



Maine Wild Blueberries

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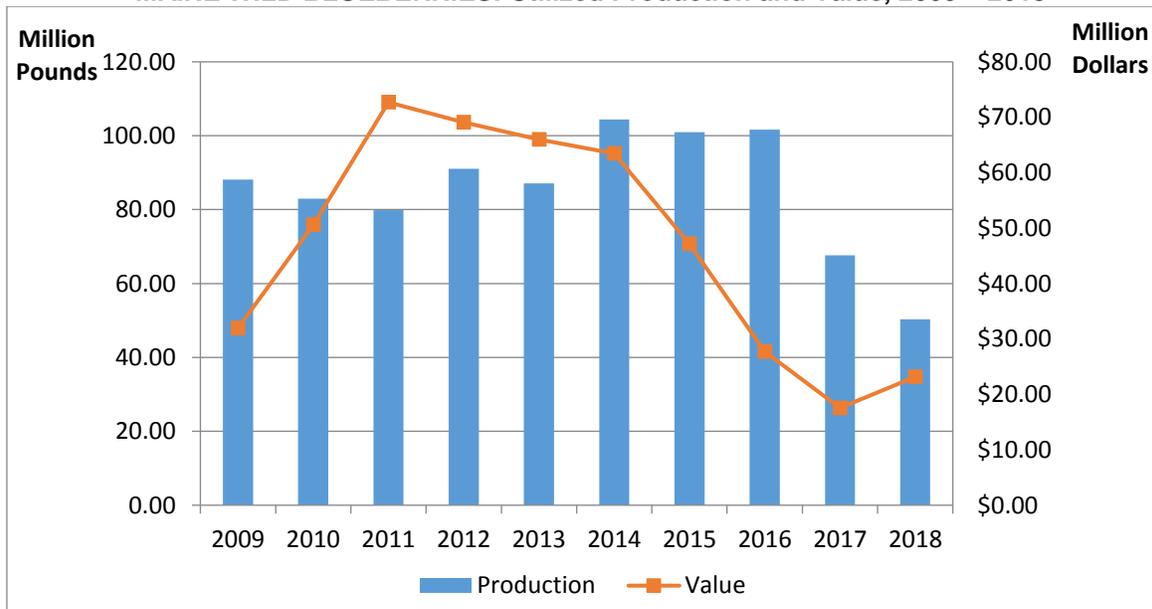
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2018 Maine Wild Blueberry Production

CONCORD, NH --- Maine wild blueberry growers saw an increase in value of the 2018 wild blueberry crop, according to King Whetstone, director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Region.

MAINE WILD BLUEBERRIES: Utilized Production and Value, 2009 – 2018



Total production dropped to 50.4 million pounds, down 26 percent from 2017 production. The price growers received for processing berries in 2018 averaged \$0.46 per pound, up \$0.21 from 2017. Value of production of 2018 wild blueberries is \$23.155 million, up 32 percent from the previous year.

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		All Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Lbs.	1,000 Lbs.				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
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	4,580	104,400	104,400	600	103,800	2.00	0.60	0.608	63,480
2015	22,400	4,510	101,110	101,000	500	100,500	1.90	0.46	0.467	47,180
2016	23,100	4,400	101,840	101,640	380	101,260	0.79	0.27	0.272	27,679
2017	17,000	3,980	67,800	67,650	350	67,300	2.20	0.25	0.260	17,561
2018	18,800	2,680	50,400	50,300	450	49,850	1.05	0.46	0.460	23,155

(NA) = Not available

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