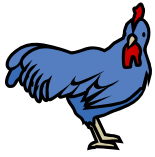


Chickens



As of December 1, 2006, the New England's (excluding Rhode Island) chicken inventory totaled 10.3 million birds, an increase of 286,000 birds from the previous year's count. Egg-laying hens accounted for 7.5 million birds, or 72 percent of the total inventory. Maine was the largest contributor to New

England's chicken inventory, accounting for 55 percent of the total birds and 52 percent of layers. Total inventory value of all chickens within the five states was placed at \$26.9 million in 2006, slightly higher than the 2005 value. These totals do not include chickens of meat-type strains (broilers) raised for commercial meat production.

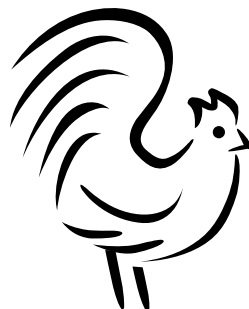
CHICKENS: Inventory ^{1/} by Class and Value, December 1, 1997 – 2006

State and Year	Total Layers ^{2/}	Total Pullets ^{2/}	Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
					Dollars	1,000 Dollars
		1,000 Birds				
Connecticut						
1997	3,459	849	1	4,309	2.30	9,911
1998	3,090	859	10	3,959	2.30	9,106
1999	3,093	825	73	3,991	2.10	8,381
2000	3,170	702	73	3,945	2.20	8,679
2001	3,108	632	8	3,748	2.10	7,871
2002	3,047	742	4	3,793	2.30	8,724
2003	2,873	866	6	3,745	2.60	9,737
2004	2,954	667	5	3,626	2.60	9,428
2005	3,058	683	7	3,748	2.60	9,745
2006	3,000	947	7	3,954	2.70	10,676
Maine						
1997	4,779	2,116	5	6,900	2.40	16,560
1998	5,221	1,592	4	6,817	2.40	16,361
1999	4,601	1,624	9	6,234	2.20	13,715
2000	3,997	1,649	6	5,652	2.30	13,000
2001	4,016	1,585	6	5,607	2.10	11,775
2002	4,185	1,600	5	5,790	2.20	12,738
2003	4,125	1,344	4	5,473	2.50	13,683
2004	3,984	1,515	5	5,504	2.50	13,760
2005	4,027	1,519	5	5,551	2.40	13,322
2006	3,881	1,793	3	5,677	2.40	13,625
Massachusetts						
1997	545	158	1	704	2.20	1,549
1998	442	51	1	494	2.20	1,087
1999	344	75	0	419	2.70	1,131
2000	307	50	0	357	3.00	1,071
2001	293	56	0	349	2.70	942
2002	282	54	0	336	3.10	1,042
2003	257	53	0	310	3.20	992
2004	253	54	0	307	3.20	982
2005	242	54	0	296	3.20	947
2006	234	12	0	246	5.00	1,230

See footnotes after the New England table.

CHICKENS: Inventory ^{1/} by Class and Value, December 1, 1997 – 2006

State and Year	Total Layers ^{2/}	Total Pullets ^{2/}	Other Chickens	All Chickens	Value per Bird	Value of Inventory
	1,000 Birds				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
New Hampshire						
1997	159	53	6	218	2.40	523
1998	129	55	31	215	2.60	559
1999	134	87	27	248	3.00	744
2000	158	94	10	262	3.20	838
2001	143	64	8	215	3.20	688
2002	148	73	8	229	3.30	756
2003	141	68	10	219	3.80	832
2004	162	72	2	236	4.40	1,038
2005	149	65	2	216	5.40	1,166
2006	149	69	5	223	4.30	959
Vermont						
1997	197	5	1	203	2.90	589
1998	232	13	1	246	2.60	640
1999	248	25	1	274	2.40	658
2000	213	31	2	246	2.60	640
2001	178	27	2	207	2.50	518
2002	194	5	2	201	2.50	503
2003	182	25	2	209	2.90	606
2004	198	25	2	225	1.90	428
2005	212	25	1	238	1.90	452
2006	206	28	1	235	1.90	447
New England ^{3/}						
1997	9,139	3,181	14	12,334	2.36	29,132
1998	9,114	2,570	47	11,731	2.37	27,753
1999	8,420	2,636	110	11,166	2.21	24,629
2000	7,845	2,526	91	10,462	2.32	24,228
2001	7,738	2,364	24	10,126	2.15	21,794
2002	7,856	2,474	19	10,349	2.30	23,763
2003	7,578	2,356	22	9,956	2.60	25,850
2004	7,551	2,333	14	9,898	2.59	25,636
2005	7,688	2,346	15	10,049	2.55	25,632
2006	7,470	2,849	16	10,335	2.61	26,937

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.^{2/} Age breakouts for Layers & Pullets no longer published due to program change.^{3/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island was not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

CHICKENS: Lost, Sold for Slaughter and Value of Sales, 1997 – 2006 ^{1/}

State and Year	Chickens Lost ^{2/}	Chickens Sold for Slaughter			
		Number	Live Weight	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Birds	1,000 Birds	1,000 Pounds	Cents	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut					
1997	440	2,192	9,645	2.5	241
1998	562	2,345	8,677	1.7	148
1999	424	2,314	8,562	0.5	43
2000	288	2,190	8,322	0.5	42
2001	286	2,236	8,497	0.5	42
2002	276	2,127	7,870	0.3	24
2003	1,461	823	2,963	0.2	6
2004	1,863	256	896	0.3	3
2005	849	1,005	3,518	0.3	11
2006	754	1,836	6,426	0.2	13
Maine					
1997	558	3,578	15,743	2.0	315
1998	530	3,485	13,243	1.7	225
1999	723	3,703	14,442	0.5	72
2000	532	3,373	13,155	0.4	53
2001	1,102	2,251	8,779	0.4	35
2002	494	2,695	10,511	0.4	42
2003	727	2,679	10,180	0.2	20
2004	435	2,669	9,875	0.3	30
2005	1,162	2,089	7,729	0.4	31
2006	815	2,444	9,287	0.4	37
Massachusetts					
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
2001	22	689	2,687	0.4	11
2002	16	256	998	0.5	5
2003	34	242	920	0.3	3
2004	29	166	631	0.4	3
2005	16	204	775	0.5	4
2006	23	268	1,018	0.5	5
New Hampshire					
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
2001	11	227	1,294	3.9	50
2002	12	291	1,630	3.6	59
2003	22	238	1,214	2.4	29
2004	22	180	810	2.0	16
2005	26	187	842	2.4	20
2006	24	232	1,044	1.9	20
Vermont					
1997	17	90	396	2.5	10
1998	15	185	758	1.6	12
1999	22	177	655	0.2	1
2000	18	235	940	0.9	8
2001	17	113	531	2.1	11
2002	17	211	823	0.7	6
2003	20	183	897	1.6	14
2004	22	177	690	1.1	8
2005	21	127	483	1.2	6
2006	26	216	821	0.9	7
New England ^{3/}					
1997	1,103	6,390	28,116	2.2	615
1998	1,190	6,559	24,866	1.7	422
1999	1,229	6,706	25,821	0.7	171
2000	877	6,201	24,146	0.5	131
2001	1,438	5,516	21,788	0.7	149
2002	815	5,580	21,832	0.6	136
2003	2,264	4,165	16,174	0.4	72
2004	2,371	3,448	12,902	0.5	60
2005	2,074	3,612	13,347	0.5	72
2006	1,642	4,996	18,596	0.4	82

^{1/} Annual statistics exclude commercial broilers and covers the 12 month period from December 1 of the previous year through November 30 of the current year.^{2/} Includes rendered, died, composted, destroyed, or disappeared for any reason except sold during the 12-month period.^{3/} New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Rhode Island is not included to avoid disclosure of individual operations.