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New Jersey Growers Reap Apples, Blueberries, Cranberries, and Peaches

TRENTON, NJ – New Jersey growers harvested 40 million pounds of **apples** from 2,400 acres in 2017. At \$.94 per pound, New Jersey growers earned the highest price of all states and almost three times the national average.

New Jersey **blueberry** growers harvested almost 44 million utilized pounds from 10,000 acres. The value of utilized production was almost \$84 million for 2017, the highest since 2011. Average price, at \$1.91 per pound was the highest on record. The previous high was \$1.67 in 2007.

Cranberry growers produced almost 450,000 utilized barrels, down from the all-time high of 646,000 barrels recorded in 2016. Harvested acres decreased 600 acres to 2,500. An estimated 5,000 barrels went to the fresh market. Nationally New Jersey cranberry growers were second in average yield and price.

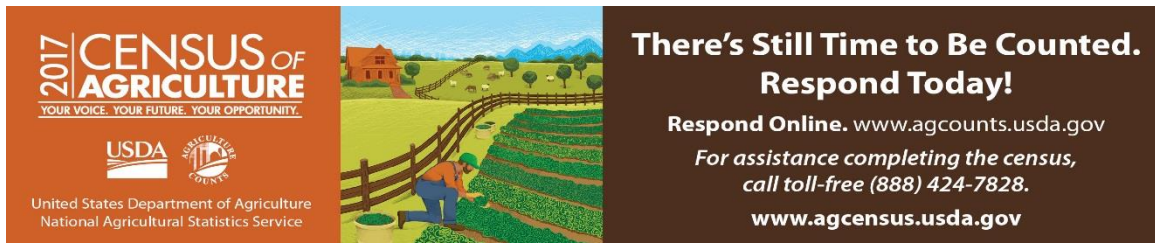
New Jersey **peach** growers harvested 28,190 utilized tons from 4,700 acres. New Jersey ranked second nationally in peach production, utilized production, and value of utilized production. Value of utilized production was up sharply from 2016 to over \$44 million.

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