



2019 Blueberry Statistics

New Jersey Blueberry Crop Valued at \$85 Million

New Jersey **blueberry** growers harvested 46 million utilized pounds from 9,300 acres. The value of utilized production was over \$85 million for 2019, the highest since 2011 and third highest on record. Average price was \$1.85 per pound.

United States Blueberry Utilized Production Increases 21 Percent

Utilized production in 2019 totaled 673 million pounds, leaping 21 percent from 2018. Area harvested was estimated at 102,700 acres, up 15 percent from the previous year. The average yield was 6,630 pounds per acre. Of the total utilized production, 373 million pounds were for the fresh market and 300 million pounds were for processing. The value of the crop totaled \$909 million, up 14 percent from the previous season, with an average annual price of \$1.35 per pound. One state's recent acreage increase, Georgia, is described thusly 'Blueberry harvested acres went down slightly from 2015 to 2016 before plummeting in 2017 due to a devastating freeze. In 2018, harvested acres rebounded slightly, but took a significant hit from Hurricane Michael. The surge higher in 2019 is due to better weather conditions as well as new bearing acres coming into production. Planted acreage has been increasing in recent years.'

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Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price, & Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2019

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs. -
California	7,300	10,100	71,780
Florida	5,100	4,740	23,620
Georgia	21,700	4,420	93,980
Michigan	20,600	4.120	84,900
New Jersey	9,300	5,090	46,070
North Carolina	8,700	4,160	35,770
Oregon	13,300	11,700	154,100
Washington	16,700	9,760	162,830
US	102,700	6,630	673,050

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

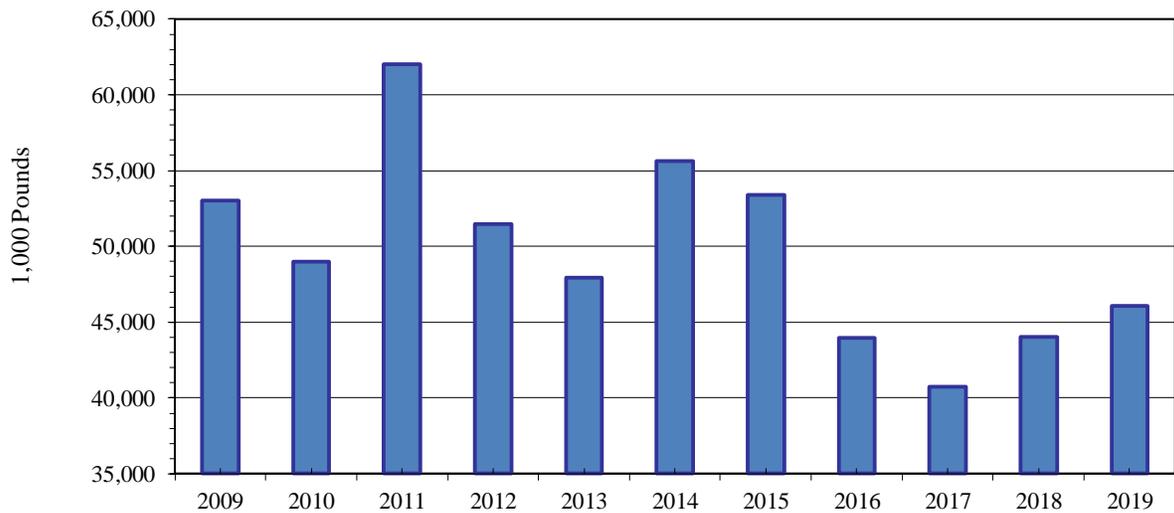
State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- - - dollars per pound - - -		
California	204,460	3.560	0.290	2.850
Florida	62,309	(D)	(D)	2.640
Georgia	133,058	1.940	0.420	1.420
Michigan	75,258	1.350	0.370	.886
New Jersey	85,303	2.150	0.440	1.850
North Carolina	60,811	(D)	(D)	1.700
Oregon	134,254	1.230	0.580	.871
Washington	153,224	1.810	0.550	.941
US	908,677	2.030	0.502	1.350

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New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2016 - 2019

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production Utilized
	Fresh	Processing	All	
--- 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
2019	2.150	0.440	1.850	85,303

New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 2009 - 2019



National Rankings Cultivated Blueberries by State, 2019

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Georgia	1	21,700
Michigan	2	20,600
Washington	3	16,700
Oregon	4	13,300
New Jersey	5	9,300
North Carolina	6	8,700
California	7	7,300
Florida	8	5,100

State	Rank	Yield per Acre ^{1/} (lbs)
Oregon	1	11,700
California	2	10,100
Washington	3	9,760
New Jersey	4	5,090
Florida	5	4,740
Georgia	6	4,420
North Carolina	7	4,160
Michigan	8	4,120

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Washington	1	162,830
Oregon	2	154,100
Georgia	3	93,980
Michigan	4	84,900
California	5	71,780
New Jersey	6	46,070
North Carolina	7	35,770
Florida	8	23,620

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
California	1	204,460
Washington	2	153,224
Oregon	3	134,254
Georgia	4	133,058
New Jersey	5	85,303
Michigan	6	75,258
Florida	7	62,309
North Carolina	8	60,811

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 1976-2019

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
2019	9,300	5,090	46,070	1.850	85,303

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