

CRANBERRIES

Cranberry production in Massachusetts totaled 2.12 million barrels in 2012, 8 percent less than the previous year's production level, yet still above the 5-year average. Growers harvested 13,000 acres of cranberries, unchanged from the previous year. The crop yield averaged 163.3 barrels per acre. Growers experienced good conditions in June during the bloom

stage. In late July and the first half of August, rain showers helped size up the berries. Cranberry handlers were contacted in the fall of 2012 to report prices expected to be paid to Massachusetts growers for 2012 grown berries. Massachusetts 2012 preliminary price for fresh cranberries averaged \$69.90 per barrel and processed cranberries averaged \$46.10 per barrel.

MASSACHUSETTS CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2003 – 2012

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ¹	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel ^{2,3}			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
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	70.10	48.40	49.80	75,856
2008	13,000	182.6	2,374	2,374	128	2,246	75.20	57.70	58.60	139,220
2009	13,000	139.8	1,817	1,817	86	1,731	75.20	44.70	46.10	83,843
2010	13,000	145.5	1,891	1,891	112	1,779	69.50	40.40	42.10	79,656
2011	13,000	178.2	2,317	2,317	110	2,207	64.80	43.70	44.70	103,574
2012	13,000	163.3	2,123	2,123	83	2,040	69.90	46.10	47.00	99,846

¹ Yield is based on total production.

² 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.

³ One barrel weighs 100 pounds.

MAINE CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2003 – 2012

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ¹	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel ²			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels	1,000 Barrels				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
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
2009	198.5	131.2	26.05	24.75	2.23	22.52	200.00	35.00	49.90	1,234
2010	201.0	145.0	29.14	29.11	3.78	25.33	200.00	20.00	43.40	1,263
2011	205.0	115.4	23.66	23.43	4.08	19.35	160.00	20.00	44.40	1,040
2012	212.8	168.3	35.81	35.10	3.93	31.17	120.00	30.00	40.10	1,407

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