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 percent complete during the first week of September.

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