



2015 Wild Blueberries

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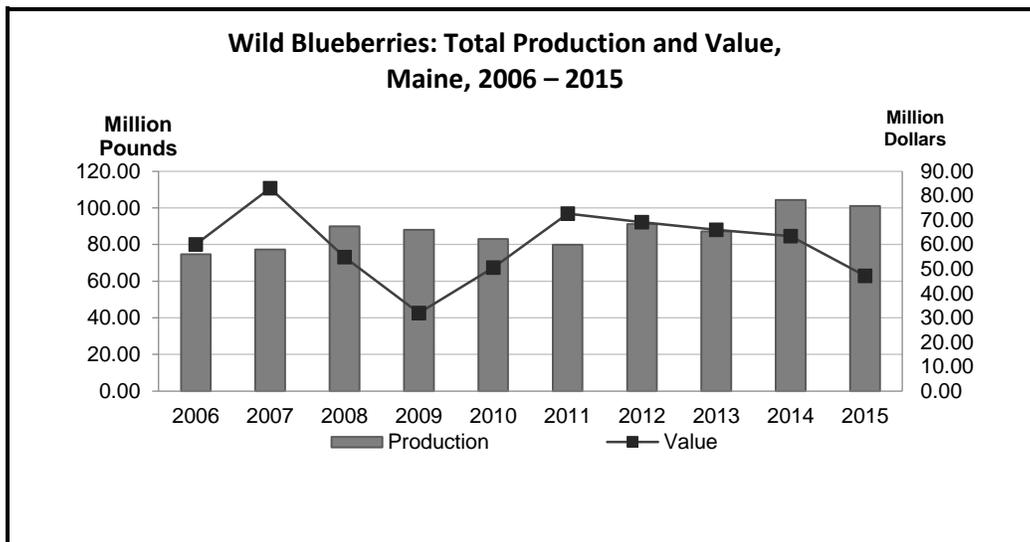
A special "THANK YOU" goes to Maine wild blueberry growers and processors who have helped us by completing surveys throughout the year.

Maine's 2015 **wild blueberry** crop totaled 101 million pounds, down 3 percent from 2014 production. The price growers received for processing berries in 2015 averaged \$0.46 per pound, down \$0.14 from 2014 and \$0.29 lower than 2013. Value of production of 2015 wild blueberries for processing is \$46.2 million, down 26 percent from the previous year.

Dry conditions in the spring of 2015 reduced the number of infection periods for mummy berry disease. However some areas of winter kill were noted. Pollination and fruit set were uneven because of weather variations in different parts of the region during bloom. Harvest began in late July. When harvest began, the crop was reported in good to excellent condition. Harvest was 95 complete during the first week of September.

MAINE WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 2006 – 2015

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		All Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Tons	1,000 Lbs.				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
2006	(NA)	(NA)	74,600	74,600	400	74,200	1.70	0.80	0.805	60,040
2007	(NA)	(NA)	77,250	77,250	450	76,800	1.90	1.07	1.070	83,031
2008	(NA)	(NA)	89,950	89,950	550	89,400	2.20	0.60	0.610	54,850
2009	(NA)	(NA)	88,100	88,100	600	87,500	2.20	0.35	0.363	31,945
2010	(NA)	(NA)	83,000	83,000	500	82,500	2.20	0.60	0.610	50,600
2011	(NA)	(NA)	79,900	79,900	600	79,300	2.20	0.90	0.910	72,690
2012	(NA)	(NA)	91,100	91,100	500	90,600	2.25	0.75	0.758	69,075
2013	(NA)	(NA)	87,890	87,130	530	86,600	1.95	0.75	0.757	65,984
2014	22,800	2.29	104,400	104,400	600	103,800	2.00	0.60	0.608	63,480
2015	22,400	2.26	101,110	101,000	500	100,500	1.90	0.46	0.467	47,180



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