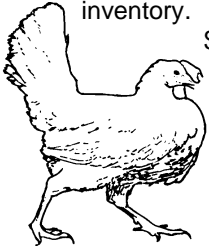


## CHICKENS AND EGGS

On December 1, 2000, the total number of chickens (excluding commercial broilers) on farms in New England was 10.5 million birds, down 6 percent from the 1999 total inventory. The value of all chickens on hand was \$24.4 million, a decrease of more than 1 percent from the previous year's value of inventory. Hens and pullets of laying age accounted for 75 percent of all chickens on hand as of December 1, 2000. Laying

flocks in New England produced 2.2 billion eggs during 2000, a decline of 8 percent from 1999 egg production. The average price per dozen eggs decreased from 61.2 cents in 1999 to 58.6 cents in 2000. Fewer eggs produced and lower egg prices in 2000 resulted in a significant 12 percent decrease in the value of egg production at \$108.1 million across all six New England states.

CHICKENS:<sup>1/</sup> Inventory by Class and Value, December 1, 1991 - 2000

STATE & YEAR	Layers on Hand			Pullets not of Laying Age		Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	Layers 1 Year Old & Older	Layers 20 Weeks Old But Less than 1 Year	Total Layers	Pullets 13 Weeks Old and Older But Less Than 20 Weeks	Pullet Chicks & Pullets Under 13 Weeks of Age				
	1,000 Birds							Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>									
1991	1,596	2,051	3,647	300	500	18	4,465	2.50	11,163
1992	1,755	1,996	3,751	320	520	19	4,610	2.50	11,525
1993	1,920	1,931	3,851	332	650	16	4,849	2.20	10,668
1994	1,680	2,021	3,701	232	600	22	4,555	2.50	11,388
1995	1,016	2,516	3,532	251	574	12	4,369	2.50	10,923
1996	1,090	2,523	3,613	217	598	4	4,432	2.40	10,637
1997	1,141	2,318	3,459	299	550	1	4,309	2.30	9,911
1998	1,227	1,863	3,090	206	653	10	3,959	2.30	9,106
1999	1,396	1,697	3,093	309	516	73	3,991	2.10	8,381
2000	968	2,202	3,170	213	489	73	3,945	2.20	8,679
<b>Maine</b>									
1991	1,305	2,532	3,837	220	1,300	20	5,377	2.20	11,829
1992	750	3,350	4,100	558	1,115	40	5,813	2.10	12,207
1993	2,066	2,788	4,854	511	1,180	40	6,585	2.00	13,170
1994	291	4,592	4,883	314	1,192	51	6,440	2.10	13,524
1995	214	4,653	4,867	1,647	163	35	6,712	1.90	12,753
1996	1,202	3,996	5,198	544	1,325	6	7,073	2.10	14,853
1997	2,256	2,523	4,779	621	1,495	5	6,900	2.40	16,560
1998	2,511	2,710	5,221	477	1,115	4	6,817	2.40	16,361
1999	2,210	2,391	4,601	558	1,066	9	6,234	2.20	13,715
2000	1,934	2,063	3,997	762	887	6	5,652	2.30	13,000
<b>Massachusetts</b>									
1991	320	550	870	56	225	20	1,171	2.20	2,576
1992	400	392	792	29	149	10	980	2.10	2,058
1993	253	516	769	8	167	6	950	2.10	1,995
1994	100	487	587	1	57	1	646	2.20	1,421
1995	94	259	353	42	126	1	522	2.10	1,096
1996	122	487	609	85	74	5	773	2.20	1,701
1997	72	473	545	3	155	1	704	2.20	1,549
1998	183	259	442	0	51	1	494	2.20	1,087
1999	69	275	344	29	46	0	419	2.70	1,131
2000	148	159	307	3	47	0	357	3.00	1,071

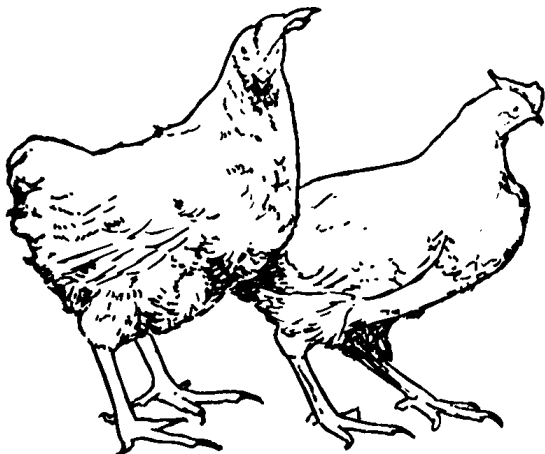
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	Layers 1 Year Old & Older	Layers 20 Weeks Old But Less than 1 Year	Total Layers	Pullets 13 Weeks Old and Older But Less Than 20 Weeks	Pullet Chicks & Pullets Under 13 Weeks of Age				
	1,000 Birds						Dollars	1,000 Dollars	
<b>New Hampshire</b>									
1991	88	124	212	20	40	4	276	2.30	635
1992	17	157	174	38	35	13	260	2.50	650
1993	17	151	168	18	45	13	244	2.00	488
1994	18	151	169	23	70	30	292	1.70	496
1995	14	149	163	9	71	32	275	2.00	550
1996	12	143	155	23	39	30	247	2.40	593
1997	53	106	159	24	29	6	218	2.40	523
1998	42	87	129	6	49	31	215	2.60	559
1999	42	92	134	36	51	27	248	3.00	744
2000	21	137	158	14	80	10	262	3.20	838
<b>Rhode Island</b>									
1991	74	120	194	2	65	0	261	2.70	705
1992	100	106	206	1	2	1	210	2.00	420
1993	72	139	211	1	2	1	215	2.20	473
1994	116	84	200	5	1	1	207	3.00	621
1995	3	147	150	21	19	1	191	2.10	401
1996	24	66	90	3	1	1	95	1.70	162
1997	10	61	71	17	1	1	90	1.70	153
1998	32	45	77	1	0	0	78	2.00	156
1999	8	43	51	1	0	0	52	2.30	120
2000	10	46	56	6	3	0	65	2.50	163
<b>Vermont</b>									
1991	28	74	102	28	2	1	133	2.20	293
1992	38	74	112	15	2	1	130	2.20	286
1993	15	56	71	10	0	1	82	2.50	205
1994	13	75	88	5	0	1	94	2.30	216
1995	25	78	103	17	0	1	121	2.30	278
1996	116	69	185	10	1	1	197	3.00	591
1997	9	188	197	1	4	1	203	2.90	589
1998	30	202	232	13	0	1	246	2.60	640
1999	40	208	248	25	0	1	274	2.40	658
2000	35	178	213	4	27	2	246	2.60	640
<b>New England</b>									
1991	3,411	5,451	8,862	626	2,132	63	11,683	2.33	27,201
1992	3,060	6,075	9,135	961	1,823	84	12,003	2.26	27,146
1993	4,343	5,581	9,924	880	2,044	77	12,925	2.09	26,999
1994	2,218	7,410	9,628	580	1,920	106	12,234	2.26	27,666
1995	1,366	7,802	9,168	1,987	953	82	12,190	2.13	26,001
1996	2,566	7,284	9,850	882	2,038	47	12,817	2.23	28,537
1997	3,541	5,669	9,210	965	2,234	15	12,424	2.36	29,285
1998	4,025	5,166	9,191	703	1,868	47	11,809	2.36	27,909
1999	3,765	4,706	8,471	958	1,679	110	11,218	2.21	24,749
2000	3,116	4,785	7,901	1,002	1,533	91	10,527	2.32	24,391

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes commercial broilers

**CHICKENS <sup>1/</sup>: Lost, Sold for Slaughter and Value of Sales, 1991 - 2000**

STATE & YEAR	Chickens Lost <sup>2/</sup>	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number	Liveweight	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Birds		1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>					
1991	410	2,301	11,505	4.0	460
1992	728	2,320	11,600	5.0	580
1993	470	2,495	12,475	4.8	599
1994	388	2,486	12,430	3.4	423
1995	780	2,168	10,840	2.9	314
1996	770	1,896	8,532	0.4	34
1997	440	2,192	9,645	2.5	241
1998	562	2,345	8,677	1.7	148
1999	424	2,302	8,517	0.5	43
2000	288	2,190	8,322	0.5	42
<b>Maine</b>					
1991	239	3,567	17,835	4.0	713
1992	179	3,775	18,875	5.0	944
1993	418	3,560	17,800	4.8	854
1994	574	3,497	17,485	3.4	594
1995	1,194	3,460	17,300	2.9	502
1996	949	3,130	14,085	0.5	70
1997	558	3,578	15,743	2.0	315
1998	530	3,485	13,243	1.7	225
1999	723	3,641	14,200	0.5	71
2000	532	3,373	13,155	0.4	53
<b>Massachusetts</b>					
1991	53	722	3,610	4.0	144
1992	75	695	3,475	5.0	174
1993	85	610	3,050	4.8	146
1994	80	445	2,225	3.4	76
1995	86	601	3,005	2.9	87
1996	73	223	1,004	0.4	4
1997	66	390	1,716	2.0	34
1998	58	410	1,558	1.7	26
1999	43	377	1,433	0.3	4
2000	26	272	1,061	0.4	4



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<b>New Hampshire</b>					
1991	18	319	1,595	4.0	64
1992	13	194	970	5.0	49
1993	14	110	550	4.8	26
1994	14	101	505	3.4	17
1995	24	166	830	2.9	24
1996	24	234	1,053	0.4	4
1997	22	140	616	2.5	15
1998	25	134	630	1.7	11
1999	17	135	729	7.0	51
2000	13	131	668	3.6	24
<b>Rhode Island</b>					
1991	16	172	860	4.0	34
1992	17	59	295	5.0	15
1993	18	135	675	4.8	32
1994	22	70	350	3.4	12
1995	17	133	665	2.9	19
1996	28	79	356	0.5	2
1997	8	67	295	2.5	7
1998	8	53	201	1.6	3
1999	7	48	182	0.6	1
2000	6	48	187	0.4	1
<b>Vermont</b>					
1991	8	100	500	4.0	20
1992	9	79	395	5.0	20
1993	8	125	625	4.8	30
1994	40	65	325	3.4	11
1995	9	55	275	2.9	8
1996	13	90	405	0.4	2
1997	17	90	396	2.5	10
1998	15	140	574	1.6	9
1999	22	177	655	0.2	1
2000	18	235	893	0.3	3
<b>New England</b>					
1991	744	7,181	35,905	4.0	1,435
1992	1,021	7,122	35,610	5.0	1,782
1993	1,013	7,035	35,175	4.8	1,687
1994	1,118	6,664	33,320	3.4	1,133
1995	2,110	6,583	32,915	2.9	954
1996	1,857	5,652	25,435	0.5	116
1997	1,111	6,457	28,411	2.2	622
1998	1,198	6,567	24,883	1.7	422
1999	1,236	6,680	25,716	0.7	171
2000	883	6,249	24,286	0.5	127

<sup>1/</sup> Annual statistics exclude commercial broilers and cover the 12-month period December 1, previous year through November 30.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes deaths and other losses during the 12-month period