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Maine wild blueberry production down 26% from 2021

A special "Thank you" goes to New England producers and agri-businesses who have helped us by completing surveys via mail, Internet, telephone, or personal interviews.

HARRISBURG, PA - Utilized production in Maine for 2022 totaled 77.5 million pounds, down from 2021, according to King Whetstone, acting state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Area harvested was estimated at 19,700 acres, down 6% from the previous year. The average yield was 3,940 pounds per acre, down 1,060 pounds from the previous year. Of the total utilized production, 780 thousand pounds were for the fresh market and 76.8 million pounds were for processing. The value of the crop totaled \$55.5 million, down from the previous season, with an average annual price of 71.6 cents per pound.

Growers experienced a fair amount of rain throughout the summer. By early July, the wild blueberry crop was reported as 64% fair, 31% good, and 5% excellent. By the end of July, harvest of the crop was underway with conditions continuing to fair well.

Maine Wild Blueberries: Production and Value, 2017 – 2022

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		All Price Per Pound			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Lbs.	1,000 Lbs.				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
2017	17,000	3,980	67,800	67,650	350	67,300	2.20	0.25	0.260	17,561
2018	18,800	2,680	50,400	50,300	1,560	48,740	1.05	0.46	0.473	23,815
2019	20,500	3,800	77,900	77,670	1,250	76,420	1.19	0.48	0.491	38,170
2020	20,700	2,290	47,400	47,350	710	46,640	0.82	0.60	0.603	28,566
2021	21,000	5,000	105,000	104,900	1,050	103,850	2.30	0.75	0.766	80,303
2022	19,700	3,940	77,600	77,530	780	76,750	2.30	0.70	0.716	55,519

For the complete 'Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts' report released May 8, 2023, go to:
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