Australian Horticulture Statistics Handbook 2021/22

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## Fresh Blueberries Overview

FRESH BLUEBERRIES SUPPLY CHAIN - YEAR ENDING JUNE 2022


Sources: Berries Australia (BA); ABS; AC; CFVIWA; GTA; MP \& DD (Freshlogic Analysis)

## TOTAL PRODUCTION:

RETAIL VS FOOD SERVICE:


## \$407.1M

19,608t produced and valued at $\$ \mathbf{4 0 7 . 1 M}$ with $\mathbf{9} \%$ sent to be processed.


The wholesale value of the fresh supply was $\$ 503.8 \mathrm{M}$, with $\$ 434.3 \mathrm{M}$ distributed into retail and \$69.5M into food service.

## CONSUMER METRICS

55\%
55\% of Australian households purchased blueberries, buying an average of $\mathbf{1 6 0} \mathbf{g}$ per shopping trip.

| YEAR ENDING JUNE | 2020 | 2021 |  | 2022 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Value | Value | \%Yoy | Value | \%Yoy |
| Production (t) | 20,783 | 23,452 | +13\% | 19,608 | -16\% |
| Production (\$m) | \$389.6 | \$411.2 | +6\% | \$407.1 | -1\% |
| Production area (Ha) | 1,375 | 1,375 | - | 1,375 |  |
| Fresh Export Volume (t) | 393 | 342 | -13\% | 517 | +51\% |
| Fresh Export Value (\$m) | \$8.4 | \$8.4 | <1\% | \$15.8 | +88\% |
| Fresh Import Volume (t) | 1,644 | 1,531 | -7\% | 1,230 | -20\% |
| Fresh Import Value (\$m) | \$36.0 | \$32.2 | -10\% | \$29.0 | -10\% |
| Fresh Supply (t) | 20,231 | 22,606 | +12\% | 18,621 | -18\% |
| Fresh Supply Wholesale Value (\$m) | \$497.4 | \$517.9 | +4\% | \$503.8 | -3\% |
| Supply per Capita (kg) | 0.78 | 0.88 | +12\% | 0.72 | -17\% |
| Retail Supply (t) | 17,366 | 19,572 | +13\% | 16,053 | -18\% |
| Retail Supply Wholesale Value (\$m) | \$427.0 | \$448.4 | +5\% | \$434.3 | -3\% |
| Food Service Supply (t) | 2,865 | 3,034 | +6\% | 2,568 | -15\% |
| Food Service Wholesale Value (\$m) | \$70.4 | \$69.5 | -1\% | \$69.5 | >-1\% |

## Fresh Blueberries Production

MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS

-Tasmania
Source: BA
Blueberry production is centered in the northern New South Wales region of Coffs Harbour. The majority of the production in this region occurs over the summer months A number of other blueberry production regions across Australia allow for close to year-round availability.

## PRODUCTION AREA:



PRODUCTION WINDOW:


## 2021/22 FRESH BLUEBERRIES PRODUCTION BY STATE



Source: BA


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## 2021/22 FRESH BLUEBERRIES PRODUCTION BY SYSTEM



Production of blueberries in Australia occurs in two different types of farming systems. These systems and their contribution to production are Polyhouses \& Tunnels 60\% and Conventional 40\%

2021/22 FRESH BLUEBERRIES PRODUCTION SYSTEM BY STATE

|  | Polyhouses \& Tunnels |  | Conventional |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hectares <br> $(\mathrm{Ha})$ | Volume <br> $(\mathbf{t})$ | Value <br> $(\mathbf{\$ m})$ | Hectares <br> $(\mathrm{Ha})$ | Volume <br> $(\mathbf{t})$ | Value <br> $(\mathbf{( \$ m})$ |
| New South Wales | 1259 | 10,071 | $\$ 241.9$ | - | 6.714 | $\$ 106.6$ |
| Victoria | 29 | 235 | $\$ 5.7$ | - | 157 | $\$ 2.5$ |
| Queensland | 55 | 441 | $\$ 10.6$ | - | 294 | $\$ 4.7$ |
| Western Australia | 32 | 253 | $\$ 6.1$ | - | 169 | $\$ 2.7$ |
| South Australia | 7 | 59 | $\$ 1.4$ | - | 39 | $\$ 0.6$ |
| Tasmania | 88 | 706 | $\$ 17.0$ | - | 471 | $\$ 7.5$ |
| Northern Territory | 0 | 0 | $\$-$ | - | 0 | $\$-$ |

## Fresh Blueberries International Trade

## FRESH BLUEBERRIES INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Australia has traditionally been a net importer of fresh blueberries, typically importing $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0}-1, \mathbf{7 0 0}$ tonnes per year, with the majority of this volume coming from New Zealand. For the year ending June 2022, Australia imported 1,230 tonnes. The exports and imports over the last five financial years are profiled in the graph below, where imports are counted as negative tonnes.


2021/22 FRESH BLUEBERRIES EXPORTS BY COUNTRY
 1\%

For the year ending June 2022, 55\% of exported fresh blueberries were sent to Hong Kong, as profiled in the chart above.

FRESH BLUEBERRIES IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY STATE

| Imports by State Destination (Tonnes) |  |  |  | Exports by State of Production Origin (Tonnes) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year Ending June | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Year Ending June | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| New South Wales | 840 | 835 | 587 | New South Wales | 232 | 249 | 418 |
| Western Australia | 234 | 249 | 252 | Queensland | 140 | 66 | 84 |
| Queensland | 384 | 321 | 205 | Victoria | 19 | 15 | 12 |
| Victoria | 150 | 126 | 179 | Tasmania | - | 5 | 2 |
| South Australia | 36 | - | 8 | South Australia | - | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1,644 | 1,531 | 1,230 | Other | 1 | 5 | < 0.5 |
|  |  |  |  | TOTAL | 393 | 342 | 517 |
| FRESH BLUEBERRIES IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY COUNTRY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Imports by Country (Tonnes) |  |  |  | Exports by Country (Tonnes) |  |  |  |
| Year Ending June | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Year Ending June | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| New Zealand | 1,640 | 1,507 | 1,223 | Hong Kong | 235 | 172 | 283 |
| Chile | 4 | 24 | 5 | Singapore | 70 | 107 | 190 |
| Serbia | - | - | 2 | Indonesia | 25 | 35 | 29 |
| TOTAL | 1,644 | 1,531 | 1,230 | Thailand | 36 | 24 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  | Malaysia | 13 | 3 | 4 |
|  |  |  |  | Other | 14 | 2 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | TOTAL | 393 | 342 | 517 |

