



Wild Blueberry

FACT SHEET



Blueberry Enterprise Budget

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An enterprise budget can be very useful for making your blueberry enterprise profitable. Determining the production cost will help you make wise management decisions. The budget sheet below gives you the categories for your yield, price and production costs to figure income and expenses. There are two Excel budgets included which give average cost and yield figures and average cost with improved management so you can compare them. Every wild blueberry field is different, so you will need to use your own figures to develop your own budget returns.

Wild Maine Blueberry Budget
Average Cost Average Yield

Number of Acres (Crop)	10.00	
Yield (Lbs./Acre)	2,500.00	
Price/Lb. (\$)	0.40	
REVENUE/ACRE (\$)	1,000.00	
VARIABLE COSTS	\$/Acre	\$/Pound
Pruning:		
Burning	175.00	0.07
Mowing	0.00	0.00
Average Pruning	175.00	0.07
Weed Control	40.00	0.02
Fertilization	0.00	0.00
Pollination	30.00	0.01
Pest Monitoring	0.00	0.00
Insect Control	20.00	0.01
Blight Control	0.00	0.00
Harvest:		
Raking	375.00	0.15
Mechanical	0.00	0.10
Average Harvest	375.00	0.15
Packing and Marketing	0.00	0.00
Interest on Capital	42.60	0.02
Blueberry Tax	25.00	0.01
TOTAL VARIABLE COSTS	707.60	0.28
FIXED COSTS:		
Machinery & Equipment	60.10	0.02
Taxes	32.83	0.01
TOTAL FIXED COSTS	92.93	0.04
TOTAL COSTS	800.53	0.32
RETURNS ABOVE COSTS SHOWN	199.47	0.08
AVERAGE TOTAL ANNUAL RETURN TO MANAGEMENT		
(\$/FARM)	1,994.70	

Wild Maine Blueberry Budget
Average Cost Improved Yield

Number of Acres (Crop)	10.00	
Yield (Lbs./Acre)	6,000.00	
Price/Lb. (\$)	0.40	
REVENUE/ACRE (\$)	2,400.00	
VARIABLE COSTS	\$/Acre	\$/Pound
Pruning:		
Burning	0.00	0.00
Mowing	50.00	0.01
Average Pruning	50.00	0.01
Weed Control	60.00	0.01
Fertilization	25.00	0.00
Pollination	180.00	0.03
Pest Monitoring	20.00	0.00
Insect Control	20.00	0.00
Blight Control	30.00	0.01
Harvest:		
Raking	900.00	0.15
Mechanical	0.00	0.10
Average Harvest	900.00	0.15
Packing and Marketing	0.00	0.00
Interest on Capital	42.60	0.01
Blueberry Tax	60.00	0.01
TOT. VARIABLE COSTS	1,387.60	0.23
FIXED COSTS:		
Machinery & Equipment	60.10	0.01
Taxes	32.83	0.01
TOTAL FIXED COSTS	92.93	0.02
TOTAL COSTS	1,480.53	0.25
RETURNS ABOVE COSTS SHOWN	919.47	0.15
AVERAGE TOTAL ANNUAL RETURN TO MANAGEMENT		
(\$/FARM)	9,194.70	

Blueberry Enterprise Budget Worksheet

Put your own income and costs in the blanks to calculate total income and costs

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity/Acre</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Value/Acre</u>
Income			
Wholesale blueberries sold at processing plant	_____ lbs.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Sold fresh market	_____ lbs.	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Income			\$ _____
Vegetative Year			
a. Pruning			_____
b. Weed control, applied	_____ hours	_____	_____
c. Hand weed control	_____ hours	_____	_____
d. Nutrient testing	_____ hours	_____	_____
e. Fertilizer	_____ lbs.	_____	_____
Harvest Year			
a. Pollination	_____ hives	_____	_____
b. Monitoring for pests		_____	_____
c. Insect control, application	_____ lbs.	_____	_____
d. Harvest	_____ lbs.	_____	_____
Miscellaneous			
a. Interest on operating capital (5 months)	\$ _____	_____ %	_____
b. Management fee		_____ %	_____
Fixed			
a. Property taxes	\$ _____	_____	_____
b. Field & Road Upkeep	_____	_____	_____
Total Expenses		\$ _____ /lb.	\$ _____ /A

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