## Canadian blueberries TROM FARM TO FORK



In 2021, farmers reported

## **193,201 acres** of **blueberries**, the **largest fruit area** in Canada.

Wild blueberries (lowbush) accounted for 162,721 acres of the total blueberry area, reported mostly in Quebec (48%), New Brunswick (22%), and Nova Scotia (22%).

**Cultivated blueberries (highbush)** accounted for 30,480 acres of the total blueberry area, reported mostly in British Columbia (89%).





In 2021, Canada **produced 146,551 metric tonnes** of fresh blueberries.

Wild blueberries - 74,635 metric tonnes Cultivated blueberries - 71,916 metric tonnes In 2021, **1.9 kg** of fresh blueberries were available per person in Canada, an **84% increase** from **1.0 kg** in 2016.

In 2021, Canada **exported 127.7 million kg of blueberries**, valued at **\$533.5 million**.

Germany

Top 6 countries where Canada exported blueberries:

United States - 85.9 million kg
Germany - 8.1 million kg
Japan - 7.6 million kg
China - 3.8 million kg
Australia - 3.1 million kg
Belgium - 2.9 million kg

Belgium



Blueberries are native to Canada.

One cup of fresh blueberries has 80 calories and provides 14% of a person's recommended daily fibre intake and 15% of the daily intake of Vitamin C.



Blueberries are high in antioxidants and clinical studies suggest they are effective anti-cancer agents.

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