



2016 Blueberry Statistics

New Jersey Blueberry Crop Valued at \$59.4 Million

The total value of the 2016 blueberry crop in New Jersey was \$59.4 million, down 19 percent from 2015. Growers harvested from 9,300 acres with a yield of 4,730 pounds per acre. Utilized production was down in 2016 by almost 18 percent compared to 2015 at 44.0 million pounds.

Average price for the New Jersey blueberry crop were mostly steady at \$1.35 per pound compared to \$1.37 per pound in 2015. The average fresh market price was \$1.41 per pound in 2016, while the processing price was \$1.01 per pound, or 2 cents above the 2015 price.

United States Blueberry Production Increases by Almost 5 Percent

Total production of blueberries in the United States in 2016, at 593.6 million pounds, increased by about 5 percent from 2015. Acres harvested was 92,800, an increase of almost two percent from the 2015 growing season. Nationwide, the average yield in 2016 was 6,390 pounds per acre, an increase of 200 pounds per acre from 2015.



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Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price, & Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2016 1/

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
Alabama	NA	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA	NA
California	6,400	9,330	59,700
Florida	4,700	3,110	14,600
Georgia	16,900	4,140	70,000
Indiana	NA	NA	NA
Michigan	20,300	5,420	110,000
Mississippi	1,800	4,110	7,400
New Jersey	9,300	4,730	43,990
New York	900	1,500	1,350
North Carolina	7,200	6,390	46,000
Oregon	11,900	9,760	116,100
Washington	13,400	8,930	119,650
US	92,800	6,340	588,790

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

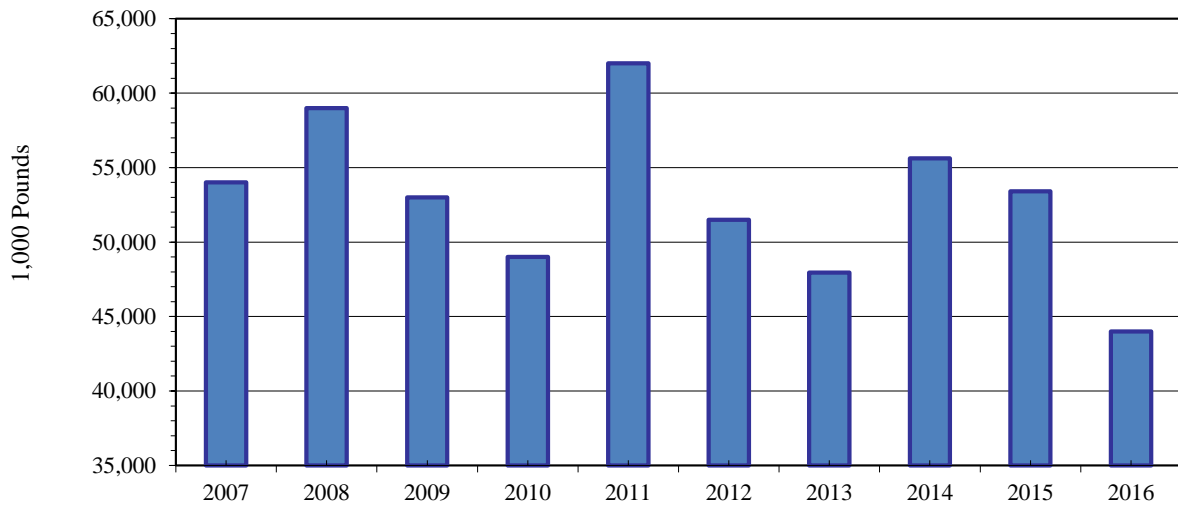
State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- - - dollars per pound - - -		
Alabama	NA	NA	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	108,765	1.820	(D)	1.820
Florida	53,656	3.680	(D)	3.680
Georgia	88,305	1.260	0.540	1.260
Indiana	NA	NA	NA	NA
Michigan	130,350	1.190	0.650	1.190
Mississippi	10,947	1.480	1.500	1.480
New Jersey	59,390	1.350	1.010	1.350
New York	3,235	2.400	(D)	2.400
North Carolina	66,924	1.450	0.600	1.450
Oregon	104,580	0.901	0.400	.901
Washington	94,008	0.786	0.520	.786
US	720,160	1.220	0.557	1.220

* Small quantities of processed blueberries are included in fresh to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2014 - 2016

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	Utilized
	- - - dollars per pound - - -			- \$1,000 -
2014	1.440	1.050	1.400	77,793
2015	1.430	0.990	1.370	73,018
2016	1.410	1.010	1.350	59,390

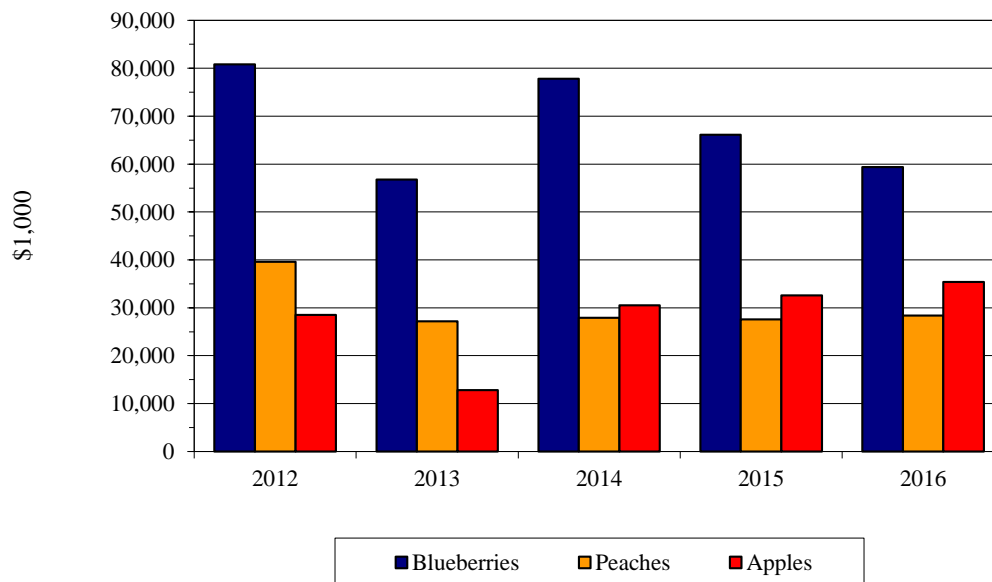
New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 2007 - 2016



New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2007 – 2016

Year	Apples	Blueberries	Peaches
	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -
2007	9,609	90,240	32,832
2008	14,841	81,990	23,920
2009	20,951	65,260	33,660
2010	20,180	62,510	31,280
2011	23,505	94,700	36,600
2012	28,540	80,805	39,600
2013	12,844	56,800	27,180
2014	28,652	77,793	27,891
2015	34,800	73,018	27,585
2016	35,370	59,390	28,403

New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2012 - 2016



National Rankings Cultivated Blueberries by State, 2016

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Michigan	1	20,300
Georgia	2	16,900
Washington	3	13,400
Oregon	4	11,900
New Jersey	5	9,300
North Carolina	6	7,200
California	7	6,400
Florida	8	4,700
Mississippi	9	1,800
New York	10	900
Indiana	NA	NA
Alabama	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA

State	Rank	Yield per Acre ^{1/} (lbs)
Oregon	1	9,760
California	2	9,330
Washington	3	8,930
North Carolina	4	6,390
Michigan	5	5,420
New Jersey	6	5,340
Georgia	7	4,140
Mississippi	8	4,110
Florida	9	3,110
Indiana	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA
New York	12	1,500
Alabama	NA	NA

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Washington	1	119,650
Oregon	2	116,100
Michigan	3	110,000
Georgia	4	70,000
California	5	59,700
North Carolina	6	46,000
New Jersey	7	43,990
Florida	8	14,600
Mississippi	9	7,400
New York	10	1,350
Indiana	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA
Alabama	NA	NA

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
Michigan	1	130,350
California	2	108,765
Washington	3	94,008
Oregon	4	104,580
Georgia	5	88,305
North Carolina	6	66,924
New Jersey	7	59,390
Florida	8	53,656
Mississippi	9	10,947
New York	10	3,235
Indiana	NA	NA
Arkansas	NA	NA
Alabama	NA	NA

Blueberries, 1929-1975

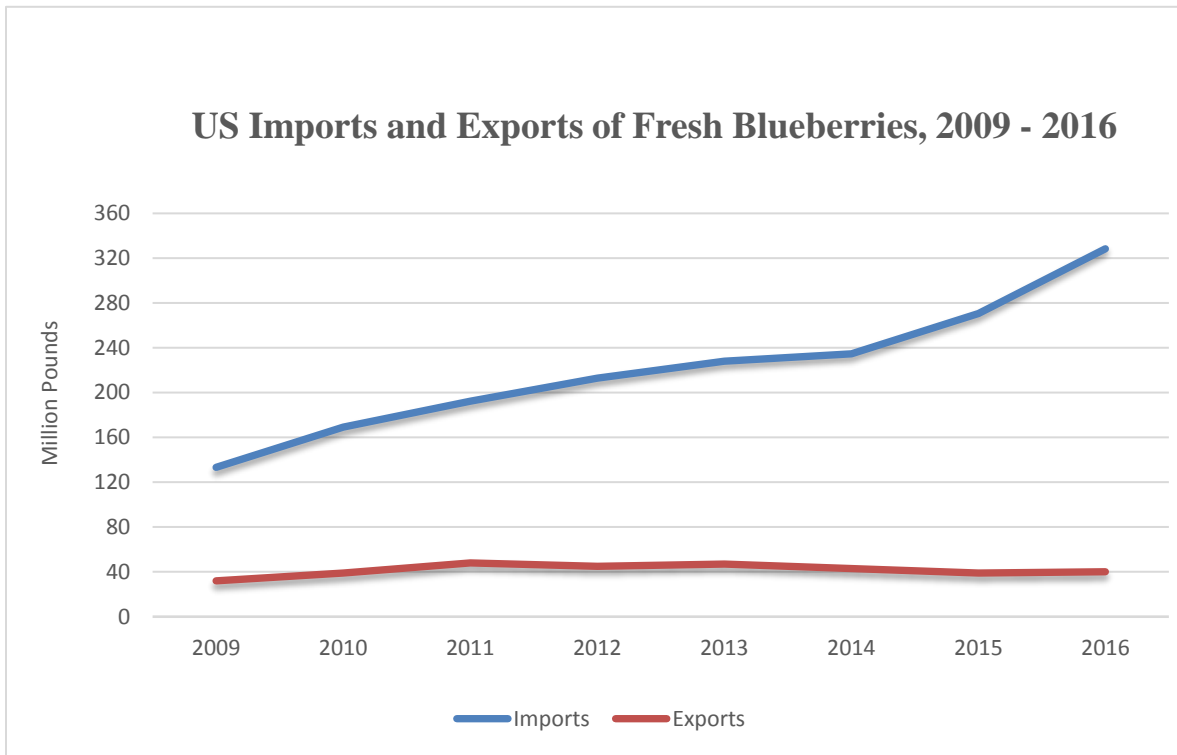
NJ Historic Blueberry Statistics

Year	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-dollars-
1929	150	140	21,000	-	-
1930	200	200	40,000	-	-
1931	300	167	50,000	-	-
1932	420	152	64,000	-	-
1933	500	150	75,000	-	-
1934	600	83	50,000	-	-
1935	600	167	100,000	-	-
1936	700	123	86,000	-	-
1937	800	159	127,000	-	-
1938	900	203	183,000	-	-
1939	1,050	122	128,000	-	-
1940	1,100	231	254,000	-	-
1941	1,200	291	349,000	-	-
1942	1,400	176	246,000	2.28	561
1943	1,500	267	400,000	2.85	1,140
1944	1,600	305	305,000	3.10	1,513
1945	1,800	140	252,000	3.85	970
1946	2,000	255	510,000	3.40	1,734
1947	2,200	290	638,000	2.75	1,754
1948	2,400	165	396,000	3.65	1,145
1949	2,800	285	810,000	2.70	2,155
1950	3,100	250	775,000	2.65	2,054
1951	3,600	275	990,000	2.60	5,574
1952	4,100	235	964,000	2.75	2,651
1953	4,600	280	1,288,000	2.85	3,671
1954	5,000	320	1,600,000	2.75	4,400
1955	5,200	315	1,638,000	2.65	4,341
1956	5,200	225	1,170,000	3.15	3,686
1957	5,600	265	1,484,000	2.75	4,081
1958	5,400	260	1,404,000	2.55	3,580
1959	6,100	240	1,464,000	2.90	4,246
1960	6,600	350	2,310,000	2.60	6,006
1961	6,700	220	1,474,000	2.90	4,246
1962	7,300	235	1,716,000	2.75	4,719
1963	7,900	210	1,659,000	2.10	5,143
1964	8,500	220	1,870,000	2.95	5,516
1965	7,900	260	2,054,000	2.60	6,059
1966	8,300	280	2,324,000	3.25	7,553
1967	7,500	270	2,025,000	3.15	5,229
1968	7,600	203	1,862,000	2.95	5,493
1969	7,100	290	2,059,000	3.00	6,177
1970	7,300	215	1,570,000	3.40	5,338
1971	7,200	285	2,052,000	3.35	6,874
1972	7,200	260	1,872,000	3.95	7,394
1973	7,300	310	2,063,000	4.25	9,618
1974	7,500	320	2,400,000	3.90	9,360
1975	7,700	270	2,079,000	4.25	8,836

Blueberries 1976-2016

NJ Historic Blueberries Statistics

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-dollars-
1976	7,600	315	2,394,000	5.00	11,970
1977	7,700	270	2,079,000	6.50	13,514
1978	7,800	260	2,028,000	7.63	15,482
1979	7,800	273	2,127,000	6.49	13,806
1980	8,100	292	2,364,000	6.71	15,860
1981	7,800	3,590	28,000	65.0	18,201
1982	7,500	4,000	28,000	71.2	21,360
1983	7,800	2,950	23,000	79.4	19,260
1984	7,900	3,800	30,000	62.0	17,980
1985	7,700	4,550	35,000	75.6	25,688
1986	7,900	3,800	30,000	77.4	23,216
1987	7,600	3,030	23,000	82.8	19,053
1988	7,700	2,860	22,000	102.0	21,350
1989	7,800	3,850	30,000	89.3	24,560
1990	7,900	2,970	24,000	82.7	19,440
1991	8,200	3,780	32,000	78.2	24,235
1992	7,600	3,030	24,000	94.9	21,820
1993	8,100	3,890	32,500	79.4	25,005
1994	7,600	4,140	32,500	73.7	23,205
1995	7,600	4,610	36,000	75.7	26,500
1996	7,500	4,530	35,000	97.1	33,010
1997	7,400	4,590	35,000	0.999	33,980
1998	7,500	4,800	37,000	0.788	28,360
1999	7,500	5,200	41,000	0.938	36,590
2000	7,500	4,530	35,000	1.060	36,100
2001	7,400	5,000	38,000	0.990	36,730
2002	7,400	5,680	43,000	1.110	46,790
2003	7,500	5,330	41,000	1.140	45,690
2004	7,500	5,200	39,000	1.170	45,630
2005	7,500	6,000	45,000	1.230	55,470
2006	7,600	6,840	52,000	1.610	83,720
2007	7,600	7,110	54,000	1.670	90,240
2008	7,600	7,760	59,000	1.390	81,990
2009	7,700	6,880	53,000	1.230	65,260
2010	7,500	6,530	49,000	1.280	62,510
2011	7,700	8,050	62,000	1.530	94,700
2012	7,500	6,870	51,500	1.570	80,805
2013	8,800	5,540	47,940	1.180	56,800
2014	9,300	5,980	55,610	1.400	77,793
2015	10,000	5,340	53,400	1.370	73,018
2016	9,300	4,730	43,990	1.35	59,390



Sources: [U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics](#) and [ERS](#) calculations using Census trade statistics.

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