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## Maine Wild Blueberry Production Up Significantly from 2020

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**CONCORD, NH** - Utilized production in Maine for 2021 totaled 105 million pounds, up significantly from 2020, according to Pam Hird, state statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New England Field Office. Area harvested was estimated at 21,000 acres, up 1% from the previous year. The average yield was 5,000 pounds per acre, up 2,710 pounds from the previous year. Of the total utilized production, 1.05 million pounds were for the fresh market and 104 million pounds were for processing. The value of the crop totaled \$80.3 million, up significantly from the previous season, with an average annual price of 76.6 cents per pound.

Growers experienced significant precipitation during the summer. In early June, the wild blueberry crop was reported as 50% good to 50% excellent. Growers reported record yields following the previous season's drought conditions.

### Maine Wild Blueberries: Production and Value, 2016 – 2021

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
2016	23,100	4,400	101,840	101,640	380	101,260	0.79	0.27	0.272	27,679
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

For the complete 'Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts' report released May 4, 2022, go to:  
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