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2005 BLUEBERRY STATISTICS

New Jersey ranked second in the nation in the production of cultivated blueberries in 2005. Michigan was ranked first. The total value of the 2005 blueberry crop in New Jersey was \$55.5 million, the highest amount on record. Utilized production, at 45.0 million pounds, increased 15 percent from 2004. The overall season average price was \$1.23 per pound, a new record high price in New Jersey. The average fresh market price was \$1.31 per pound, while the processing price was \$1.02 per pound. The processing price per pound was 7 cents above the 2004 price level of \$0.95 per pound.

The area harvested, at 7,500 acres, remained the same as the past two years. The state average yield per acre was 6,000 pounds per acre compared to 5,200 pounds in 2004 and 5,330 pounds per acre in 2003.

Atlantic and Burlington Counties accounted for 96 percent of the area harvested and 99 percent of New Jersey's utilized production. The top blueberry producing county in New Jersey was Atlantic County, with 5,900 acres harvested and an average yield of 6,760 pounds per acre. Utilized production for Atlantic County was 39.9 million pounds. Burlington County producers harvested 1,300 acres with an average yield of 3,540 pounds per acre and utilized production of 4.6 million pounds.

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**Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price,
& Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2005**

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
Alabama	280	1,860	520
Arkansas	530	2,550	1,350
California ^{2/}	1,800	3,100	5,580
Florida	2,500	2,080	5,200
Georgia	6,000	4,330	26,000
Indiana	600	5,830	3,500
Michigan	16,800	3,930	66,000
New Jersey	7,500	6,000	45,000
New York	700	2,000	1,400
North Carolina	5,000	5,200	26,000
Oregon	3,800	8,530	32,400
Washington	2,800	7,000	19,600
Total	48,310	4,810	232,550

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

2/ Estimates began in 2005.

State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- - - cents per pound - - -		
Alabama	471	90.6	1/	90.6
Arkansas	2,349	174.0	1/	174.0
California ^{2/}	24,886	446.0	1/	446.0
Florida	32,760	630.0	1/	630.0
Georgia	31,820	173.0	79.0	122.0
Indiana	4,275	141.0	97.0	122.0
Michigan	83,500	170.0	100.0	127.0
New Jersey	55,470	131.0	102.0	123.0
New York	1,963	142.0	92.0	140.0
North Carolina	36,702	180.0	78.0	141.0
Oregon	30,432	121.0	78.0	93.9
Washington	19,160	133.0	89.0	97.8
Total	323,788	187.0	90.5	139.0

1/ Small quantities of processed blueberries are included in fresh to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Estimates began in 2005.

New Jersey Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, & Production, by County, 2003- 2005

Year and County	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Production		Utilized Production	
			Total	Utilized	Fresh ^{2/}	Processed
	- acres -	- lbs -	-- 1,000 lbs --		-- 1,000 lbs --	
<u>2003</u>						
Atlantic	5,900	5,970	--	35,200	--	--
Burlington	1,300	3,380	--	4,400	--	--
Other Counties	300	1,330	--	400	--	--
Total	7,500	5,330	41,000	40,000	33,000	7,000
<u>2004</u>						
Atlantic	5,900	5,760	--	34,000	--	--
Burlington	1,300	3,460	--	4,500	--	--
Other Counties	300	1,670	--	500	--	--
Total	7,500	5,200	39,000	39,000	33,000	6,000
<u>2005</u>						
Atlantic	5,900	6,760	--	39,900	--	--
Burlington	1,300	3,540	--	4,600	--	--
Other Counties	300	1,670	--	500	--	--
Total	7,500	6,000	45,000	45,000	33,000	12,000

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

2/ Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

"- -" means that the data is not available at the county level.

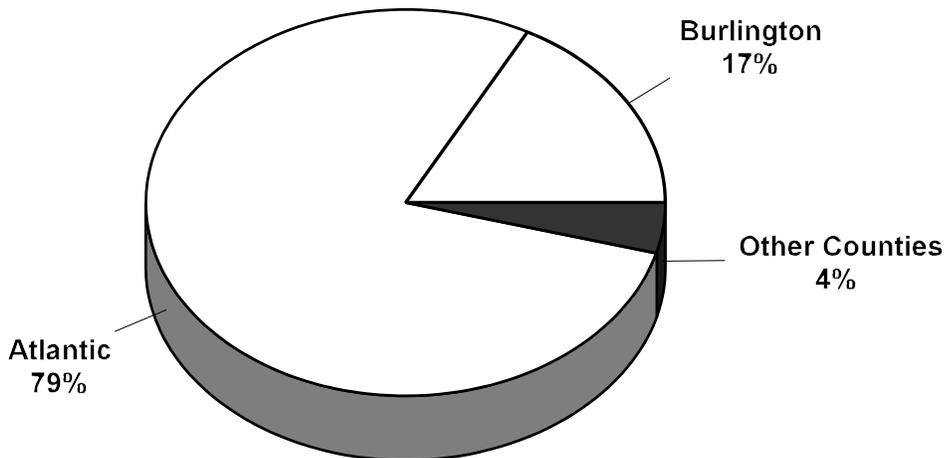
New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2003- 2005

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	Utilized
	- - - cents per pound - - -			- \$1,000 -
2003	120.0	87.0	114.0	45,690
2004	121.0	95.0	117.0	45,630
2005	131.0	102.0	123.0	55,470

**New Jersey Blueberry Area Harvested,
by County, 1997 - 2005**

Year	Atlantic County	Burlington County	Other Counties	Total
	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -	- acres -
1997	5,300	1,700	400	7,400
1998	5,400	1,700	400	7,500
1999	5,400	1,600	500	7,500
2000	5,400	1,600	500	7,500
2001	5,400	1,500	500	7,400
2002	5,800	1,300	300	7,400
2003	5,900	1,300	300	7,500
2004	5,900	1,300	300	7,500
2005	5,900	1,300	300	7,500
Average	5,600	1,478	389	7,467

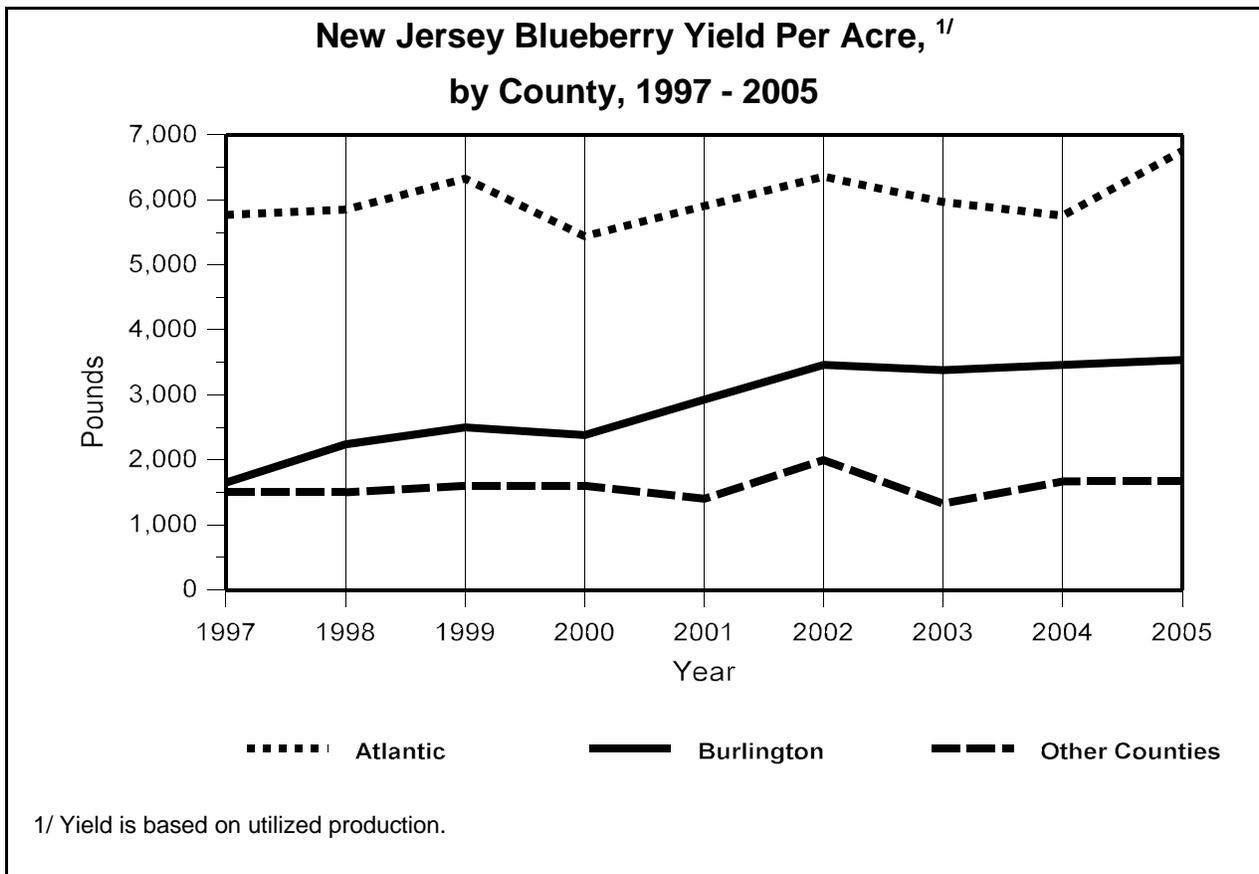
**New Jersey Blueberry Area Harvested, 2005
Percents by County**



New Jersey Blueberry Yield Per Acre ^{1/}, by County, 1997- 2005

Year	Atlantic County	Burlington County	Other Counties	Total
	- lbs -	- lbs -	- lbs -	- lbs -
1997	5,770	1,650	1,500	4,590
1998	5,850	2,240	1,500	4,800
1999	6,330	2,500	1,600	5,200
2000	5,440	2,380	1,600	4,530
2001	5,910	2,930	1,400	5,000
2002	6,360	3,460	2,000	5,680
2003	5,970	3,380	1,330	5,330
2004	5,760	3,460	1,670	5,200
2005	6,760	3,540	1,670	6,000
Average	6,017	2,838	1,586	5,148

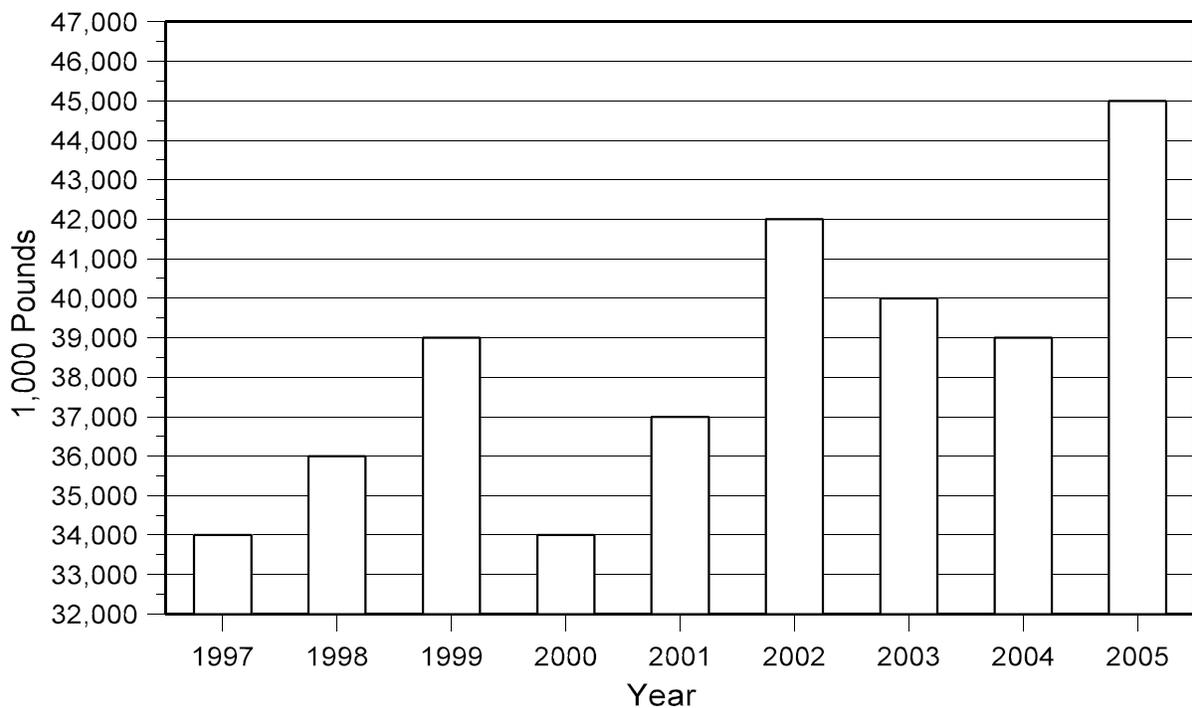
1/ Yield is based on utilized production.



New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, by County, 1997 - 2005

Year	Atlantic County	Burlington County	Other Counties	Total
	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
1997	30,600	2,800	600	34,000
1998	31,600	3,800	600	36,000
1999	34,200	4,000	800	39,000
2000	29,400	3,800	800	34,000
2001	31,900	4,400	700	37,000
2002	36,900	4,500	600	42,000
2003	35,200	4,400	400	40,000
2004	34,000	4,500	500	39,000
2005	39,900	4,600	500	45,000
Average	33,744	4,089	611	38,444

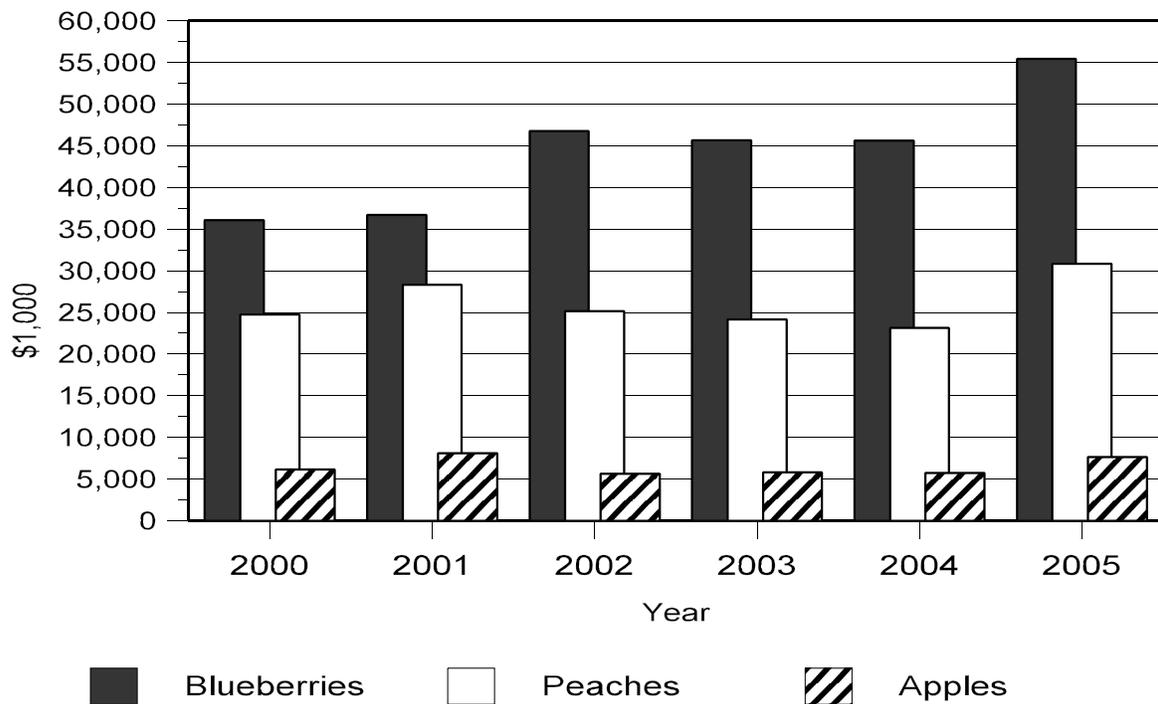
New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 1997 - 2005



**New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production,
1997 - 2005**

Year	Apples	Blueberries	Peaches
	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -
1997	7,271	33,980	29,185
1998	6,608	28,360	30,518
1999	6,375	36,590	25,992
2000	6,183	36,100	24,774
2001	8,117	36,730	28,350
2002	5,640	46,790	25,194
2003	5,840	45,690	24,180
2004	5,740	45,630	23,180
2005	7,653	55,470	30,869
Average	6,603	40,593	26,916

**New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production,
2000 - 2005**



Blueberry Rankings by State, 2005

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Michigan	1	16,800
New Jersey	2	7,500
Georgia	3	6,000
North Carolina	4	5,000
Oregon	5	3,800
Washington	6	2,800
Florida	7	2,500
California	8	1,800
New York	9	700
Indiana	10	600
Arkansas	11	530
Alabama	12	280

State	Rank	Yield per Acre ^{1/} (lbs)
Oregon	1	8,530
Washington	2	7,000
New Jersey	3	6,000
Indiana	4	5,830
North Carolina	5	5,200
Georgia	6	4,330
Michigan	7	3,930
California	8	3,100
Arkansas	9	2,550
Florida	10	2,080
New York	11	2,000
Alabama	12	1,860

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Michigan	1	66,000
New Jersey	2	45,000
Oregon	3	32,400
Georgia	4	26,000
North Carolina	1/	26,000
Washington	6	19,600
California	7	5,580
Florida	8	5,200
Indiana	9	3,500
New York	10	1,400
Arkansas	11	1,350
Alabama	12	520

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
Michigan	1	83,500
New Jersey	2	55,470
North Carolina	3	36,702
Florida	4	32,760
Georgia	5	31,820
Oregon	6	30,432
California	7	24,886
Washington	8	19,160
Indiana	9	4,275
Arkansas	10	2,349
New York	11	1,963
Alabama	12	471

1/ Tied with Georgia.