

# The Council Letter

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## WEEKLY Highbush Blueberry Crop Report

August 28, 2019

**MICHIGAN** – *Dave Trinka*: West Michigan received one-half inch of rain earlier this week. Cool sunny conditions are in store for the remainder of the week. Growers finishing up the second pick of Elliott in the south and first pick in the north. A few Aurora also ready for harvest. The amount of hand harvest labor is decreasing and growers are considering machine harvesting at least a portion of the remaining crop. Process volumes will begin the seasonal decline as we head into the Labor Day weekend. The USDA reported Michigan has shipped 20,410,000 pounds of conventional fresh this season so far.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** - *Anju Gill*: This week we've had rain, followed by a few clear and warm days. More rain is in the forecast. SWD pressure remains high. Growers are into first pick of Aurora, Last Call and 2nd pick Elliotts. Bluecrop and Liberty nearly complete. Post harvest activities are underway in many fields. The USDA reported British Columbia has shipped 9,940,000 pounds of conventional fresh this season so far.

**WASHINGTON** – *no report avail*: The USDA reported Washington has shipped 5,670,000 pounds of conventional fresh and 11,270,000 pounds of organic fresh blueberries this season so far.

**OREGON** – *Doug Kraemer*: Here in Oregon we are in our 2nd and last day of summer. Weather will be turning back to mild and damp. Still picking late season varieties. SWD pressure is still high so growers must stay on a tight spray schedule to keep them at bay. Lots of post-harvest activities going now with an eye on next year being better. The USDA reported Oregon has shipped 34,160,000 pounds of conventional fresh and 4,200,000 pounds of organic fresh blueberries this season so far.

**INDIANA** – *Indiana's harvest is officially over*

**MISSISSIPPI/LOUISIANA** – *Mississippi/Louisiana's harvest is officially over.*

**GEORGIA** – *Georgia's harvest is officially over.*

**FLORIDA** – *Florida's harvest is officially over.*

**NORTH CAROLINA** – *North Carolina's harvest is officially over.*

**NEW JERSEY** – *New Jersey harvest is officially over.*

**CALIFORNIA** – *California's Harvest is officially over.*

The logo for the North American Blueberry Council, featuring the word "Blueberries" in a stylized, cursive blue font.

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**MEXICO** – The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 69,690,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Mexico.

**CHILE** - The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 101,690,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Chile.

**ARGENTINA** - The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 20,080,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Argentina.

**PERU** - The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 90,450,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Peru.

**URUGUAY** - The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 1,500,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Uruguay.

**GUATEMALA** - The USDA reported that the U.S. imported a total this season through August 21, 2019 of 60,000 pounds of conventional fresh from Guatemala

NABC 2019 PRELIMINARY CROP REPORT

As Of July 17, 2017

Millions of Pounds

REGION	2016 FINAL CROP REPORT 03/01/17			2017 FINAL CROP REPORT 03/09/18			2018 FINAL CROP REPORT 08/28/18			2019 PRELIMINARY CROP REPORT 07/17/19		
	Fresh	Process	Total	Fresh	Process	Total	Fresh	Process	Total	Fresh	Process	Total
<b>Highbush</b>												
<b>Western Region</b>												
British Columbia	50.0	110.0	160.0	75.0	60.0	135.0	70.0	85.0	155.0	70.0	100.0	170.0
California	38.1	19.5	57.6	51.3	10.8	62.1	52.2	11.2	63.4	50.0	11.0	61.0
Oregon	51.0	65.1	116.1	54.0	53.0	107.0	59.8	74.2	134.0	60.0	70.0	130.0
Washington	29.0	91.0	120.0	36.0	80.0	116.0	40.0	90.0	130.0	40.4	94.5	134.9
Mexico	34.1	0.9	35.0	52.0	2.0	54.0	74.0	2.0	76.0	102.0	3.0	105.0
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>202.2</b>	<b>286.5</b>	<b>488.7</b>	<b>268.3</b>	<b>205.8</b>	<b>474.1</b>	<b>296.0</b>	<b>262.4</b>	<b>558.4</b>	<b>322.4</b>	<b>278.5</b>	<b>600.9</b>
<b>Midwest Region</b>												
Illinois	1.6	0.0	1.6	1.6	0.0	1.6	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.4	0.0	1.4
Indiana	1.2	0.4	1.6	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.3	1.3	3.2	0.3	3.5
Michigan	45.0	55.0	100.0	49.0	40.0	89.0	36.5	33.0	69.5	48.0	42.0	90.0
Others 1/	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.7
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>48.8</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>42.3</b>	<b>95.6</b>
<b>Northeast Region</b>												
New Jersey	30.0	5.5	35.5	36.0	4.0	40.0	30.0	8.0	38.0	37.0	7.0	44.0
New York	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
Ontario	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	2.0
Others 2/	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>47.3</b>
<b>Southern Region</b>												
Alabama	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Arkansas	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Florida	13.0	0.5	13.5	19.8	0.0	19.8	19.8	0.0	19.8	22.7	0.0	22.7
Georgia	45.0	22.0	67.0	25.0	5.0	30.0	30.0	20.0	50.0	60.0	25.0	85.0
Louisiana	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.4
Mississippi	4.5	2.0	6.5	2.5	0.5	3.0	4.0	1.0	5.0	1.0	0.1	1.1
North Carolina	34.0	11.0	45.0	21.1	3.8	24.9	25.0	8.0	33.0	32.0	8.0	40.0
Texas	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5	0.0	1.5	2.1	0.0	2.1	1.3	0.0	1.3
Others 3/	1.3	0.0	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	1.2
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>134.9</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>81.0</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>118.9</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>152.0</b>
<b>HIGHBUSH TOTAL:</b>	<b>383.5</b>	<b>382.9</b>	<b>766.4</b>	<b>431.5</b>	<b>259.4</b>	<b>690.9</b>	<b>451.4</b>	<b>332.7</b>	<b>784.1</b>	<b>534.9</b>	<b>360.9</b>	<b>895.8</b>