

WILD BLUEBERRIES

Maine's 2003 wild blueberry crop totaled 80.2 million pounds, an increase of 29 percent from the 2002 output and seven percent above 2001 production.

The price for processing berries in 2003 was expected to average 35 cents, an increase of seven cents from 2002, resulting in a total processing value of \$27.9 million.

WILD BLUEBERRIES: Production and Value, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Total Production 1,000 Lbs	All Price per Pound ^{1/} Cents	Total Value of Production ^{1/} 1,000 Dollars	Fresh Blueberries ^{2/}			Blueberries for Processing		
				Production 1,000 Lbs	Price per Pound Dollars	Value of Production 1,000 Dollars	Production 1,000 Lbs	Price per Pound Cents	Value of Production 1,000 Dollars
Maine									
1994	59,495	30	17,744	350	--	--	59,145	30	17,744
1995	65,944	32	21,004	305	--	--	65,639	32	21,004
1996	59,198	57	33,590	268	--	--	58,930	57	33,590
1997	73,816	43	31,622	276	--	--	73,540	43	31,622
1998	62,981	46	29,166	360	1.00	360	62,621	46	28,806
1999	66,102	51	33,889	300	1.10	330	65,802	51	33,559
2000	110,990	40	44,732	420	1.20	504	110,570	40	44,228
2001	75,200	31	22,945	350	1.40	490	74,850	30	22,455
2002	62,400	29	17,860	400	1.25	500	62,000	28	17,360
2003 ^{3/}	80,200	36	28,470	400	1.35	540	79,800	35	27,930

^{1/} All Price per Pound and Total Value of Production for 1994 - 1997 does not include fresh market blueberries.

^{2/} Fresh Blueberry Price per Pound and Value of Production are not available before 1998.

^{3/} Preliminary Price per Pound and Value of Production are based on expectations as of October 2003.

