



News Release

Indiana Fruit Production 2015

The two cold and harsh winters in 2014 and 2015 took their toll on Indiana’s fruit crop, according to Greg Matli, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. “Continual rains throughout the summer season kept disease pressure up on the fruit, particularly with blueberries”, stated Matli, “but mild summer temperatures also helped to keep some insect pressures in check.” The fall harvest season resulted in improved production in apples, but the blueberries experienced continued harvest losses from the previous season.

Indiana apple production was 22.5 million pounds, up from 17.1 million pounds in 2014. The preliminary farm level value of production was \$7.8 million. Cultivated blueberry production in Indiana was 1.6 million pounds, down by 0.4 million pounds from the 2014 crop year. Indiana growers harvested 630 acres in 2015. The farm level value was \$3.0 million.

Fruit production: Indiana and U.S., 2014-2015

Fruit	Indiana				United States			
	Bearing acres		Total production		Bearing acres		Total production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Apples	1,300	1,300	17.1	22.5	318,180	315,880	11,814.0	10,003.9
Blueberries ¹	690	630	2.0	1.6	84,750	89,820	578.7	560.0

¹ Harvested acres.

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