

NEDLT Newsletter

Milk is No. 1 Agricultural Product in New England

New England dairy farmers sold more milk than any other agricultural product in 2007, says the New England Agricultural Statistics Service. Cash receipts from milk sales totaled \$838 million for the six New England states, up over the previous year, although there were fewer pounds of milk sold. The average price of milk received by producers in the region rose from \$6.88 per cwt. in 2006 to \$20.78 per cwt. in 2007.

Second highest were greenhouse and nursery sales. Together, the two commodities made up 55% of farm marketing last year.

New England livestock sales were up 30% over 2006, thanks to the increase in the milk price.

Maine led the six states with total farm receipts of \$684.5 million, followed by Vermont with \$674 million.

Vermont led in milk sales, with \$518 million, a 47% jump from 2006. Maine was second with \$127.5 million.