

## 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 <sup>1/</sup>	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	Price per Pound	Value of Production	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production <sup>1/</sup>	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
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>														
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/
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>														
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/
<b>NEW ENGLAND <sup>3/</sup></b>														
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/

<sup>1/</sup> Any leaf that is not harvested, or harvested and destroyed for any reason, is excluded from production.

<sup>2/</sup> Connecticut and Massachusetts Shade type 61 price and value of production not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3/</sup> New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.

<sup>4/</sup> 2005 Connecticut and Massachusetts shade price available February, 2007.