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Belfast Blueberry Cooperative's
Wild Blueberries!

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Harvest runs approximately
July 20th thru August 20th,
with fingerpicking running a
bit sooner & later.



Post-harvest weeding
continues into fall colors. The
goat in forefront is in the
marshy divider of two halves
of our field. We leave those
plants for our wild pollinators.

The members of **Belfast Blueberry Cooperative** (inc. PYO folks & animals) tend & harvest the Cattail & Sky Field on Levenseller Mt. in Lincolnville, & are helping neighbors to restore 2 other fields there.

Our blueberry crop relies wholly on wild pollinators. We foster flower/plant/tree biodiversity, to support insect biodiversity.



We use no insecticides, herbicides, nor fungicides, & spread mineral-rich tree leaves (versus conventional glyphosate-sprayed barley straw) to fuel a traditional spring burn-cycle on $\frac{1}{2}$ of the field each year, to prune & rejuvenate the blueberry “vine.”

The Cattail & Sky Field is certified as a Conservation Landscape by Waldo County Soil & Water Conservation District, due to fostering & support of biodiversity, & protection through a Maine Farmland Trust Forever Farm easement. We no longer certify as “organic.”

Deep soil, marshy stream, & eastward slope protect this oasis of berries from frosts & droughts, for a reliably sweet & plentiful crop.



We invite Community involvement. Call **338-3301**

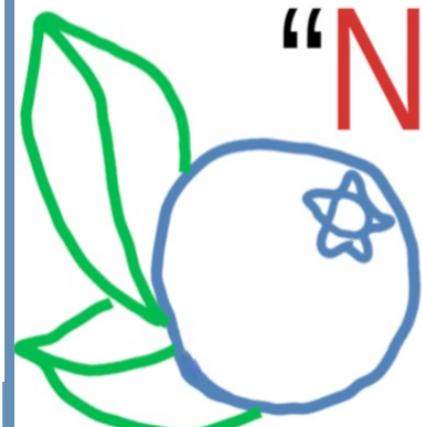
Look for our label (below) on quarts or pints of table-grade blueberries, at:

Marsh River Coop in Brooks, ME,
Fresh off the Farm in Rockport, ME, &
Thomaston Grocery in Thomaston, ME.

Thank you to these retailers, for reaching those berry eaters who cannot make it to our mountain field (or to Shana's driveway, for more affordable larger amounts)!

Belfast Blueberry Cooperative

Wild Low-bush Blueberries from the Cattail & Sky Field on Levenseller Mt.



“No Spray” since 2018. **Wild pollination!**

No insecticides, herbicides, nor fungicides.

For PYO, & field care trade, call **(207) 338-3301.**

FMI: <https://3streamsfarmbelfastme.blogspot.com/p/belfast-blueberry-cooperative.html>

Blueberry raking runs from about the last week in July thru to mid or late August. We allow pre-harvest finger-picking; please call for details.



When our vertical “OPEN” sign is hung on the large roadside sign, you may come right up to rake with us. Otherwise, please call a day ahead to rake; we will plan to meet you there.

Call ahead to order berries from our crew: (207) 338-3301 voicemail, & say your #.

PRICES:

~ PYO raking & winnowing (with crew support), 5 lb. minimum (5 lbs.= \$16): \$3.20/ lb. up to 1st 30 lbs (30 lbs.= \$96); \$3.00/lb. for additional berries over 30 lbs.

~ PYO finger-picking \$5/quart or about \$3.13/lb. You must sign in at the trail inc. phone #, & also leave voicemail.

~ Wooden Basket of “Kitchen-grade”, about 10 lbs. or 6 heaped quarts, \$38.50 (about \$6.42/qt.) plus \$8 basket deposit = \$46.50 if you keep the basket. Just berries come to about \$3.85/lb. Basket berries are carefully raked and winnowed by our crew, but not poured and picked over for stems etc. that escape the winnowing.

~ Flat of 15 Table-grade quarts or about 24 lbs. @ \$7.50/quart = \$112.50 or about \$4.60/lb, for driveway pick-up at 3 Streams Farm in Belfast.

~ Flat of 15 Table-grade quarts or about 24 lbs. @ \$8.00/quart = \$120 delivered or about \$5/lb, ONLY if you are near our store delivery route (mostly Belfast to Thomaston; sometimes Liberty and Brooks).



Actual DIRECTIONS (Googling “PYO wild blueberries” also works.)

From Rt.3/Rt.131/Lincolnville Rd. intersection in Belmont, go south on Lincolnville Rd about 4.5 miles. Just after big marked curve to the left and before the 45 mph sign, look on R for our stone pull-off and parking (the road name changes there to Greenacre Rd., at the Belmont/Lincolnville town line – the Greenacre sign may still be missing). Park; follow the green rope.

From Back Belmont Rd./Lincolnville Rd. intersection in by the Belmont Town Office, go south on Lincolnville Rd about 3 miles. Just after big marked curve to the left and before the 45 mph sign, look on R for our stone pull-off and parking (the road name changes there to Greenacre Rd., at the Belmont/Lincolnville town line – the Greenacre sign may still be missing). Park; follow the green rope.

From Rt.52/Greenacre Rd. intersection in Lincolnville, go north about 2 miles on Greenacre Rd.. Look on L for our stone pull-off and parking (at the unmarked Lincolnville/Belmont town line); if road curves sharply to left, you've just missed it. Park; follow the green rope.

You may help with Field Care & Improvement Tasks, in trade for PYO blueberry credit.

November 1st into December:

Help Connor & Shana pack leaves & spread the field!

Call (207) 338-3301 &

Leave Voicemail :)

Late March or early April:

Touch-up leaf spreading.

Dip water from streams & fill barrels for a safe burn day.

Help our crew safely burn the field (maximum 3 new helpers).

Touch up spreading/burning (or can mow) where we missed, on subsequent days.

Late May to mid-July:

Pull small birch trees, staghorn sumac, goldenrod, raspberries, blackberries & milkweed that are growing within blueberry patches (we like biodiversity elsewhere).

Brush-saw gray birch & pack into barrels as winter leaf-silage for 3 Streams Farm animals.

Plant & protect small trees of many species in bare areas, as future pollards offering food for ruminants & ourselves, shelter & shade, & soil improvement.

String perimeter fences of stainless steel wire, for happier broader weeding help from the 3 Streams Farm goats & steer.

Continue to build our log skid-road in our woodland.

Move rocks to make a level path to the lower side of our field (site of 2026 harvest).

Late July to mid-August:

Join our harvest crew!

Late August thru October:

Pull more weeds, brush-saw, protect trees, fence, improve road, maybe spread woodchips.







This is how Shana cans her own winter BB stash (see also next photo).





March 28, 2025
Burn crew
(minus Steve Byers,
who took the photo).

Thank you all !!!!



Connor &
Shana
started
spreading
the field
Nov 4th 2025.

You can
come help in
trade for
PYO
blueberry
credit, thru all
of December
2026.



We found this
snake skin angel,
when spreading leaves
in December 2023.



Soon after burning, the field sprouts up and grows greener than ever, without fruit. Toward the end of that growing season, the vine sets fruit buds for the next year's blueberry crop.

That year of growth & rest with a layer of moisture- & microbe-retentive biochar added to the soil, supports magnificent flowering & then berry production, as you can see.

So we have one half of the field to harvest each year.

Hope to see you there, in late July or early August!