U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

FRESH, CHILLED, OR FROZEN BLUEBERRIES

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by November 16, 2020

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with Inv. No. 201-TA-77, fresh, chilled, and frozen blueberries ("blueberries"), under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2252). The information requested in the questionnaire is needed to supplement data available to the Commission from other sources and is requested under the authority of section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Kyle Westmoreland (202-205-2184, Kyle.Westmoreland@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _______Address

| City | | State | Zip Code | | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Website _ | | | | | | | | |
| Has your fir since Janua | m purchased blueberries (as define ry 1, 2015? | ed on next page) f | om <u>any</u> source (domestic or fo | oreign) at any time | | | | |
| ☐ NO | NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission) | | | | | | | |
| ☐ YES | (Complete all parts of the question | nnaire, and return th | e entire questionnaire to the Con | nmission) | | | | |
| A 5000 | estionnaire via the U.S. Interna link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/ | | - | ing on the | | | | |
| knowledge and belief means of this certific information provided the Commission on the l, the undersigned, as proceeding or other personnel (a) for deversiews, and evaluat Appendix 3; or (ii) by contract personnel will furnished may be tree | cormation herein supplied in respond and understand that the information I also grant consent for the intrinsic questionnaire and through a same or similar merchandise. The control of the control of the control of the programs, purchased to the programs and control of the control of the programs appropriate nondisclosure of the purchased to the Office of the first the report that the Commission of the program is the program of the program of the purchased to the Office of the first purchased to the Commission of the program of the progr | ntion submitted is the Commission, of this proceeding of the contract personner of the Contract | subject to audit and verificate and its employees and conting in any other import-injury see to this request for informing the Commission, its employees ted proceeding, or (b) in interpretations of the Commission, solely for cybersecurity purports and that the confidential bude Representative (USTR) a | tion by the Commission. By ract personnel, to use the proceedings conducted by ration and throughout this and Offices, and contract investigations, audits including under 5 U.S.Cooses. I understand that allowsiness information that is and may be included in the contract of the contract in the contract | | | | |
| Name of Authorized C | fficial Title of Authorize | d Official | Date | | | | | |
| Signature | Phone | | Email addres | | | | | |

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background.</u>-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a request filed on September 29, 2020, by the United States Trade Representative ("USTR"). Import relief may be imposed by the President on U.S. imports of blueberries as a result of this investigation if the Commission makes an affirmative injury determination and recommends to the President that he impose relief. The President may impose relief in the form of increased duties and/or other restrictions on imports of blueberries that are the subject of an affirmative injury determination.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at: LINK

Blueberries.—The blueberries covered by this proceeding are fresh, chilled, or frozen blueberries.

- Fresh or chilled blueberries are currently imported under the following statistical reporting numbers of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS): 0810.40.0029 (cultivated blueberries, including highbush, fresh or chilled); 0810.40.0026 (certified organic blueberries, fresh or chilled); and 0810.40.0024 (wild blueberries, fresh or chilled).
- Frozen blueberries are currently imported under HTS statistical reporting numbers 0811.90.2024 (wild blueberries, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen); 0811.90.2030 (blueberries, certified organic, cultivated (including highbush), uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen); and 0811.90.2040 (blueberries, cultivated (including highbush), uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, NESOI, frozen). Before July 1, 2018, frozen blueberries imported under HTS statistical reporting numbers 0811.90.2030 and 0811.90.2040 were imported under a single HTS statistical reporting number, 0811.90.2028 (blueberries, cultivated (including highbush), uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen). For purposes of this questionnaire, frozen blueberries refers to frozen whole blueberries, and does not include frozen further processed blueberries (e.g., frozen puree).
- The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing blueberries from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes blueberries.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.-- The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 2252(i)). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

<u>Verification</u>.-- The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all of your files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.— The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other confidential business information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2252(i)) and section 206.17 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 206.17). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>--If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Christopher Couper (202-708-1440, christopher.couper@usitc.gov).

<u>D-GRIDS tool.</u>--The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macroenabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (https://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm) called the "D-GRIDs tool." Use of this tool to help your firm complete this questionnaire is *optional*. Firms opting to use the D-GRIDs tool to populate their data into this questionnaire will need the D-GRIDs specification sheet PDF file specific to this proceeding (available on the case page which is linked under the "Background" above) which includes the necessary references relating to this questionnaire, as well as the macro-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

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| | · · | <u>purchase</u> of blueberries, including er or not physically separate from) |
| | | |
| Stock symbol information stock exchange and tradir | _ | is publicly traded, please specify t |
| | firm or parent firm is represe ecify the name of the law firm | ented by external counsel in relation and the lead attorney(s). |
| Law firm: | | |
| Lead attorney(s): | | |
| No YesL | ist the following information. | Extent of ownership |
| Firm name | Address | (percent) |
| | | |
| | | |
| Related importers/export | t ers Does vour firm have any | y related firms, either domestic or |
| • | | s or which export blueberries to t |
| □ No □ YesL | ist the following information. | |
| | | |
| Firm name | Country | Affiliation |
| | Country | Affiliation |
| | Country | Affiliation |

| I-4. | Related producersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce blueberries? | | | | | | | |
|------|--|------------------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | No YesList the | following information. | | | | | | |
| | Firm name | Country | Affiliation | | | | | |
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PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information</u>.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

| Name | |
|-----------|--|
| Title | |
| Email | |
| Telephone | |
| Fax | |

II-1a. <u>Purchases and imports.--</u>Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of blueberries.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

| | Quantity (in pounds) | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| | Calendar Year | January - S | September | |
| Item | 2019 | 19 2019 20 | | |
| Purchases of <u>fresh/chilled cultivated</u> blueberries produced in— | | | | |
| United States | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | |
| Canada | | | | |
| Chile | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | |
| Peru | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | |
| All other sources: ² | | | | |
| Sources unknown ³ | | | | |
| Total purchases | 0 | 0 | (| |

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II-1a. *Continued*

| | Quantity (in pounds) | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| | Calendar Year | January - S | September | |
| Item | 2019 | 2019 2020 | | |
| Imports of fresh/chilled cultivated blueberries from | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | |
| Canada | | | | |
| Chile | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | |
| Peru | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | |
| All other countries: ² | | | | |
| Total imports ⁴ | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

¹ Identified as Australia, Colombia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Singapore and CAFTA-DR countries (i.e., Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

² Please identify these countries:

³ Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

⁴ If your firm imported blueberries at any time since January 1, 2015, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-1b. <u>Purchases and imports.--</u>Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of blueberries.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

| | Qu | Quantity (in pounds) | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | Calendar Year | January - S | September | | |
| Item | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | | |
| Purchases of <u>fresh/chilled wild</u> blueberries produced in— | | | | | |
| United States | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | |
| Canada | | | | | |
| Chile | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | | |
| All other sources: ² | | | | | |
| Sources unknown ³ | | | | | |
| Total purchases | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Imports of <u>fresh/chilled wild</u> blueberries from | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | |
| Canada | | | | | |
| Chile | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | | |
| All other countries: ² | | | | | |
| Total imports ⁴ | 0 | 0 | | | |

¹ Identified as Australia, Colombia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Singapore and CAFTA-DR countries (i.e., Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

² Please identify these countries:

³ Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

⁴ If your firm imported blueberries at any time since January 1, 2015, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-1c. <u>Purchases and imports.--</u>Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of blueberries.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

| | Quantity (in pounds) | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------|----------|--|
| | Calendar Year | January - S | eptember | |
| Item | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | |
| Purchases of frozen cultivated blueberries produced in— | | | | |
| United States | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | |
| Canada | | | | |
| Chile | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | |
| Peru | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | |
| All other sources: ² | | | | |
| Sources unknown ³ | | | | |
| Total purchases | 0 | 0 | | |
| Imports of <u>frozen cultivated</u> blueberries from | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | |
| Canada | | | | |
| Chile | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | |
| Peru | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | |
| All other countries: ² | | | | |
| Total imports ⁴ | 0 | 0 | | |

¹ Identified as Australia, Colombia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Singapore and CAFTA-DR countries (i.e., Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

² Please identify these countries:

³ Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

⁴ If your firm imported blueberries at any time since January 1, 2015, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-1d. <u>Purchases and imports.--</u>Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of blueberries.

"Purchase" – Purchase from a U.S. entity such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

"Import" – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

| | | | | Quantity (in pounds) | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| | | Calendar Year | January - S | September | | | |
| Item | | 2019 | 2019 | 2020 | | | |
| Purchases of <u>frozen wild</u> blueberries produced in— | | | | | | | |
| United States | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | | | |
| Canada | | | | | | | |
| Chile | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | | | | |
| All other sources: ² | | | | | | | |
| Sources unknown ³ | | | | | | | |
| Tota | l purchases | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Imports of frozen wild blueberries from | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | | | |
| Canada | | | | | | | |
| Chile | | | | | | | |
| Mexico | | | | | | | |
| Peru | | | | | | | |
| All other free trade agreement sources ¹ | | | | | | | |
| All other countries: ² | | | | | | | |
| Tot | tal imports ⁴ | 0 | 0 | | | | |

¹ Identified as Australia, Colombia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Panama, Singapore and CAFTA-DR countries (i.e., Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

² Please identify these countries:

³ Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:

⁴ If your firm imported blueberries at any time since January 1, 2015, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-1e. <u>Organic vs. non-organic blueberry purchases</u>--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2019 purchases of blueberries that were organic and non-organic.

| | Estimated share of o | Total (should | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|-----------------------------|
| ltem | Organic | | Non-organic | | sum to 100.0% across) |
| Fresh/chilled cultivated | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |
| Fresh/chilled wild | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |
| Frozen cultivated | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |
| Frozen wild | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |

II-1f. Re-export—Are there instances in which U.S. origin fresh blueberries were processed elsewhere into frozen blueberries before being exported back to the United States.

| No | Yes | If yes, describe and identify the countries |
|----|-----|---|
| | | |

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of blueberries from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

| Source of purchases | Did not purchase | Decreased | Increased | Constant | Fluctuated | Explanation for trend | | |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| United States— Fresh/chilled | | | | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | | | | |
| All other countries— Fresh/chilled | | | | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | | | | |
| II-3 Purchases from one country only —If your firm has purchase blueberries from only one | | | | | | | | |

| II-3. | <u>Purchases from one country only</u> .—If your firm has purchase blueberries from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so. | | | | | |
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II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for blueberries since January 1, 2015. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of blueberries that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2019.

| No. | Supplier's name | City and state (if U.S. supplier) City and country (if foreign supplier) | Share of quantity of 2019 purchases |
|-----|-----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | | | % |
| 2 | | | % |
| 3 | | | % |
| 4 | | | % |
| 5 | | | % |

Note.—Unless the questions in Parts III and IV below specifically break out types of blueberries, please explain if your answers differ for fresh and frozen, or wild and cultivated, or organic and non-organic blueberries.

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

| III-1. | Firm purchases— | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------|--|--|-------|
| a. | | rated and wild blueberries Please indicate which type of blueberry accounted for the rity of your firm's purchases in 2019 (check one): | | | | | |
| | Cultiva | ted | Wild | | | | |
| b. | | | | | ndicate which cla ases in 2019 (che | essification of blueberry eck one): | |
| | Organio | c [| Non-organic | | | | |
| III-2. | Firm type. | | n of the follow | ing best describe | es your firm as a | purchaser of blueberries (o | check |
| | Distribute handler markete or termir markete actors | s, rs, nal t f | Re- packagers, sorters, grader, reezers, and | Retailer | Other | Describe other | |
| | actors | | processors | Retailer | Other | Describe other | |
| <i>If your</i> III-3. | If your firm is a distributor of blueberries, please answer questions III-2 and III-3. Competition for salesDoes your firm compete for sales to customers with the importers from which your firm purchases blueberries? | | | | | from | |
| | No | Yes | If yes, please | describe. | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| III-4. | Types of cublueberries | | <u>rs</u> What are | the major types | of consumers to | which your firm sells | |
| | | | | | | | |

If your firm is a processor of blueberries, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-5. <u>End uses.</u>—List the top 3 products your firm makes using blueberries and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by blueberries and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

| | Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by | | | Total (should | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Product(s) your firm produces | Blueberries | | Other inputs | | sum to 100.0% across) |
| | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |
| | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |
| | % | + | % | = | 0.0 % |

| III-6. | Demand for | end use | products. |
|--------|-------------------|---------|-----------|
| 111-6. | <u>Demand for</u> | ena use | products. |

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating blueberries changed since January 1, 2015?

| Increased | No change | Decreased | Fluctuated |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | | | |

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for blueberries?

| No | Yes | Explain |
|----|-----|---------|
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|-----|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|---------|------------------------|---|
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| Ш | III-7. <u>Substitutes</u> Can other products be substituted for blueberries? | | | | | | |
| | □N | lo | YesPle | ease fill out | the tak | ole. | |
| | | F | nd use in w | hich this | | | changes in the price of this substitute fected the price for blueberries? |
| | Substitute | | substitute | | No | Yes | Explanation |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| III | State | s (if known |) for bluebe | erries has cl | nanged | since | States and outside of the United January 1, 2015. Explain any trends d these changes in demand. |
| | Market | Overall increase | No change | Overall decrease | witl | tuate h no trend | Explanation and factors |
| S | Vithin the United tates Fresh Cultivated | | | | Γ | 7 | |
| | Wild | | | | | <u> </u> | |
| | Frozen— Cultivated | | | | | | |
| | Wild | | | | | | |
| | Overall | | | | | | |
| S | Outside the United tates Fresh— Cultivated | | | | | | |
| | Wild | | | | | 7 | |

Frozen— Cultivated

Wild Overall

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|---|-----|-----|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
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III-9. <u>Importance of purchasing domestic product</u>.--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2019 purchases of blueberries that required blueberries produced in the United States.

| | Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2019 purchases of blueberries |
|---|---|
| Purchases that did not require domestic product | % |
| Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions) | % |
| Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product | % |
| Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons | |
| (explain:) | % |
| Total (should sum to 100.0%) | 0.0 % |

III-10. Conditions of competition.--

(a) Is the blueberries market subject to seasonality, business cycles, and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to blueberries?

| Check a | ıll that apply. | Please describe. |
|---------|---|--------------------------|
| | No | Skip to question III-11. |
| | Yes-Seasonality (e.g. weather and timing of harvests) | |
| | Yes-Business cycles of the general economy | |
| | Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition | |
| | Yes-Preference for organic products | |

(b) Have there been any changes in the seasonality, business cycles, or conditions of competition for blueberries since January 1, 2015?

| No | Yes | If yes, describe. |
|----|-----|-------------------|
| | | |

| III-11. | Impact of weather on blueberry | y purchasing patterns |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|

| (a) | <u>Drought impact.</u> Did drought conditions and/or wildfires impact your firm's blueberry purchasing patterns or the general market conditions for blueberries any time since January 1 2015? | | | | | | | | |
|-----|---|-----|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | No | Yes | If yes, describe | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) | Storm impactDid any hurricane and/or other large rain-related natural disasters impact you firm's blueberry purchasing patterns or the general market conditions for blueberries any tim since January 1, 2015? | | | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | If yes, describe | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) | c) <u>Freeze impact.</u> Did any weather-related freeze impact your firm's blueberry purchasing patterns or the general market conditions for blueberries any time since January 1, 2015? | | | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | If yes, describe | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

III-12. <u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.</u>—How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving blueberries based on its producer or country of origin?

| | Always | Usually | Sometimes | Never | If at least sometimes, explain. |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Dec | cision based on | produce | r |
| Your firm— Fresh/chilled | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | |
| Your customers— Fresh/chilled | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | |
| | | Decisio | n based on cou | intry of o | rigin |
| Your firm— Fresh/chilled | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | |
| Your customers— Fresh/chilled | | | | | |
| Frozen | | | | | |

III-13. **Availability of supply.**

(a) <u>Fresh/chilled</u>.—Has the availability of fresh/chilled blueberries in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?

| Availability in the U.S. market | No | Yes | Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes. |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|---|
| Changes since January 1, 2 | 2015: | l | |
| U.Sproduced product— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Imports from other countries— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Anticipated changes: | | | |
| U.Sproduced product— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Imports from other countries— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |

(b) <u>Frozen</u>.--Has the availability of frozen blueberrries in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?

| Availability in the U.S. market | No | Yes | Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes. |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----|---|
| Changes since January 1, 2 | 2015: | | |
| U.Sproduced product— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Imports from other countries— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Anticipated changes: | | | |
| U.Sproduced product— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |
| Imports from other countries— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Overall | | | |

| III-14 | Supply constraints Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply blueberries since |
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| | January 1, 2015 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," |
| | declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the |
| | quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, reduced availability |
| | because of seasonality, etc.)? |

| Item | No | Yes | If yes, please describe. |
|----------------|----|-----|--------------------------|
| Fresh/chilled— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |
| Frozen— | | | |
| Cultivated | | | |
| Wild | | | |

III-15. Availability of specific product types.—

(a) Are certain grades/types/sizes of blueberries only available from certain country sources?

| No | Yes | If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size. Examples include wild and cultivated species of blueberries and organic designation. |
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| | | |

(b) Are certain grades/types/sizes of blueberries only available at certain times of the year?

| No | Yes | If yes, please identify whether this varies by country source and describe the availability of certain grades/types/sizes of blueberries, and specify the relevant time period. Examples include wild and cultivated species of blueberries and organic designation. |
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|--------------------|---|--|---------|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| III-16. | Purchasing frequency | | | | | | | |
| | (a) | How fre | quently | does your firm | make purch | ases of bluel | perries (c | heck one)? |
| | | Daily | Weekly | Monthly | Quarterly | Annually | Other | If other, specify |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | (b) | Has this | purchas | ing frequency | changed sinc | e January 1, | 2015? | |
| | | No | Yes | If yes, please | describe. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| III-17. | | | - | ge.—Does your e re-selling to t | • | | rozen blu | eberries in |
| | | No | Yes | If yes, how lot typically held | • • • • | oetween pur | chase an | d re-sell are they |
| | | | | | | | | |
| III-18. III-19. | making | Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms | | | | | | |
| 111 13. | Supplier negotiationsDoes your firm's purchases of blueberries usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser? | | | | | | | |
| | | If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note No Yes whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| III-20. | <u>Change</u> | Change in suppliersHas your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2015? | | | | | | |
| | | No | Yes | If yes, please dropped, and | | | | rm was added or |
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| III-21. | | New suppliers or new county sourcesAre you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign domestic, or new country sources (for imports) that have entered the market since January 2015? | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | If yes, ple | ease identify the firms. | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| III-22. | | <u>Supplier qualification</u> Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell blueberries to your firm? | | | | | | |
| | • T | If yes, provide the following information. The number of days to qualify a new supplier. A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.). | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | Number of days | Process and factors | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| III-23. | attempts | Failure to certify. Since January 1, 2015, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their blueberries with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status? | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | | ease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, reasons why they failed the certification/qualification. | | | | |
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| III-24. | Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm |
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| | considers in deciding from whom to purchase blueberries (examples include availability, color, |
| | firmness, flavor, price, quality, availability of varieties, etc.). |

| F | al. |
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| Fre | isn |
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| Ple | ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions: |
| | |
| Fro | ozen |
| 1. | |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| Ple | ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions: |

III-25. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for blueberries.

| | | Fresh | | Frozen | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Factor | Very important | Somewhat important | Not important | Very important | Somewhat important | |
| Availability | | | | | | |
| Availability of varieties | | | | | | |
| Color | | | | | | |
| Delivery terms | | | | | | |
| Delivery time | | | | | | |
| Discounts offered | | | | | | |
| Firmness | | | | | | |
| Flavor | | | | | | |
| Freshness | | | | | | |
| Lack of bruising/punctures | | | | | | |
| Extension of credit | | | | | | |
| Minimum quantity requirements | | | | | | |
| Organic or non-organic | | | | | | |
| Packaging | | | | | | |
| Payment terms | | | | | | |
| Price | | | | | | |
| Product consistency | | | | | | |
| Product range | | | | | | |
| Quality meets industry standards | | | | | | |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | | | | | | |

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Always

Usually

Sometimes

Never

III-25. *Continued*.

| | Fac | tor | | Very important | Somewhat important | Not important | Very important | Somewhat important | Not important | | |
|------------|----------------------|---|----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Reliab | ility of sup | ply | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripene | ess | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shape | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelf life | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Textur | -e | | | | | | | | | | |
| Techn | ical suppo | rt/service | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. tr | ansportat | ion costs | | | | | | | | | |
| | • | | rganic p | • | thods and/or a January 1, 201 | • | tomer prefe | erence betw | een | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| III-27. | characte | <u>Seasonal characteristics.</u> Does the seasonality of the blueberries market have an impact on the characteristics (such as flavor, price, quality, ripeness, etc.) of the blueberries available in the United States based on the time of the year? | | | | | | | | | |
| | No | If yes, please explain the seasonal differences between U.Sproduced blueberries and imported blueberries and report the months when these differences occur. | | | | | | | | | |
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| III-28. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| III-29. | Frequence is offered | - | | - | How often d | oes your firm | purchase th | ne blueberrie | es that | | |

III-30. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a) Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of blueberries instead of U.S.-produced blueberries when U.S.-produced blueberries have been available?

| | Yes | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----|
| Item | (also respond to parts (b) and (c)) | No |
| Fresh/chilled— | | |
| Cultivated | | |
| Fresh/chilled— | | |
| Wild | | |
| Frozen— | | |
| Cultivated | | |
| Frozen— | | |
| Wild | | |

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

| Item | Yes | No |
|----------------|-----|----|
| Fresh/chilled— | | |
| Cultivated | | |
| Fresh/chilled— | | |
| Wild | | |
| Frozen— | | |
| Cultivated | | |
| Frozen— | | |
| Wild | | |

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

| ltem | Yes | If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in pounds) | No | If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product |
|------------------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Fresh/chilled— Cultivated | | | | |
| Fresh/chilled— Wild | | | | |
| Frozen— Cultivated | | | | |
| Frozen— Wild | | | | |

III-31. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell blueberries to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced blueberries in order to compete with lower-priced imports of blueberries from the subject countries?

| Item | Yes (also respond to question part (b)) | No | Don't know |
|------------------------------|---|----|------------|
| Fresh/chilled— Cultivated | | | |
| Fresh/chilled— Wild | | | |
| Frozen— Cultivated | | | |
| Frozen— Wild | | | |

(b) If your firm responded "yes", please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

| Item | Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent) | Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| Fresh/chilled— Cultivated | % | |
| Fresh/chilled— Wild | % | |
| Frozen— Cultivated | % | |
| Frozen— Wild | % | |

| III-32. | Effect of safeguard. —Please describe the likely effect of an imposition of safeguard relief from imports of blueberries on your firm's purchases. |
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PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

| Туре | No | Yes | If no, please explain. |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Fresh | | | |
| Frozen | | | |
| ransport | ation net | twork, pr | Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, roduct range, technical support, etc.) between blueberries produced other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the |
| Туре | No | Yes | If yes, please explain. |
| Fresh | | | |
| | | | |
| Frozen | oreferen | CesDo | you or your customers ever specifically order blueberries from one |
| Country p | | | you or your customers ever specifically order blueberries from one other possible sources of supply? If yes, identify the countries and explain any preferences. |
| Country p | particu | lar over o | other possible sources of supply? |
| Country p country ir Type | particu | lar over o | other possible sources of supply? |
| Country production of the country in Type Fresh Frozen Choice of although | No product a compa | Yes not base rable pro | other possible sources of supply? |
| Country production of the country in Type Fresh Frozen Choice of although | No product a compa plain you | Yes not base rable prour reason | If yes, identify the countries and explain any preferences. ed on priceIf you purchased blueberries from one country source oduct was available from another country source at a lower price, |
| Country production of the country in Type Fresh Frozen Choice of although blease expenses | No product a compa plain you | Yes not base rable prour reason | If yes, identify the countries and explain any preferences. ed on priceIf you purchased blueberries from one country source oduct was available from another country source at a lower price, as for doing so (please specify by country). |

If you are unfamiliar with the particular product type (i.e. fresh or frozen), please leave the boxes for those product type comparisons blank.

| | <u>U</u> compare | blueberrie nited State d to impor plueberries | es ted fresh | <u>U</u> compa | n blueberries from United States pared to imported izen blueberries | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|--|----------|
| Factor | Superior | Comparable | Inferior | Superior | Comparable | Inferior |
| Availability | | | | | | |
| Availability of varieties | | | | | | |
| Color | | | | | | |
| Delivery terms | | | | | | |
| Delivery time | | | | | | |
| Discounts offered | | | | | | |
| Firmness | | | | | | |
| Flavor | | | | | | |
| Freshness | | | | | | |
| Lack of bruising/punctures | | | | | | |
| Extension of credit | | | | | | |
| Minimum quantity requirements | | | | | | |

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| | Fresh blueberries from <u>United States</u> compared to imported fresh blueberries | | Frozen blueberries from <u>United States</u> compared to imported frozen blueberries | | | |
|--|--|--------------|--|--------------|------------|-------------|
| Factor | Superior | Comparable | Inferior | Superior | Comparable | Inferior |
| Organic or non-organic | | | | | | |
| Packaging | | | | | | |
| Payment terms | | | | | | |
| Price | | | | | | |
| Product consistency | | | | | | |
| Product range | | | | | | |
| Quality meets industry standards | | | | | | |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | | | | | | |
| Reliability of supply | | | | | | |
| Ripeness | | | | | | |
| Shape | | | | | | |
| Shelf life | | | | | | |
| Texture | | | | | | |
| Technical support/service | | | | | | |
| U.S. transportation costs ¹ | | | | | | |
| U.S. transportation costs ¹ ¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transpo | ortation cos | ts indicates | that the firs | t country ge | e | nerally has |

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

| V-1. | Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. |
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V-2. <u>OMB statistics.</u>--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

| Hours | Dollars |
|-------|---------|
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The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

PART VI.—COMPARABILITY OF FRESH VS. FROZEN

VI-1. Comparability of fresh/chilled blueberries to frozen/processed blueberries.--For each of the following, indicate whether fresh/chilled blueberries and frozen/processed blueberries are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

F: fully comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them;

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

0: no familiarity with products.

Note.--This product comparison question is being asked in multiple questionnaire types (U.S. producers' and U.S. importers' questionnaires). If your firm is completing more than one of these questionnaire types in relation to this proceeding, please respond to the alternative product comparisons question in only <u>one questionnaire type</u>. In general, your firm should make these comparisons in the questionnaire type that is most relevant to your firm's role in the market.

(a) **Physical properties**.--The differences and similarities in the physical properties.

| Product-pair | Comparison | Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>physical properties</i> : |
|---|------------|---|
| Fresh/chilled blueberries vs frozen/processed blueberries | | |

(b) <u>Manufacturing process</u>.—Comparability of where and how the products are made (e.g., in a separate facility, using certain machines, and labor skills).

| Product-pair | Comparison | Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their manufacturing process: |
|---|------------|---|
| Fresh/chilled blueberries vs frozen/processed blueberries | | |

(c) <u>Uses</u>.--Comparability on the products' uses.

| Product-pair | Comparison | Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>uses</u> : |
|---|------------|--|
| Fresh/chilled blueberries vs frozen/processed blueberries | | |

(d) <u>Channels of distribution</u>.—Comparability of the marketing channels through which the products are sold.

| Product-pair | Comparison | Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their marketing channels: |
|--|------------|--|
| Fresh/chilled blueberries vs frozen/processed blueberries | | |

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at: LINK

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: BLUE

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to Kyle.Westmoreland@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

If your firm does not purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.— If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 206.17). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 206.17). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.