



2018 Blueberry Statistics

New Jersey Blueberry Crop Valued at \$62.4 Million

New Jersey **blueberry** growers harvested 44 million utilized pounds from 9,000 acres. The value of utilized production was over \$62 million for 2018. Average price was \$1.42 per pound.

United States Blueberry Production Increases by 8 Percent

Utilized production in 2018 totaled 556 million pounds, up 8 percent from 2017. Area harvested was estimated at 89,200 acres, up 6 percent from the previous year. The average yield was 6,300 pounds per acre, up 190 pounds from the previous year. Of the total utilized production, 305 million pounds were for the fresh market and 250 million pounds were for processing. The value of the crop totaled \$797 million, down 2 percent from the previous season, with an average annual price of \$1.43 per pound.

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**Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price,
& Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2018**

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs. -
California	6,600	9,840	63,470
Florida	5,200	3,950	20,420
Georgia	13,300	4,100	53,350
Michigan	19,700	3,560	70,030
New Jersey	9,000	4,940	44,010
North Carolina	7,500	4,500	33,490
Oregon	13,500	10,200	134,750
Washington	14,400	9,470	136,100
US	89,200	6,300	555,620

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

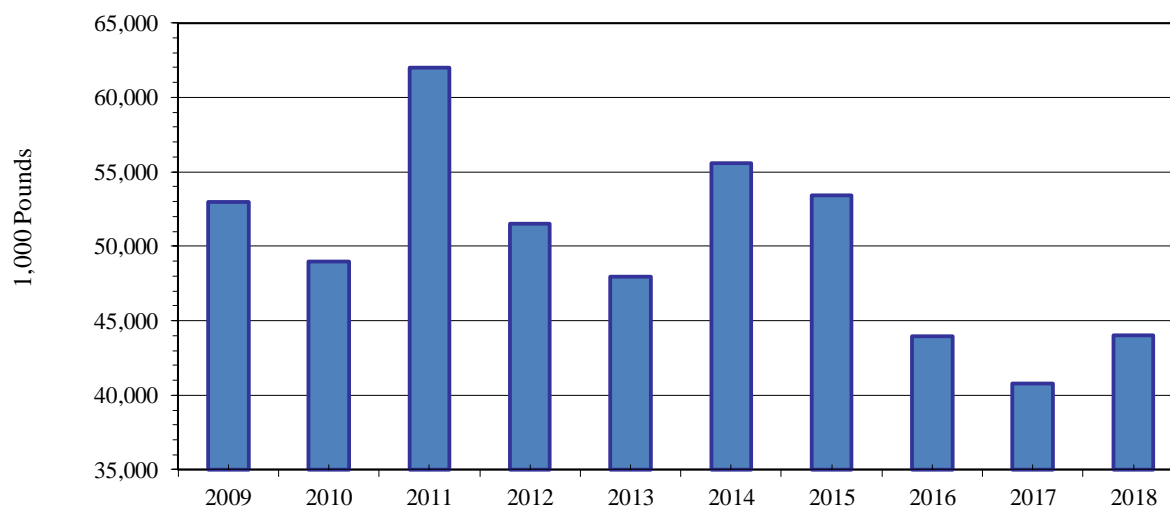
State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- - - dollars per pound - - -		
California	139,755	2.600	0.350	2.200
Florida	60,404	(D)	(D)	2.960
Georgia	87,258	2.080	0.970	1.640
Michigan	70,226	1.380	0.580	1.000
New Jersey	62,441	1.620	0.520	1.420
North Carolina	57,304	(D)	(D)	1.710
Oregon	180,730	2.030	0.780	1.340
Washington	139,177	1.860	0.650	1.020
US	797,295	2.050	0.684	1.430

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New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2016 - 2018

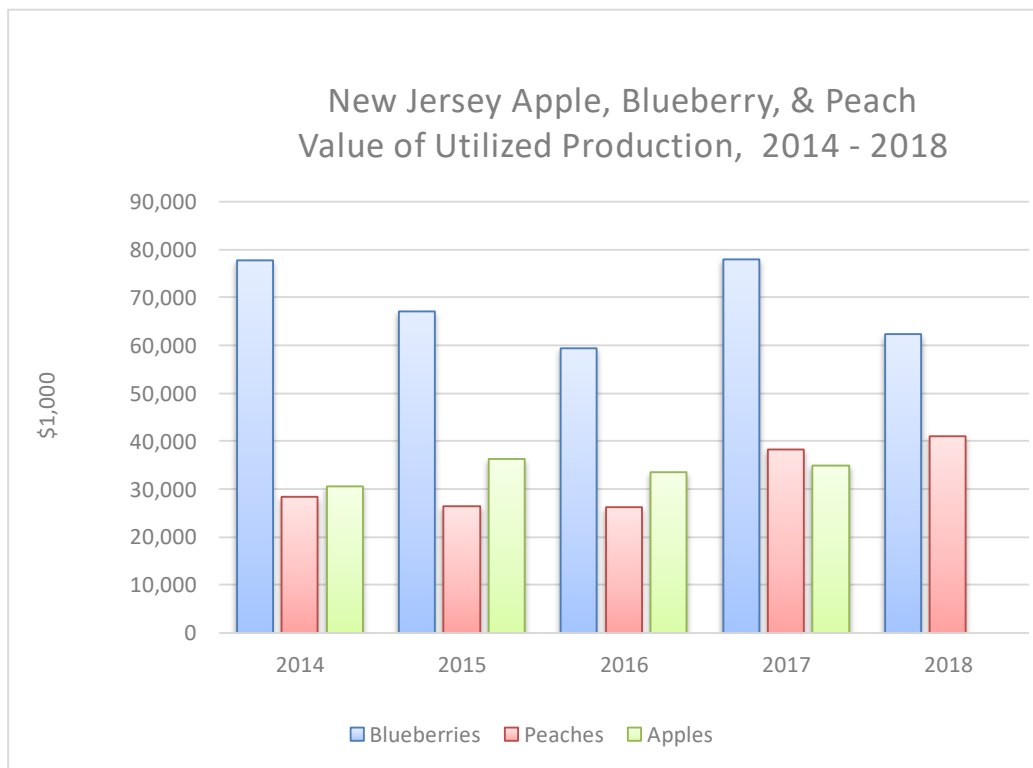
Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	Utilized
--- dollars per pound ---				- \$1,000 -
2016	1.410	1.010	1.350	59,390
2017	2.040	0.870	1.910	77,882
2018	1.620	0.520	1.420	62,441

New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 2009 - 2018



New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2009 – 2018

Year	Apples	Blueberries	Peaches
	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -
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	71,350	29,445
2014	30,492	77,742	28,355
2015	36,318	67,064	26,406
2016	33,590	59,390	26,244
2017	34,890	77,882	38,318
2018	NA	62,441	41,048



National Rankings Cultivated Blueberries by State, 2018

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Michigan	1	19,700
Washington	2	14,400
Oregon	3	13,500
Georgia	4	13,300
New Jersey	5	9,000
North Carolina	6	7,500
California	7	6,600
Florida	8	5,200

State	Rank	Yield per Acre ^{1/} (lbs)
Oregon	1	10,200
California	2	9,840
Washington	3	9,470
New Jersey	4	4,940
North Carolina	5	4,500
Georgia	6	4,100
Florida	7	3,950
Michigan	8	3,560

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Washington	1	136,100
Oregon	2	134,750
Michigan	3	70,030
California	4	63,470
Georgia	5	53,350
New Jersey	6	44,010
North Carolina	7	33,490
Florida	8	20,420

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
Oregon	1	180,730
California	2	139,755
Washington	3	139,177
Georgia	4	87,258
Michigan	5	70,226
New Jersey	6	62,441
Florida	7	60,404
North Carolina	8	57,304

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 1976-2018

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	1.350	59,390
2017	9,300	4,380	40,770	1.910	77,882
2018	9,000	4,940	44,010	1.420	62,441

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