

enough stock for the initial planting of 15 acres. From this small beginning, the industry has grown to its present level of 3000 planted acres, with about one third in partial to full production. Since most of the acreage is centered around Alma in Bacon County, this area has become known as Georgia's Blueberry Capital.

Tifblue and Climax are the primary varieties cultivated by

commercial growers because they are best suited for mechanical harvesting. However, some other varieties, such as Britewell and Delite, also are grown.

Although commercial blueberry production had a slow start in Georgia, the industry has experienced rapid growth which is expected to continue in years to come.

