

LAYERS and EGGS

Laying flocks in New England (excluding Rhode Island) produced 2.0 billion eggs in 2005, down five percent from the previous year's egg production. Maine led the New England states with 1,025 million eggs produced in 2005, followed by Connecticut with 846 million eggs.

The average price per dozen eggs in the region fell from 72.1 cents in 2004 to 52.3 in 2005. Lower prices in conjunction with decreased egg production brought the value of New England egg production to \$88.5 million in 2005. This total value, down 31 percent from 2004, represents a 61-year low for the region.

**ANNUAL LAYERS and EGGS ^{1/}: Average Number of Layers,
Eggs Produced and Value, 1996 – 2005 ^{2/}**

State and Year	Average Number of Layers	Egg Production			
		Eggs per Layer ^{3/}	Total Eggs Produced	Price per Dozen ^{4/}	Value of Production
	1,000 Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1996	3,556	267	950	73.9	58,504
1997	3,389	271	917	59.8	45,697
1998	3,097	271	839	58.9	41,150
1999	3,074	269	828	57.8	39,877
2000	3,129	277	866	55.5	40,042
2001	3,152	280	884	56.8	41,833
2002	3,106	276	856	51.9	37,019
2003	2,923	272	795	66.7	44,189
2004	2,853	287	818	67.5	46,038
2005	3,026	280	846	47.5	33,458
Maine					
1996	5,028	288	1,449	72.1	87,061
1997	5,026	285	1,434	69.4	82,933
1998	4,790	287	1,373	63.0	72,071
1999	4,799	286	1,373	62.1	71,000
2000	4,224	269	1,137	59.5	56,380
2001	4,076	271	1,103	61.7	56,679
2002	4,146	261	1,080	59.0	53,141
2003	4,221	266	1,121	75.5	70,530
2004	4,147	279	1,156	73.7	70,988
2005	4,138	248	1,025	54.5	46,594
Massachusetts					
1996	512	277	142	74.3	8,792
1997	540	289	156	61.0	7,930
1998	479	288	138	64.6	7,428
1999	392	275	108	66.1	5,948
2000	329	283	93	62.9	4,873
2001	285	281	80	65.7	4,383
2002	295	301	89	63.0	4,668
2003	267	289	77	80.2	5,149
2004	264	284	75	81.2	5,078
2005	254	280	71	60.7	3,591

See footnotes after the New England table.

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	1,000 Birds	Number	Million Eggs	Cents	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire					
1996	153	275	42	80.9	2,832
1997	148	311	46	82.5	3,163
1998	159	295	47	66.8	2,618
1999	134	292	39	77.8	2,527
2000	139	323	45	75.0	2,814
2001	159	308	49	75.3	3,076
2002	186	296	55	74.4	3,349
2003	150	287	43	91.0	3,261
2004	155	271	42	95.2	3,333
2005	155	252	39	73.6	2,391
Vermont					
1996	117	289	34	66.1	1,862
1997	186	300	56	60.8	2,827
1998	221	271	60	66.3	3,314
1999	231	268	62	65.1	3,361
2000	232	276	64	63.5	3,387
2001	207	280	58	66.5	3,213
2002	200	292	58	62.3	3,038
2003	192	281	54	81.8	3,667
2004	203	271	55	74.6	3,418
2005	198	253	50	58.4	2,434
New England ^{5/}					
1996	9,366	279	2,617	72.9	159,051
1997	9,289	281	2,609	65.6	142,550
1998	8,746	281	2,457	61.8	126,581
1999	8,630	279	2,410	61.1	122,713
2000	8,053	274	2,205	58.5	107,496
2001	7,879	276	2,174	60.3	109,184
2002	7,933	270	2,138	56.3	100,335
2003	7,753	270	2,090	72.8	126,739
2004	7,622	282	2,146	72.1	128,855
2005	7,771	261	2,031	52.3	88,468

^{1/} Annual statistics cover the period December 1 previous year through November 30 current year.

^{2/} Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

^{3/} Eggs per Layer equals total egg production divided by average number of layers.

^{4/} Handling, shipping, and marketing charges excluded.

^{5/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Rhode Island was not included to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.



MONTHLY LAYERS and EGGS: Average Number of Layers, 1996 – 2005 ^{1/}

State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1,000 Birds												
Connecticut												
1996	3,518	3,549	3,529	3,484	3,479	3,483	3,567	3,612	3,634	3,626	3,588	3,600
1997	3,526	3,469	3,406	3,401	3,477	3,456	3,393	3,319	3,254	3,253	3,315	3,397
1998	3,457	3,450	3,449	3,400	3,093	2,898	2,898	2,809	2,805	2,897	2,972	3,037
1999	3,114	3,126	3,105	3,128	3,134	3,083	3,006	2,982	3,003	3,039	3,082	3,087
2000	3,088	3,114	3,143	3,109	3,061	3,051	3,125	3,222	3,209	3,164	3,130	3,135
2001	3,201	3,258	3,284	3,219	3,190	3,199	3,157	3,112	3,050	3,033	3,044	3,073
2002	3,144	3,169	3,157	3,100	3,103	3,135	3,087	3,090	3,090	3,068	3,072	3,062
2003	3,069	3,035	3,010	2,986	2,921	2,869	2,820	2,904	2,891	2,806	2,869	2,892
2004	2,965	2,962	2,870	2,832	2,860	2,906	2,863	2,768	2,689	2,722	2,849	2,947
2005	2,935	2,952	3,001	3,096	3,155	3,138	3,108	3,010	2,911	2,965	3,001	3,021
Maine												
1996	4,882	4,974	4,967	4,870	4,878	4,984	5,008	5,027	5,059	5,139	5,290	5,256
1997	5,176	5,112	5,227	5,226	5,055	5,039	4,970	4,927	4,904	4,894	4,935	4,857
1998	4,831	4,833	4,797	4,717	4,704	4,760	4,751	4,664	4,645	4,755	4,900	5,118
1999	5,195	5,064	4,860	4,814	4,844	4,796	4,727	4,687	4,702	4,670	4,623	4,611
2000	4,472	4,333	4,236	4,238	4,240	4,127	4,187	4,314	4,281	4,170	4,079	4,011
2001	3,870	3,948	4,058	3,941	4,221	4,353	4,183	4,190	4,064	4,008	4,057	4,023
2002	3,865	3,865	4,074	3,954	4,009	4,319	4,334	4,230	4,221	4,328	4,328	4,220
2003	4,276	4,343	4,300	4,248	4,232	4,199	4,126	4,185	4,224	4,181	4,184	4,158
2004	4,135	4,155	4,165	4,161	4,155	4,162	4,226	4,225	4,166	4,118	4,071	4,028
2005	3,943	3,980	4,113	4,233	4,258	4,183	4,198	4,266	4,287	4,149	4,019	4,029

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State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Number of Eggs Laid per 100 Layers												
Connecticut												
1996	2,274	2,226	2,125	2,296	2,213	2,239	2,187	2,298	2,229	2,151	2,258	2,222
1997	2,297	2,248	2,143	2,411	2,186	2,228	2,151	2,290	2,336	2,183	2,293	2,296
1998	2,285	2,203	2,001	2,324	2,199	2,208	2,174	2,350	2,424	2,278	2,389	2,305
1999	2,312	2,303	2,061	2,293	2,170	2,173	2,129	2,314	2,298	2,205	2,336	2,332
2000	2,429	2,344	2,068	2,316	2,221	2,294	2,208	2,328	2,400	2,244	2,364	2,360
2001	2,468	2,455	2,192	2,454	2,320	2,282	2,312	2,410	2,325	2,202	2,293	2,310
2002	2,417	2,430	2,217	2,452	2,288	2,265	2,235	2,330	2,233	2,151	2,279	2,253
2003	2,476	2,405	1,927	2,210	2,225	2,300	2,199	2,307	2,352	2,210	2,266	2,317
2004	2,462	2,431	2,230	2,436	2,378	2,443	2,305	2,457	2,492	2,351	2,422	2,273
2005	2,370	2,439	2,199	2,326	2,187	2,326	2,284	2,425	2,473	2,293	2,333	2,317
Maine												
1996	2,438	2,413	2,275	2,485	2,378	2,528	2,416	2,407	2,431	2,316	2,382	2,359
1997	2,415	2,426	2,181	2,354	2,295	2,441	2,374	2,436	2,427	2,329	2,452	2,409
1998	2,484	2,462	2,231	2,438	2,338	2,374	2,294	2,401	2,433	2,376	2,449	2,384
1999	2,464	2,468	2,222	2,493	2,415	2,460	2,285	2,347	2,425	2,313	2,379	2,321
2000	2,393	2,400	2,219	2,383	2,311	2,423	2,150	2,017	1,986	2,110	2,354	2,169
2001	2,300	2,508	2,021	2,131	2,227	2,320	2,271	2,363	2,190	2,146	2,391	2,187
2002	2,329	2,561	2,209	2,276	2,195	2,200	2,100	2,270	2,180	1,987	2,033	1,777
2003	1,707	1,957	2,023	2,331	2,292	2,358	2,254	2,294	2,344	2,344	2,414	2,261
2004	2,322	2,262	2,089	2,283	2,286	2,355	2,295	2,462	2,496	2,404	2,383	2,234
2005	2,308	2,211	1,629	1,819	2,114	2,128	2,025	2,110	2,169	1,976	2,065	2,234

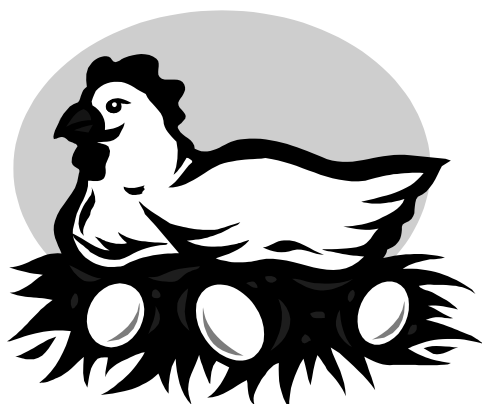
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MONTHLY LAYERS and EGGS: ^{1/} Eggs Produced, 1996- 2005

State and Year	Dec ^{2/}	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Million Eggs												
Connecticut												
1996	80	79	75	80	77	78	78	83	81	78	81	80
1997	81	78	73	82	76	77	73	76	76	71	76	78
1998	79	76	69	79	68	64	63	66	68	66	71	70
1999	72	72	64	72	68	67	64	69	69	67	72	72
2000	75	73	68	72	68	70	69	75	77	71	74	74
2001	79	80	72	79	74	73	73	75	71	67	70	71
2002	76	77	70	76	71	71	69	72	69	66	70	69
2003	76	73	58	66	65	66	62	67	68	62	65	67
2004	73	72	64	69	68	71	66	68	67	64	69	67
2005	70	72	66	72	69	73	71	73	72	68	70	70
Maine												
1996	119	120	113	121	116	126	121	121	123	119	126	124
1997	125	124	114	123	116	123	118	120	119	114	121	117
1998	120	119	107	115	110	113	109	112	113	113	120	122
1999	128	125	108	120	117	118	108	110	114	108	110	107
2000	107	104	94	101	98	100	90	87	85	88	96	87
2001	89	99	82	84	94	101	95	99	89	86	97	88
2002	90	99	90	90	88	95	91	96	92	86	88	75
2003	73	85	87	99	97	99	93	96	99	98	101	94
2004	96	94	87	95	95	98	97	104	104	99	97	90
2005	91	88	67	77	90	89	85	90	93	82	83	90

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**Per Capita Consumption of Major Food Commodities,
United States, 1995 – 2004**

Commodity	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	Lbs.									
Red meats 2/ 3/ 4/	164.3	160.3	157.4	163.4	166.0	164.1	160.7	164.5	160.9	161.6
Beef	95.5	95.7	93.6	95.0	96.2	96.5	94.3	96.4	92.5	94.1
Veal	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6
Lamb & mutton	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Pork	66.3	62.0	61.4	66.1	67.7	65.5	64.4	66.1	66.4	65.6
Poultry 2/ 3/ 4/	96.9	98.8	100.3	101.4	106.5	107.4	107.2	112.0	112.9	115.4
Chicken	79.3	80.6	83.1	83.8	89.0	90.1	89.7	94.3	95.5	98.4
Turkey	17.6	18.1	17.2	17.6	17.5	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.4	17.0
Fish and shellfish 3/	14.8	14.5	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.2	14.7	15.6	16.3	16.5
Eggs 4/	29.9	30.1	30.2	30.8	32.2	32.3	32.5	32.8	32.8	33.0
Dairy products										
Cheese (excluding cottage) 2/ 5/	26.9	27.3	27.5	27.8	29.0	29.8	30.0	30.5	30.5	31.3
American	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.5	12.9
Italian	10.3	10.6	10.8	11.1	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.9
Other cheeses 6/	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.8	5.2	5.3	5.5
Cottage cheese	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6
Beverage milks 2/	206.3	205.4	201.9	198.5	197.6	193.8	189.9	188.8	186	183.1
Fluid whole milk 7/	74.0	73.0	71.0	69.5	70.1	69.2	67.2	66.5	65.5	62.7
Fluid lower fat milk 8/	100.9	99.4	97.4	95.7	95.3	94.7	93.9	94.4	93.7	93.9
Fluid skim milk	31.4	32.9	33.5	33.4	32.2	29.9	28.8	27.9	26.8	26.5
Fluid cream products 9/	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.9	9.4	9.8	10.7	10.5	11.8	12.5
Yogurt (excluding frozen)	6.2	5.9	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.5	7.0	7.4	8.2	9.2
Ice cream	15.5	15.6	16.1	16.3	16.7	16.7	16.3	16.7	16.4	15.4
Lowfat ice cream 10/	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.1	7.5	7.3	7.3	6.5	7.5	7.8
Frozen yogurt	3.4	2.5	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.8
All dairy products, milk equivalent, milkfat basis 11/	576.2	566.2	567.2	572.2	584.1	592.2	586.5	585.4	588.8	591.8
Fats and oils--total fat content	64.2	64.3	63.7	64.2	66.7	82.3	84.0	88.6	88.0	87.5
Butter and margarine (product weight)	13.5	13.3	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.0	11.4	10.9	9.8	9.9
Shortening	22.2	21.9	20.5	20.5	21.1	31.6	32.6	33.3	32.8	32.6
Lard and edible tallow (direct use)	3.1	3.5	2.9	3.8	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.7	5.1	4.7
Salad and cooking oils	26.5	27.0	29.2	28.4	29.8	34.8	36.5	40.3	40.8	40.8
Fruits and vegetables 12/	692.5	704.9	710.6	697.0	706.2	711.7	685.3	685.4	704.0	694.3
Fruit	284.8	286.9	294.3	285.0	291.1	288.7	273.0	273.7	282.2	271.4
Fresh fruits	123.5	126.7	130.1	129.3	130.4	128.7	126.1	127.0	128.3	127.1
Canned fruit	17.5	18.7	20.3	17.2	19.4	17.7	17.8	16.9	17.4	15.8
Dried fruit	12.8	11.2	10.7	12.2	10.3	10.5	10.3	10.5	10.2	9.8
Frozen fruit	5.2	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.0	4.2	7.0	4.1	5.4	5.0
Selected fruit juices	125.7	125.4	128.3	121.5	125.5	127.2	111.5	114.9	120.4	113.4
Vegetables	407.6	418.0	416.3	412.1	415.2	423.0	412.3	411.8	421.8	422.8
Fresh	180.9	185.9	190.4	185.7	192.3	198.7	195.7	194.7	199.8	204.6
Canning	108.5	106.7	105.7	105.6	103.1	103.4	96.9	100.5	101.7	102.4
Freezing	78.8	83.3	80.0	80.3	80.8	79.3	78.6	76.7	78.3	77.6
Dehydrated and chips	30.9	33.9	31.9	32.3	30.6	33.2	33.4	32.3	34.6	31.4
Pulses	8.4	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.4	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.3	6.7
Peanuts (shelled)	5.7	5.7	5.9	5.9	6.1	5.9	5.9	5.9	6.4	6.7
Tree nuts (shelled)	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.5	3.6
Flour and cereal products 13/	188.7	196.7	197.4	194.0	196.1	199.2	195.0	191.7	193.1	191.5
Wheat flour	140.0	146.4	146.8	143.0	144.0	146.3	141.0	136.8	136.7	134.3
Rice (milled basis)	17.1	18.0	18.2	18.0	18.6	18.9	19.3	19.5	20.3	20.4
Caloric sweeteners 14/	144.1	144.7	147.7	148.9	151.3	148.8	147.0	146.1	141.4	141.0
Coffee (green bean equiv.)	7.9	8.7	9.1	9.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	9.2	9.5	9.6
Cocoa (chocolate liquor equiv.)	3.6	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.2	4.8

^{1/} In pounds, retail weight unless otherwise stated. Consumption normally represents total supply minus exports, nonfood use, and ending stocks. Calendar-year data, except fresh citrus fruits, peanuts, tree nuts, and rice, which are on crop-year basis.

^{2/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{3/} Boneless, trimmed weight

^{4/} Excludes shipments to the U.S. territories

^{5/} Whole and part-skim milk cheese, plus natural equivalent of cheese and cheese products

^{6/} Includes Swiss, Brick, Muenster, Cream, Neufchatel, Blue, Gorgonzola, Edam, and Gouda

^{7/} Plain and flavored

^{8/} Plain and flavored, and buttermilk

^{9/} Heavy cream, light cream, half and half, eggnog, sour cream, and dip

^{10/} Formerly known as ice milk

^{11/} Includes condensed and evaporated milk and dry milk products.

^{12/} Farm weight

^{13/} Includes rye, corn, oats, and barley products, but excludes quantities used in alcoholic beverages, corn sweeteners, and fuel.

^{14/} Dry weight equivalent