ^{2/}	83	83	77	85	83	61	73	62	69	81	75	77	61	70	74
United States No. 2 ^{3/}	10	11	11	8	8	20	19	19	11	11	15	16	22	13	16
Culls ^{4/}	7	6	12	7	9	19	8	19	20	8	10	7	17	17	10

^{1/} Reflects condition before harvest or handling damage

^{2/} Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #1, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, USDA Agriculture Marketing Service.

^{3/} Potatoes which meet the requirements for US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, USDA Agriculture Marketing Service.

^{4/} Potatoes not meeting the requirements for US #1 or US #2, as stated in United States Standards for Grades of Potatoes, USDA, Agriculture Marketing Service.

MAINE POTATOES: Potato Production and Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers and Processors by Month, 2000 – 2004 Crop Years

Crop Year	Production	Stocks Held by Growers, Local Dealers, and Processors						
		Current Year	Following Year					
		Dec. 1	Jan. 1	Feb. 1	March 1	April 1	May 1	June 1
		1,000 Cwt						
2000	17,920	14,100	12,500	10,900	8,700	6,600	4,000	1,900
2001	16,430	12,200	10,800	8,900	7,100	5,300	3,300	1,800
2002	16,960	12,600	11,200	9,500	8,000	6,300	3,900	2,100
2003	17,030	13,500	12,100	10,500	8,900	6,500	4,100	2,300
2004	19,065	15,000	12,800	11,100	9,400	7,500	5,000	2,900

MAINE POTATOES: Prices Received, 2000 – 2004 Crop Years

Crop Year	Prices Received ^{1/} by Farmers for Potatoes, Monthly and Marketing Year Average											Market Year Average
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	
	Dollars Per Cwt											
2000	5.80	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.60	5.50	5.90	6.20	6.80	7.30	7.00	6.15
2001	6.20	5.70	6.05	6.65	7.50	7.75	8.30	8.65	9.45	8.05	7.80	7.65
2002	5.75	5.45	5.60	6.65	6.95	7.10	7.10	7.45	8.10	8.15	7.40	7.05
2003	6.00	5.25	5.45	5.85	5.70	5.80	5.70	6.10	6.30	6.75	7.05	6.05
2004	5.90	5.15	5.65	6.15	6.35	5.90	6.55	6.60	6.95	7.30	7.40	6.50

^{1/} Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed.

United States Fall Potato Production, 2005
Percent by State

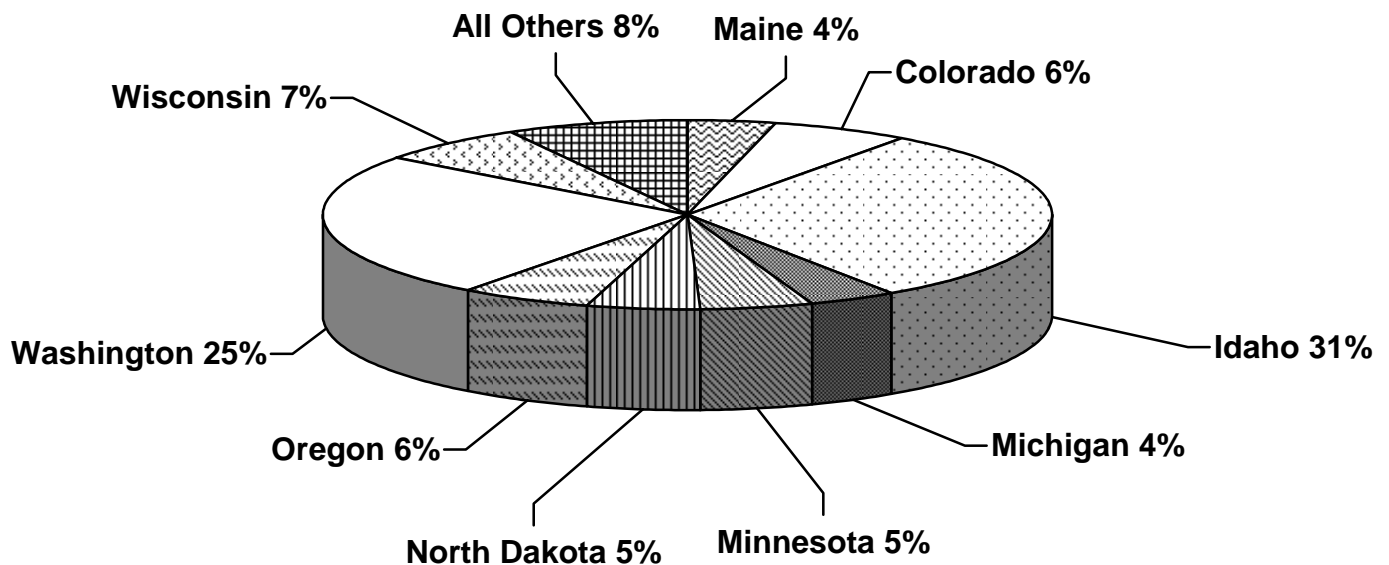


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Total United States Fall Potato Production 381.0 Million Cwt