

## CRANBERRIES



Cranberry production in Massachusetts totaled 2.3 million barrels in 2008, nearly doubling last year's output. Growers harvested 13,000 acres of cranberries, unchanged from the previous year. The crop yield averaged 176.9 barrels per acre a 59.8 barrel per acre increase from a year earlier. Heavy bloom, ideal

pollination conditions and an abundance of bees contributed to an excellent fruit set. Timely rains followed increasing fruit size and helped produce the largest cranberry crop in Massachusetts history. Massachusetts 2008 preliminary price for fresh cranberries averaged \$70.90 per barrel and processed cranberries averaged \$55.00 per barrel.

## MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 1999 – 2008

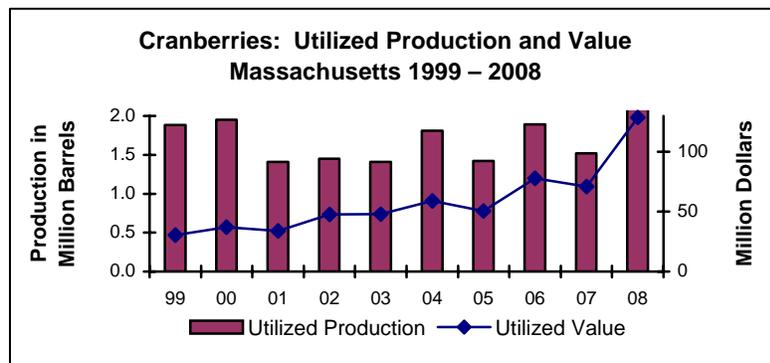
Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre <sup>1</sup>	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel <sup>2,3</sup>			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
1999	15,000	125.0	1,875	1,875	138	1,737	*	*	16.20	30,375
2000	13,900	140.5	1,953	1,953	214	1,739	41.30	16.20	19.00	37,010
2001	12,000	118.0	1,416	1,414	176	1,238	40.50	21.60	24.00	33,869
2002	14,500	100.1	1,452	1,452	154	1,298	50.30	30.70	32.80	47,595
2003	14,100	99.7	1,406	1,406	107	1,299	56.30	32.30	34.10	47,982
2004	13,900	130.1	1,808	1,808	152	1,656	54.80	30.60	32.60	59,004
2005	13,700	103.9	1,423	1,423	124	1,299	55.90	33.70	35.60	50,708
2006	13,500	139.7	1,886	1,886	155	1,731	63.50	39.30	41.30	77,871
2007	13,000	117.1	1,522	1,522	101	1,421	68.60	45.00	46.60	70,874
2008	13,000	176.9	2,300	2,300	129	2,171	70.90	55.00	55.90	128,551

<sup>1</sup> Yield is based on total production.

<sup>2</sup> Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains and other retains.

<sup>3</sup> One barrel weighs 100 pounds.

\* Fresh and processed prices not available prior to 2000.



## MAINE CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 1999 – 2008

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels				Dollars			\$1,000 Dollars
1999	130.0	24.2	3.14	3.14	0.27	2.87	*	*	30.00	94
2000	137.7	65.5	9.02	9.02	0.87	8.15	*	*	32.50	293
2001	250.5	71.9	18.00	17.50	1.60	15.90	*	*	41.10	719
2002	219.0	93.4	20.45	20.45	2.63	17.82	*	*	47.50	971
2003	226.0	86.7	19.60	19.40	2.54	16.86	200.00	39.00	60.10	1,166
2004	225.0	90.0	20.25	20.25	1.64	18.61	250.00	35.00	52.40	1,061
2005	219.5	78.7	17.27	17.27	1.44	15.83	175.00	35.00	46.70	806
2006	203.0	56.3	11.43	11.43	2.89	8.54	175.00	40.00	74.20	848
2007	214.9	57.9	12.45	12.45	2.67	9.78	180.00	55.00	81.80	1,019
2008	196.7	115.6	22.73	22.73	2.70	20.03	200.00	80.00	94.20	2,142

\* Fresh and processed prices not available prior to 2003.

SOURCE: *Maine Cranberries*, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Cranberry Associate, 207-581-2967.