

# Grab a boost of blue

## 2025 IMPORTS FROM CHILE



Highlights of the Economic Impact  
of Imported Blueberries from Chile  
on the United States Economy

### About the Study

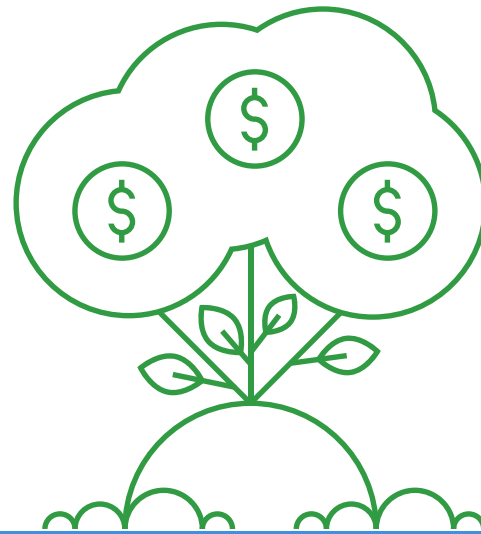
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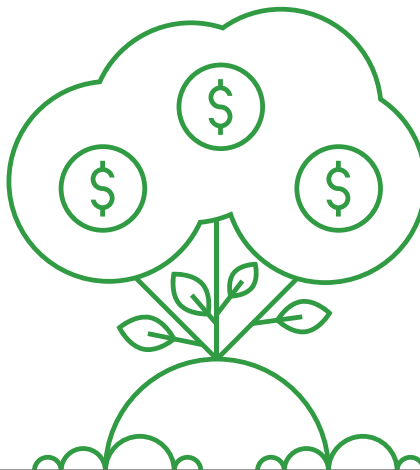


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