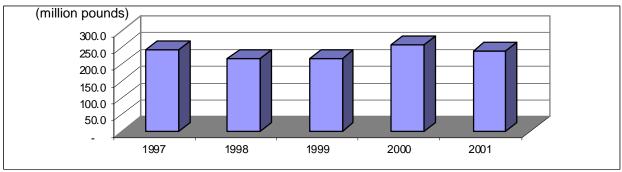
2002 BLUEBERRY MARKETING FACT SHEET

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PRODUCTION

U.S. Blueberry Production



Source: USDA/ERS

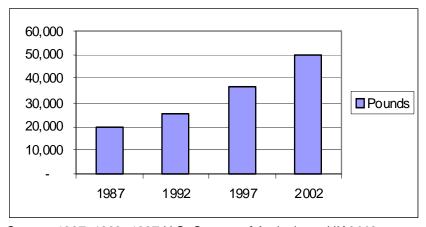
*UK estimates for 2001 based on ERS projections



Although U.S. summer blueberry packout was down 10%, utilized production did not change. Fresh blueberries continue in popularity with consumers.

Blueberries were named by *Time Magazine* as one of its "Ten Foods" That Pack a Wallop" in January, 2002. Blueberries are extremely high in antioxidants.

Kentucky Blueberry Production



Though tiny, Kentucky's fresh market blueberry acreage has been increasing steadily since 1997:

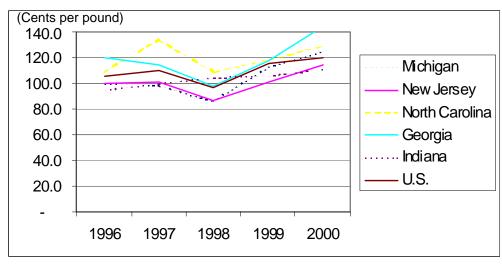
- 15 acres in 1998
- 24 acres in 1999
- 25-30 acres in 2000
- 35 acres in 2002

Source: 1987, 1992, 1997 U.S. Census of Agriculture, UK 2002

Estimates

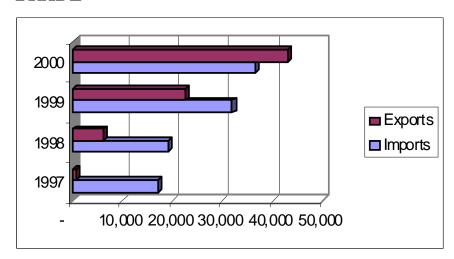
PRICES

U.S. Fresh Market Blueberry Prices



Source: USDA/ERS Fruits and Tree Nuts Situation and Outlook

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