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New Jersey Blueberry Crop

During 2011 New Jersey ranked fourth in the nation in the production of cultivated blueberries. Michigan was ranked first. New Jersey produced and utilized 62.0 million pounds of blueberries in 2011. Harvested acres and yield were up 3 percent and 23 percent, respectfully. The area harvested, at 7,700 acres, was up 200 acres from 2010. The state average yield was 8,050 pounds per acre, compared to 6,530 pounds in 2010 and 6,880 pounds per acre in 2009.

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre (lbs.) ^{1/}	Production (1,000 lbs.)	
			Total	Utilized
2011 ^{2/}	7,700	8,050	62,000	62,000
2010	7,500	6,530	49,000	49,000
2009	7,700	6,880	53,000	53,000

^{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 \$26.3 million in 2011, compared to \$30.0 million in 2010. Cranberry price per barrel declined in 2011 to \$51.60 per barrel, compared to \$53.30 per barrel in 2010 and \$54.50 per barrel in 2009. Growers produced on average 170.0 barrels per acre in 2011, down 11.3 barrels per acre from 2010.

New Jersey ranked third in the nation in total production of cranberries. In 2011, New Jersey cranberry production totaled 510,000 barrels, down 9.3 percent from the 2010 crop of 562,000 barrels. Harvested cranberry acreage also decreased from the 2010 growing season to 3,000 acres.

New Jersey Fruit and Berry Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2009-2011

Crop & Year	Production ¹		Utilized Production		Season Avg. Price Per Unit	Value of Utilized Production
	Total	Utilized	Fresh ²	Processed		
Cranberries³	<i>thousand barrels</i>				<i>\$ per barrel⁴</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
2009	555	555	—	555	54.50	30,248
2010	562	562	—	562	53.30	29,955
2011	510	510	—	510	51.60	26,316
Peaches⁵	<i>tons</i>				<i>\$ per ton</i>	<i>\$1,000</i>
2009	35,000	33,000	33,000	—	1,020.0	33,660
2010	36,000	34,000	34,000	—	920.0	31,280
2011	32,000	30,000	30,000	—	1,220.0	36,600

¹ Difference between total production and that having utilized value is economic abandonment and/or excess cullage of mature fruit.

Source: USDA - NASS: Noncitrus Fruits & Nuts, March 2012.

² Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

³ Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Process include in fresh utilization.



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The three major fruit and berry crops grown in New Jersey are blueberries, cranberries, and peaches. Mild spring temperatures and adequate moisture provided favorable growing conditions for fruit development. Pollination and bloom sets were adequate to produce a sufficient crop. Weekly spans of hot, dry weather followed by timely rains throughout the summer both impacted the 2011 fruit crops.

As the season concluded blueberries had higher production, while cranberries and peaches had lower production. Value of utilized production of these crops totaled \$157.6 million, a 27 percent increase from the 2010 total of \$123.8 million. Blueberries and peaches contributed to the increase in value.

New Jersey Blueberries Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by County, 2009-2011

Year and County	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre ^{1/}	Production		Utilized Production	
			Total	Utilized	Fresh ^{2/}	Processed
2009	acres	lbs	1,000 lbs		1,000 lbs	
Atlantic	6,100	7,640	46,600	46,600	—	—
Burlington	1,200	4,580	5,500	5,500	—	—
Other Counties	400	2,250	900	900	—	—
Total	7,700	6,880	53,000	53,000	45,000	8,000
2010						
Atlantic	6,100	6,980	42,600	42,600	—	—
Burlington	1,000	5,300	5,300	5,300	—	—
Other Counties	400	2,750	1,100	1,100	—	—
Total	7,500	6,530	49,000	49,000	42,000	7,000
2011						
Atlantic	6,100	6,770	53,500	53,500	—	—
Burlington	1,200	5,830	7,000	7,000	—	—
Other Counties	400	3,750	1,500	1,500	—	—
Total	7,700	8,050	62,000	62,000	47,000	15,000

^{1/} Yield is based on utilized production.^{2/} Includes quantities used in farm household or given away.

— means that the data is not available at the county level.

Source: USDA - NASS

Field Crop - Production, Price & Value of Production, 2010-2011

Crop	Unit	Production		Price Per Unit		Total Value of Production	
		2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
		1,000 Units		\$ dollars		\$1,000 dollars	
Corn for Grain	bushel	8,094	9,963	6.05	6.65	48,969	66,254
Hay, All	ton	203	226	123.00	139.00	24,882	31,360
Alfafa Hay	ton	58	64	144.00	166.00	8,352	10,624
Other Hay	ton	145	162	114.00	128.00	16,530	20,736
Potatoes	cwt.	391	342	12.20	(D)	4,770	(D)
Soybeans	bushel	2,208	3,182	11.70	11.70	25,834	37,229
Sweet Potatoes	cwt.	143	195	32.60	29.30	4,662	5,714
Winter Wheat	bushel	1,127	1,519	5.04	6.10	5,680	9,266

(D) Not available.

Source: USDA - NASS

Crop Values - Summary for Selected States & United States, 2011

States	Field and Miscellaneous Crops	Fruits & Nuts ^{1/}	Commercial Vegetables
	1,000 dollars		
Delaware	295,883	NA	39,564
Maryland	767,713	NA	35,004
New Jersey	149,823	NA	135,741
New York	1,131,352	NA	355,458
Pennsylvania	2,177,023	NA	78,402
United States	171,393,620	NA	12,820,275

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA - NASS: Crop Values 2011 Summary, February 2012

^{1/}

Total value of production will be released February 2013.

May Farm Prices Received Index Decreased 8 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 180 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 8 points (4.3 percent) from January. The Crop Index is down 8 points (3.8 percent) but the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.6 percent). Producers received lower prices for milk, strawberries, celery, and lettuce and higher prices for soybeans, corn, broilers, and hogs. 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 cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (5.3 percent) from February 2011. The Food Commodities Index, at 167, decreased 5 points (2.9 percent) from last month but increased 4 points (2.5 percent) from February 2011.

May Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The February Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 209 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from January and 12 points (6.1 percent) above February 2011. Higher prices in February for feeder cattle, diesel, concentrates, and gasoline offset lower prices for supplements, LP gas, potash & phosphate, and other machinery.

Average Prices Received by Farmers: United States

Item	Entire Month		Preliminary
	Feb 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012
dollars			
Field Crops			
Corn, per Bushel	5.65	6.07	6.16
Hay, All, Baled, per Ton ¹	116.00	172.00	176.00
Alfalfa ¹	129.00	192.00	198.00
Other ¹	95.80	127.00	130.00
Soybeans, per Bushel	12.70	11.90	12.30
Winter Wheat, per Bushel	7.03	6.57	6.49
Fruit, Fresh			
Apples, per Lb ²	0.280	0.354	0.354
Peaches, per Ton ²	(s)	(s)	(s)
Vegetables, Fresh³			
Corn, Sweet, per Cwt	51.80	37.30	27.20
Lettuce, per Cwt	54.40	13.40	12.40
Tomatoes, per Cwt	108.00	28.90	27.20
Livestock and Livestock Products			
Beef Cattle, all, per Cwt	108.00	125.00	126.00
Steers and Heifers, per Cwt	111.00	130.00	130.00
Cows, per Cwt ³	72.50	74.60	80.10
Calves, per Cwt	139.00	169.00	180.00
Broilers, live, per Lb ⁴	0.440	0.490	0.520
Eggs, all, per Dozen ¹	0.954	0.879	0.885
Milk, all, per Cwt ⁵	19.10	19.00	17.90
Fat Test, All Milk per %	3.79	3.81	3.76

Source: USDA-NASS: Agricultural Prices, February 2012

^{1/} Mid-Month Price

^{2/} Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, MI, NY (apples only), and WA (apples, peaches, and pears). Prices as sold for other states.

^{3/} Beginning January 2011, point of first sale. FOB shipping point for prior years.

^{4/} Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

^{5/} Equivalent live weight price.

^s Insufficient number of reports to establish a price.



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