



Fun Facts about Wild Blueberries!

What is different between wild blueberries and regular blueberries? The wild blueberry is smaller, sweeter, has more intense flavor, and is less likely to burst when baking.

Where in the world do wild blueberries grow? Wild, low bush blueberries grow naturally in the northeast United States, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces of Canada, but almost all managed fields are in Maine and eastern Canada.

When can we get Maine wild blueberries? Almost all Maine wild blueberries are frozen and available all year round in grocery stores! Fresh wild blueberries are available from late July to mid-September at some local grocery stores, farmer's markets and stands.

What are the three berries native to Maine? Wild blueberries, cranberries and Concord grapes.

Are there different varieties of wild blueberries? Yes, there are thousands of varieties of wild blueberries that happen naturally with slightly different colors & flavors.

What are the best weather conditions for a large crop of wild blueberries? The ideal conditions for wild blueberries are, snow covering the whole plant during the winter; dry, frost-free sunny weather with little wind and rain during the pollination in the spring; and 1 inch of rain each week, with lots of sun from May through August.

How are bees used to pollinate wild blueberries? When the plants are in blossom in the spring, growers rent honey bee hives to place in the fields. Up to 75,000 hives have been moved to Maine wild blueberry lands to help native bees pollinate the crop in a single season.

How many wild blueberries can be produced on an acre of land? On an average, wild blueberries produce 3,000 pounds per acre of managed land, with good weather and management some growers produce from 10 – 12,000 pounds per acre.

What are the natural problems wild blueberry growers have when producing the crop? Difficult weather (like late frost, too much or too little rain, high wind during pollination and high temperatures and drought in the summer), black bears, diseases, insects, and weeds.

Where are most Maine wild blueberries sold? Maine wild blueberries are sent to markets throughout North America, Europe, and Asia.

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