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2023 Blueberry Statistics

New Jersey Blueberry Crop Valued at \$92.1 Million

The total value of the 2023 blueberry crop in New Jersey was \$92.1 million. Harvested acres were 10,800 and the average yield per acre was 4,660 pounds. Utilized production was 50.2 million pounds. in 2023. Price for the New Jersey blueberry crop averaged \$1.84 per pound. The average fresh market price was \$2.12 per pound in 2023, while the average processing price was \$0.61 per pound.

United States Blueberry Production Down by 5%

The United States blueberry total production, at 648 million pounds in 2023, fell by 5% from the 680 million pounds the previous year. Bearing acreage, at 103,000, decreased by 2% from the 2022 growing season. Nationwide, the average yield in 2023 was 6,290 pounds per acre, a decrease of 190 pounds per acre from 2022.

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**Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price,
& Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2023 1/**

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
California	7,100	9,040	64,130
Florida	6,100	3,650	21,410
Georgia	21,400	4,750	99,060
Michigan	16,900	5,180	86,800
New Jersey	10,800	4,660	50,150
North Carolina	9,300	5,990	54,420
Oregon	13,700	9,400	128,870
Washington	17,700	7,770	137,370
US	103,000	6,290	642,210

1/ Yield is based on total production.

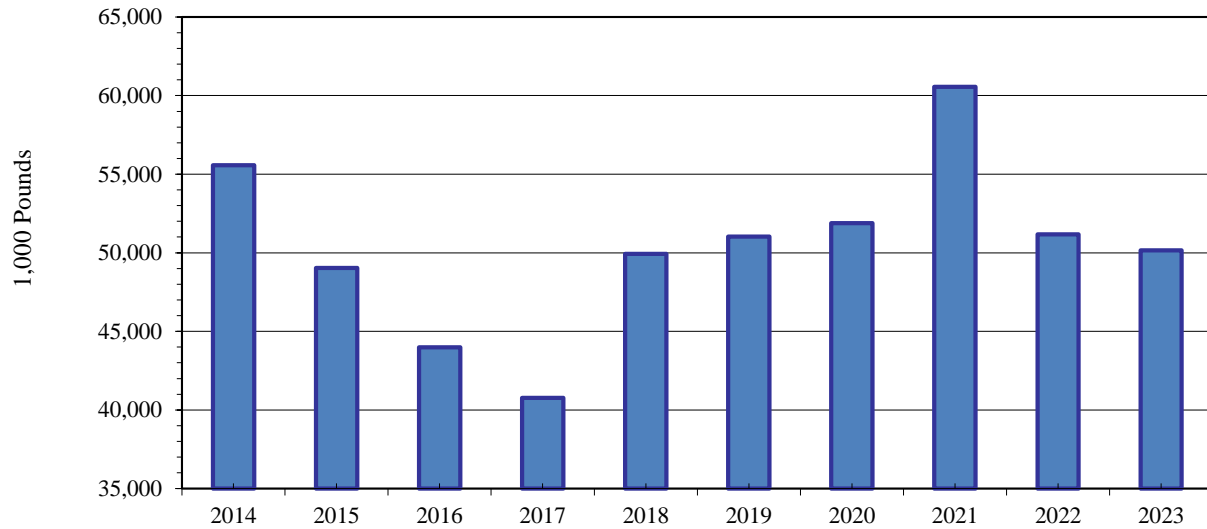
State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	---	dollars per pound ---	
California	255,590	4.830	0.480	3.990
Florida	75,021	(D)	(D)	3.500
Georgia	156,459	1.850	0.383	1.580
Michigan	120,470	2.030	0.630	1.390
New Jersey	92,109	2.120	0.610	1.840
North Carolina	104,620	(D)	(D)	1.920
Oregon	146,360	1.590	0.660	1.140
Washington	78,363	0.730	0.500	0.570
US	1,028,992	2.250	0.564	1.600

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2021 - 2023

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Utilized Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	
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2021	2.190	0.700	1.840	111,170
2022	2.180	0.730	2.010	102,858
2023	2.120	0.610	1.840	92,109

New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 2014 - 2023



New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2014 – 2023

Year	Apples 1/ - \$1,000 -	Blueberries - \$1,000 -	Peaches - \$1,000 -
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	-	70,849	36,052
2019	-	94,500	22,375
2020	-	87,630	18,240
2021	-	111,170	32,729
2022	-	102,858	17,325
2023	-	92,109	29,110

1/ Estimates discontinued in 2018.

National Rankings Cultivated Blueberries by State, 2023

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Georgia	1	21,400
Washington	2	17,700
Michigan	3	16,900
Oregon	4	13,700
New Jersey	5	10,800
North Carolina	6	9,300
California	7	7,100
Florida	8	6,100

State	Rank	Yield per Acre ^{1/} (lbs)
Oregon	1	9,400
California	2	9,040
Washington	3	7,770
North Carolina	4	5,990
Michigan	5	5,180
Georgia	6	4,750
New Jersey	7	4,660
Florida	8	3,650

1/ Yield is based on total production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Washington	1	137,370
Oregon	2	128,870
Georgia	3	99,060
Michigan	4	86,800
California	5	64,130
North Carolina	6	54,420
New Jersey	7	50,150
Florida	8	21,410

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Georgia	2	156,459
Oregon	3	146,360
Michigan	4	120,470
North Carolina	5	104,620
New Jersey	6	92,109
Washington	7	78,360
Florida	8	75,021



Year	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-1,000 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

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-1,000 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
Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-lbs-	-1,000 lbs-	-cents/lbs-	-1,000 dollars-
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
Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-lbs-	flats	-\$/lbs-	-1,000 dollars-
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	7,900	7,470	59,000	1.390	81,990
2009	8,200	6,460	53,000	1.230	65,260
2010	8,400	5,830	49,000	1.280	62,510
2011	8,600	7,210	62,000	1.530	94,700
2012	8,800	5,850	51,500	1.570	80,805
2013	10,900	5,690	62,050	1.150	71,350
2014	9,700	5,730	55,580	1.400	77,742
2015	9,700	5,050	49,030	1.370	67,064

Blueberries 2016-2023

NJ Historic Blueberries Statistics

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-lbs-	- 1,000 lbs-	-\$/lbs-	-1,000 dollars-
2016	9,300	4,730	43,990	1.350	59,390
2017	9,300	4,380	40,770	1.910	77,882
2018	9,400	5,370	49,940	1.420	70,849
2019	10,300	5,090	51,040	1.850	94,500
2020	9,800	5,350	51,880	1.690	87,630
2021	11,200	5,520	60,560	1.840	111,170
2022	10,900	4,750	51,180	2.010	102,858
2023	10,800	4,660	50,150	1.840	92,109

2024 Blueberry (Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts) to be released in May 2025

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