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**Maine's Largest and Oldest Blueberry Producer
Combines Tradition with Energy-Efficient Technology**

AUGUSTA, ME, August 2006 - It's wild blueberry harvest season in Maine, and in Washington County, Jasper Wyman & Sons -- the largest U. S. supplier of wild blueberries -- is working around the clock to process this year's crop.

Wyman's has been in the blueberry business for more than 130 years. During that time, the company has had to integrate time-honored traditions with modern day technology. Wyman's recently modernized one of its very large refrigeration systems to increase its capacity and efficiency. "We try to keep abreast of current trends and use resources wisely," says Bob Stanley, Director of Engineering, "That's the name of the game."

"We need every bit of refrigeration we can get at this time of year," says Stanley. Instead of running at full capacity year round, Starting in September, the refrigeration system will automatically power down and use only 1/3 of the electricity load during the off season. The equipment upgrade is expected to lower the company's electricity usage by 269,807-kilowatt hours annually, which translates to an estimated cost savings of \$40,471 per year.

Wyman's has also upgraded the lighting in its 80,000 square-foot production facility in Cherryfield. The more efficient lighting is expected to lower their electricity usage by 120,000 kilowatt hours annually, or \$17,800 per year.

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In addition to reducing costs, Wyman's energy improvements will benefit the environment, because power plants burn less fossil fuels when less electricity is used. The electricity saved from these two projects equates to reductions of 288 tons of carbon dioxide, 1.6 tons of sulfur dioxide, and 1.16 tons of nitrous oxide.

Wyman's investment in efficient technology was made possible in part using cash incentives provided by Efficiency Maine's Business Program, a program of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Efficiency Maine is a statewide effort to promote the more efficient use of electricity, helping large and small Maine businesses to reduce energy costs while improving their work environment. More information on Efficiency Maine is available by calling toll free 1-866-376-2463 or by visiting the website at www.energymaine.com.

Wyman's is a privately owned corporation that has been in business since 1874. The company's main product is wild blueberries which grow naturally on over 7,000 acres of land. The blueberries are frozen and canned in Wyman's facilities and are sold to industrial and foodservice companies as well as under Wyman's own brand at retail. Wyman's has also partnered with companies to provide frozen raspberries, blackberries, boysenberries, cultivated blueberries, and strawberries.

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