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New Jersey Blueberry Crop

During 2012 New Jersey ranked fifth in the nation in the production of cultivated blueberries. Michigan was ranked first. New Jersey utilized 51.5 million pounds of blueberries in 2012. Harvested acres and yield were down 3 percent and 15 percent, respectfully. The area harvested, at 7,500 acres, was down 200 acres from 2011. The state average yield was 6,870 pounds per acre, compared to 8,050 pounds in 2011 and 6,530 pounds per acre in 2010.

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre (lbs.) ^{1/}	Production (1,000 lbs.)	
			Total	Utilized
2012 ^{2/}	7,500	6,870	54,000	51,500
2011	7,700	8,050	62,000	60,000
2010	7,500	6,530	49,000	49,000

^{1/}Yield is derived from utilized production.

^{2/} Forecasted.

Source: USDA - NASS

New Jersey Cranberry Crop

New Jersey cranberry producers realized a total value of utilized production of \$29.9 million in 2012, compared to \$26.0 million in 2011. Cranberry price per barrel rose in 2012 to \$54.40 per barrel, compared to \$51.00 per barrel in 2011 and \$53.70 per barrel in 2010. Growers produced on average 183.3 barrels per acre in 2012, up 13.3 barrels per acre from 2011.

New Jersey ranked third in the nation in total production of cranberries. In 2012, New Jersey cranberry production totaled 550,000 barrels, up 7.8 percent from the 2011 crop of 510,000 barrels. Harvested cranberry acreage remained unchanged from the 2011 growing season at 3,000 acres.

New Jersey Fruit and Berry Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2010-2012¹

Crop & Year	Production ²		Utilized Production		Season Avg. Price Per Unit	Va
	Total	Utilized	Fresh ³	Processed		
Apples	million lbs				cents per lb	
2010	43	42	30	12	48.0	
2011	36	35	25	10	67.2	
2012	35	34	NA	NA	83.9	
Blueberries	million lbs				\$ per lb	
2010	49	49	42	7	1.28	
2011	62	62	47	15	1.53	
2012	54	51.5	43	8.5	1.57	
Cranberries⁴	thousand barrels				\$ per barrel ⁵	
2010	562	562	—	562	53.70	
2011	510	510	—	510	51.00	
2012	550	550	—	550	54.40	
Peaches⁶	tons				\$ per ton	
2010	36,000	34,000	34,000	—	920.0	
2012	32,000	30,000	30,000	—	1220.0	
2012	30,000	30,000	30,000	—	1320.0	

¹ Preliminary.

² Difference between total production and that having utilized value is economic abandonment and/or excess cullage of mature fruit.

³ Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

⁴ Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁵ Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

⁶ Processed included in fresh utilization.

Source: USDA - NASS: Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts,



New Jersey



The four major fruit and berry crops grown in New Jersey are apples, blueberries, cranberries, and peaches. The warm weather throughout the spring prompted early blooms and fruit buds. A late frost in April, along with rainstorms and high winds in the summer months, all affected fruit development for many growers. As the season concluded cranberries had higher production, while apples, blueberries, and peaches had lower production. Value of utilized production of these crops totaled \$178.8 million, down one percent from the 2011 total of \$180.8 million

New Jersey Blueberries Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by County, 2010-2012

Year and County	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Production	Utilized Production (Bushels)	
			Utilized	Fresh ^{2/}	Processed
2010	<i>acres</i>	<i>lbs</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	<i>1,000 lbs</i>	
Atlantic	6,100	6,980	42,600	—	—
Burlington	1,000	5,300	5,300	—	—
Other Counties	400	2,750	1,100	—	—
Total	7,500	6,530	49,000	42,000	7,000
2011					
Atlantic	6,100	6,770	53,500	—	—
Burlington	1,200	5,830	7,000	—	—
Other Counties	400	3,750	1,500	—	—
Total	7,700	8,050	62,000	47,000	15,000
2012					
Atlantic	6,000	7,630	45,800	—	—
Burlington	1,100	3,730	4,100	—	—
Other Counties	400	4,000	1,600	—	—
Total	7,500	6,870	51,500	43,000	8,500

^{1/} Yield is based on utilized production.

^{2/} Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

Source: USDA - NASS

Field Crop - Production, Price & Value of Production, 2011-2012

Crop	Unit	Production		Price Per Unit		Total Value of Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
		1,000 Units		\$ dollars		\$1,000 dollars	
Corn for Grain	bushel	9,963	10,148	6.80	7.65	67,748	77,632
Hay, All	ton	226	260	151.00	161.00	34,106	41,912
Alfafa Hay	ton	64	66	176.00	200.00	11,264	13,200
Other Hay	ton	162	194	141.00	148.00	22,842	28,712
Potatoes	cwt.	342	644	NA	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans	bushel	3,268	3,666	12.10	13.80	39,543	50,591
Sweet Potatoes	cwt.	195	208	29.30	27.40	5,714	5,699
Winter Wheat	bushel	1,519	1,512	6.15	7.30	9,342	11,038

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA - NASS

Crop Values - Summary for Selected States & United States, 2012

Selected States	Field and Miscellaneous Crops	Fruits & Nuts	Commercial Vegetables
	1,000 dollars		
Delaware	369,483	NA	52,374
Maryland	993,385	19,017	41,460
New Jersey	186,872	178,865	148,533
New York	1,418,658	323,104	450,375
Pennsylvania	2,573,353	187,037	106,272
United States	187,790,391	25,851,762	12,067,897

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Values 2012 Summary, February 2013

February Farm Prices Received Index Decreases 20 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 197 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 20 points (9.2 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 20 points (8.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (1.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for lettuce, corn, broccoli, and wheat and higher prices for hogs, celery, rice, and oranges. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of cattle, milk, broilers, and hogs offset the decreased marketing of corn, soybeans, wheat, and grain sorghum.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 16 points (8.8 percent) from February 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 182, decreased 15 points (7.6 percent) from last month but increased 14 points (8.3 percent) from February 2012.

February Prices Paid Index Down 1 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 219 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is down 1 point (-0.5 percent) from January but 8 points (3.8 percent) above February 2012. Lower prices in February for complete feeds, concentrates, feeder cattle, and supplements offset higher prices for diesel, gasoline, nitrogen, and other services.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Feb 2012	Jan 2013	Feb 2013
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	6.28	6.96	6.89
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton	177.00	191.00	194.00
Alfalfa	194.00	217.00	218.00
Other	142.00	144.00	148.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	12.20	14.30	14.20
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	6.68	8.01	7.69
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ¹	0.306	0.442	0.435
Peaches, per Ton ¹	(S)	(S)	(S)
Vegetables, Fresh²			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	31.00	30.40	31.20
Lettuce, per Cwt	12.60	44.80	30.30
Tomatoes, per Cwt	30.60	34.10	33.20
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	127.00	126.00	124.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	131.00	130.00	128.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	82.00	79.10	80.90
Calves, per Cwt	184.00	168.00	168.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.530	0.610	0.610
Eggs, all, per Dozen ⁵	0.885	1.060	0.993
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁶	17.70	19.90	19.40
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.75	3.84	3.81

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, February 2013

^{1/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

^{2/} Beginning January 2006, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

^{3/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{4/} Equivalent live weight price.

^{5/} Mid-Month Price.

^{6/} Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.



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