CONCORD, NH --- Maine wild blueberry growers saw a decrease in value of the 2017 wild blueberry crop, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office.

Total production dropped to 67.8 million pounds, down 33 percent from 2016 production. The price growers received for processing berries in 2017 averaged $0.25 per pound, down $0.02 from 2016. Value of production of 2017 wild blueberries is $17.561 million, down 37 percent from the previous year.