

# Blueberries

**Blueberries: Number of farms and acres by county and district**

County and district	Farms				Acres			
	2006	2011	2014	2018	2006	2011	2014	2018
<b>Northwest</b>	12	16	20	21	30	35	45	50
Muskegon	20	21	24	20	1,040	1,100	1,150	1,300
Oceana <sup>1</sup>		7	8	9		630	720	720
Ottawa	103	101	88	77	5,550	5,950	5,900	6,100
Other counties	28	21	24	19	410	420	460	460
<b>West Central</b>	151	150	144	125	7,000	8,100	8,230	8,580
Allegan	70	70	63	52	2,800	2,750	2,750	2,850
Berrien	64	64	54	41	1,190	1,070	1,070	870
Van Buren	191	209	203	176	7,850	8,500	8,850	8,900
Other counties	5	6	5	5	30	30	30	30
<b>Southwest</b>	330	349	325	274	11,870	12,350	12,700	12,650
<b>East</b>	82	85	86	85	400	415	425	420
<b>Michigan</b>	575	600	575	505	19,300	20,900	21,400	21,700

<sup>1</sup> Included in other counties before 2011.

**Blueberries: Number of farms and acres by size group**

Size group	Farms				Acres			
	2006	2011	2014	2018	2006	2011	2014	2018
1-9 acres	280	290	280	225	1,050	1,050	1,000	750
10-29 acres	157	168	158	151	2,600	2,850	2,700	2,600
30-99 acres	95	101	96	84	4,900	5,600	5,000	4,050
100-199 acres	29	23	23	23	3,950	3,200	3,100	2,900
200 or more acres	14	18	18	22	6,800	8,200	9,600	11,400
Michigan	575	600	575	505	19,300	20,900	21,400	21,700

**Blueberries: Irrigated and non-irrigated acres by variety, 2018**

Variety	Not irrigated	Drip (trickle)	Traveling gun	Overhead sprinkler	Drip and overhead	Other	Michigan
Bluecrop	900	1,070	285	3,200	95	50	5,600
Elliott	250	1,060	195	2,590	100	5	4,200
Jersey	1,650	1,010	340	2,690	25	85	5,800
Rubel	300	240	75	550	20	15	1,200
Other	600	1,670	205	2,170	210	45	4,900
Michigan	3,700	5,050	1,100	11,200	450	200	21,700

**Blueberries: Acres by district and variety, 2018**

Variety	Northwest, West Central, and East	Southwest	Michigan
Aurora	235	180	415
Berkeley	40	50	90
Bluecrop	2,600	3,000	5,600
Bluejay	90	170	260
Blueray	240	135	375
Bluetta	35	100	135
Brigitta	45	30	75
Burlington	30	100	130
Draper	175	200	375
Duke	340	530	870
Elliott	2,450	1,750	4,200
Jersey	1,450	4,350	5,800
Legacy	30	35	65
Liberty	455	225	680
Nelson	60	145	205
Northland	70	75	145
Rancocas	10	85	95
Rubel	250	950	1,200
Sensation	160	155	315
Spartan	25	40	65
Other	260	345	605
Michigan	9,050	12,650	21,700

**Blueberries: Acres with irrigation by county and district, 2018**

County and district	Total acres	Acres with overhead irrigation	Acres with other irrigation	Acres without irrigation
Muskegon	1,300	670	590	80
Oceana	720	685	25	5
Ottawa	6,100	4,430	1,215	470
Other counties	460	165	210	15
<b>West Central</b>	<b>8,580</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>570</b>
Allegan <sup>1</sup>	2,880	1,635	1,060	665
Berrien	870	125	420	465
Van Buren	8,900	3,740	3,130	1,820
<b>Southwest</b>	<b>12,650</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>4,610</b>	<b>2,950</b>
<b>East &amp; NW</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>11,650</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>3,700</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes Kalamazoo & Cass.

**Blueberries: Acres of other varieties grown, 2018**

Variety	Acres
Bluegold	35
Bonus	12
Collins	53
Concord	10
Coville	54
Earliblue	48
Patriot	31
Pemberton	48
Stanley	20
Weymouth	44
Other <sup>1</sup>	250
Michigan	605

<sup>1</sup> Includes 185 acres of Envy, Last Call, Cargo, and Keepsake.

**Blueberries: Acres planted by variety, 2014-2018**

Variety	Acres
Aurora	87
Bluecrop	135
Blueray	11
Draper	46
Duke	92
Elliott	370
Liberty	24
Nelson	19
Sensation	215
Others	201
Michigan	1,200

**Blueberries: Acres by bushes per acre and year planted**

Year planted	870 or less	871-1,088	1,089-1,243	1,244-1,451	1,452 or more	Michigan
1989 and before	2,350	4,500	4,800	350	300	12,300
1990-1994	250	480	680	80	60	1,550
1995-1999	100	410	530	60	80	1,180
2000-2004	160	440	365	190	105	1,260
2005-2009	75	530	870	540	335	2,350
2010-2014	75	315	705	460	305	1,860
2015-2018	20	25	100	570	485	1,200
Michigan	3,030	6,700	8,050	2,250	1,670	21,700

**Blueberries: Acres by variety and year planted**

Year planted	Aurora	Berkeley	Bluecrop	Bluejay	Blueray	Bluetta	Brigitta	Burlington
1989 and before	0	80	3,650	170	300	105	20	100
1990-1994	0	6	625	48	28	8	0	16
1995-1999	2	4	260	12	20	4	44	6
2000-2004	1	0	270	2	1	12	6	8
2005-2009	140	0	380	13	9	5	3	0
2010-2014	185	0	280	15	6	1	2	0
2015								
2016								
2017								
2018								
Michigan	415	90	5,600	260	375	135	75	130
	Draper	Duke	Elliott	Jersey	Legacy	Liberty	Nelson	Northland
1988 and before	2	130	1,000	5,200	0	0	6	80
1989-1993	0	88	400	220	0	0	8	18
1994-1998	7	150	445	120	5	21	36	11
1999-2003	0	115	600	115	0	0	38	9
2004-2008	160	205	880	73	45	295	43	21
2009-2013	160	90	505	70	12	340	55	5
2014								
2015								
2016								
2017								
2018								
Michigan	375	870	4,200	5,800	65	680	205	145
	Rancocas	Rubel	Sensation	Spartan	Other	Michigan		
1989 and before	87	1,015	0	50	305	12,300		
1990-1994	2	59	0	7	17	1,550		
1995-1999	0	24	0	1	8	1,180		
2000-2004	6	61	0	0	16	1,260		
2005-2009	0	29	5	4	40	2,350		
2010-2014	0	5	95	3	31	1,860		
2015						340		
2016						400		
2017						265		
2018						195		
Michigan	95	1,200	315	65	605	21,700		

**Blueberries: Acres and percent of total by variety,2018**

Variety	2006		2011		2014		2018	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
Aurora	70	0.4	180	0.9	330	1.5	415	1.9
Berkeley	135	0.7	110	0.5	95	0.4	90	0.4
Bluecrop	5,350	27.7	5,500	26.3	5,550	25.9	5,600	25.8
Bluejay	270	1.4	290	1.4	280	1.3	260	1.2
Blueray	440	2.3	445	2.1	380	1.8	375	1.7
Bluetta	165	0.9	155	0.7	145	0.7	135	0.6
Brigitta	70	0.4	70	0.3	75	0.4	75	0.3
Burlington	175	0.9	165	0.8	135	0.6	130	0.6
Draper	45	0.2	210	1.0	350	1.6	375	1.7
Duke	560	2.9	720	3.4	800	3.7	870	4.0
Earliblue	80	0.4	80	0.4	65	0.3	50	0.2
Elliott	2,800	14.5	3,700	17.7	3,900	18.2	4,200	19.4
Jersey	6,650	34.5	6,400	30.6	6,200	29.0	5,800	26.7
Legacy	( <sup>1</sup> )		( <sup>1</sup> )		65	0.3	65	0.3
Liberty	95	0.5	440	2.1	660	3.1	680	3.1
Nelson	105	0.5	165	0.8	190	0.9	205	0.9
Northland	140	0.7	155	0.7	145	0.7	145	0.7
Rancocas	145	0.8	135	0.6	110	0.5	95	0.4
Rubel	1,520	7.9	1,450	6.9	1,400	6.5	1,200	5.5
Sensation	( <sup>1</sup> )		( <sup>1</sup> )		95	0.4	315	1.5
Other	485	2.5	530	2.5	430	2.0	620	2.9
Michigan	19,300		20,900		21,400		21,700	

1\ Not yet planted or included in other.

**Blueberries: Selected irrigation methods <sup>1</sup>**

Variety	2006			2011			2014			2018		
	Drip (trickle)	Overhead sprinkler	Total irrigated	Drip (trickle)	Overhead sprinkler	Total irrigated	Drip (trickle)	Overhead sprinkler	Total irrigated	Drip (trickle)	Overhead sprinkler	Total irrigated
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Bluecrop	865	2,510	4,190	800	3,130	4,500	1,050	3,230	4,720	1,165	3,295	4,700
Elliott	400	1,680	2,450	640	2,470	3,400	820	2,570	3,660	1,160	2,690	3,950
Jersey	1,040	2,240	4,440	880	2,700	4,400	920	2,860	4,520	1,035	2,715	4,150
Rubel	275	520	1,100	200	610	1,040	260	610	1,050	260	570	900
Other	520	1,500	2,570	730	2,090	3,210	1,300	2,130	3,850	1,880	2,380	4,300
Michigan	3,100	8,450	14,750	3,250	11,000	16,550	4,350	11,400	17,800	5,500	11,650	18,000

<sup>1</sup> Some acres have more than one type of irrigation.

**Fresh market  
blueberries, percent  
of crop harvested by  
method <sup>1</sup>**

Method	Percent of crop
Hand	61
Machine	39

<sup>1</sup> 84 percent of blueberry farms grew for fresh market.