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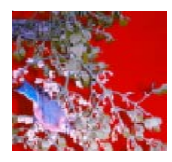
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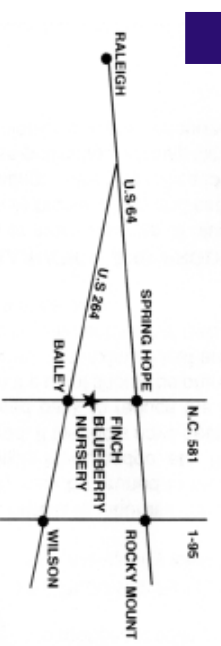
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# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PLANTING BLUEBERRIES



**LIGHT:** Blueberries will grow in full shade (under mature thick trees) to full sun. In full shade, the internodes will be more elongated, and fruit production will be less due to lack of light required for photosynthesis. Crop load is relative to light availability, with maximum production achieved in full sun.

**SITE & SOIL PREPARATION:** Because blueberries have a shallow root system, only the top 6"–12" of soil needs to be prepared. If you have been successful growing azaleas or rhododendrons, prepare the soil the same way. Do you want to grow blueberries for commercial production as your first priority, or do you want to produce a hedge or plant in a specific location and produce berries as a second priority? If your goal is to produce maximum fruit (commercial production), then site selection is most critical and you should seek expert advice from a nursery or horticulturist. The area you choose should be well-drained. Blueberries will not tolerate tight soils, muck or standing water. Remember, blueberries are shallow rooted and the growing medium may be mounded, therefore it is possible to place plants in normally wet areas if properly prepared. With the plant site determined, place a minimum of 1/2 bushel of compost material on top. Peat moss is ideal, but any good compost such as leaves, bark or sawdust will suffice. This material must be composted and must have been subject to decomposition. Work mulch into the top 8 inches of soil within a 2–3 foot diameter for each plant.

**SPACING & PLANTING:** Spacing can be decided before or after site selection, depending upon the particular situation. Spacing within a row may average from 3–6 feet, dependent upon personal preference. Three feet will give a high density planting and form a hedge quickly, 5–6 feet is the average distance between plants. Plants can also be grouped, separated as singles or planted within almost any landscape configuration.

### COMMONLY USED STATISTICS FOR COMMERCIAL PLANTING

#### Plant Spacing:

5 feet by 10 feet = 870 plants per acre

4 feet by 10 feet = 1090 plants per acre

3 feet by 10 feet = 1450 plants per acre

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not let the roots dry out, freeze or be exposed to ultraviolet light (sunlight will kill the small fibrous roots) during this process. Roots should be kept wrapped or covered with a damp covering until planted.

Place the plant in the center of the prepared area and fan the roots out in all directions. While holding the plant trunk upright, rake 3–4 inches of soil mixture back over the roots and step on to pack. Wet the soil sufficiently as desired relative to conditions.

**PH REQUIREMENTS:** There is a myth that blueberries are acid-loving plants. They are not acid-loving, but due to certain inabilities and requirements, they need an acid medium for growth. Blueberries grow well in a pH of about 4.5–5.5. Compost pH levels are usually low and since compost will make up a majority of your growing medium, the root zone will most likely be in this range. Top mulching and leaf fall will also help keep the pH at a sufficiently low level. The roots of the blueberry plant will seek out and grow in the composted medium and mulched area, thereby staying within the desired pH area.

**WATER:** The root zone area should always be kept moist, relative to many factors: rainfall, drainage, water table level, size of plant, fruit load, humidity, mulching, time of year, etc. In the majority of situations, it is recommended that blueberries be irrigated, but whatever the situation, keep root zone moist (not dry, not soggy).

**PRUNING:** Blueberries can be pruned based on personal preference. They may be pruned to maintain a low bush or tree form, single or multiple stem, hedge, or etc. There are a few times when pruning is required. If the roots have been damaged, the top of the plant should be pruned back to reduce the load. If maximum production is desired, then the plant should be pruned out to allow more light penetration and shaped to maximize leaf area, but not exceed picking height. It is also recommended that new plantings be pruned free of fruit buds, for the first season. The best time to prune blueberry plants is as soon as they finish bearing fruit.

**POLLINATION & PRODUCTION:** It is recommended that two or more varieties of blueberries be planted together to assure higher yields and better quality fruit. For commercial plantings, other specifications may be followed. Whereas cross-pollination will help increase production, the actual yield will also be partially dependent upon size and vigor of the plant.

### PLANT HARDINESS ZONES:

Hardiness Zone 1: below -50°

Hardiness Zone 2: -50° to -40°

Hardiness Zone 3: -40° to -30°

Hardiness Zone 4: -30° to -20°

Hardiness Zone 5: -20° to -10°

Hardiness Zone 6: -10° to 0°

Hardiness Zone 7: 0° to 10°

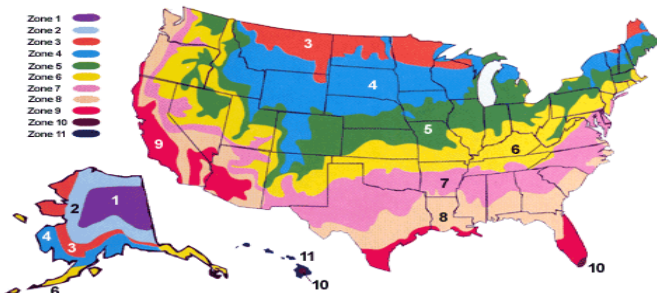
Hardiness Zone 8: 10° to 20°

Hardiness Zone 9: 20° to 30°

Hardiness Zone 10: 30° to 40°

Hardiness zone maps are only a general indication of the areas in which plants are hardy. They may grow well in warmer zones, but not produce a suitable quantity of fruit, and the same is possible for colder zones. Micro zones may exist within a zone relative to elevation, northern and southern exposure, air, drainage, etc. Therefore, use the zones only as a general indicator and rely more upon knowledge of blueberries that are growing in the area and horticultural recommendations.

### USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map



## RABBITEYE TYPE

## ZONE 6–9

<b>ALICEBLUE</b>	Early ripening with medium blue fruit. Tall and spreading plant growth. Variety that does well in lower southern area.
<b>BALDWIN</b>	Plants are vigorous and upright. Berries are dark blue and medium size with small dry stem scars. Fruit ripens mid to late season. Try this cultivar to extend the harvest season.
<b>BECKYBLUE</b>	Early ripening with medium to large fruit that is light blue in color, taste is sweet. Plant has tall spreading growth. Variety that produces in high and low winter-chilling.
<b>BLUEBELLE</b>	Large dark berries recommended for home planting, growth habit is upright. Berries have excellent flavor extending over a relatively long period of time.
<b>BRIGHTWELL</b>	Early to mid-season ripening, medium-large berry, has sweet flavor and light blue color. Growth is upright and vigorous. A consistent producer.
<b>CENTURION</b>	Mid to late season ripening. Medium to large good quality fruit, darker in color than most rabbiteye. Plants are generally upright, easy to manage.
<b>CLIMAX</b>	Early ripening, produces medium-size berries with sweet flavor. Plants are upright with intense green foliage. One of the very best for harvesting.
<b>COLUMBUS</b>	Early to mid-season, good yields, excellent fruit size, good color, needs a pollinator.
<b>DELITE</b>	Upright growing plant lacking density of foliage. Berries are medium to large and slightly dark. Quality good, ripening in mid-season. Fruit has fine texture and excellent taste.
<b>GARDENBLUE</b>	This rabbiteye is a vigorous grower and produces fine flavored fruit. Fruits are light blue and medium size. Quality is good. Ripening early to mid season.
<b>IRA</b>	Self fertile, vigorous upright growth, medium size light blue fruit, mid-season to late.
<b>MONTGOMERY</b>	Early-mid season, moderately vigorous semi-upright growth, light blue midsize fruit.
<b>ON SLOW</b>	Self fertile, mid-late season, vigorous, semi-upright large fruit.
<b>POWDERBLUE</b>	Late-season ripening, highly productive with medium to large sweet fruit, darker in color. Upright plant with good foliage.
<b>PREMIER</b>	Early to mid-season, large fruit. Excellent flavor, light blue in color and good quality. Plants are upright with good foliage. Highly productive.
<b>SOUTHLAND</b>	Fruit size medium to large and good quality. The season of ripening is mid to late with good quality through the whole season. Plant growth is compact and upright with dense foliage.
<b>TIFBLUE</b>	Plants are upright and vigorous growers. Berries are medium to large, light blue and of good quality. Mid-season in ripening. For fall leaf color Tifblue rates as the best ornamental.
<b>YADKIN</b>	Self-fertile, semi-upright moderately vigorous growth, mid-season, mid to large fruit with good color.

## SOUTHERN Highbush TYPE

## ZONE 6–10

<b>ARLEN</b>	Self fertile, late season, upright vigorous growth.
<b>BEAUFORT</b>	Mid to late season. Good flavor. Medium size berries.
<b>BLADEN</b>	Fruit is light blue, medium size. Early season. Vigorous upright growth.
<b>BLUERIDGE</b>	Early mid-season. Large fruit, firm, light blue color. Bushes very vigorous, upright and productive.
<b>CAPE FEAR</b>	Early ripening, large firm fruit, light blue color. Vigorous, spreading, semi-upright bush.
<b>CARTERET</b>	Self-fertile. Early to mid-season. Excellent fruit flavor and yield.
<b>CRAVEN</b>	Early mid-season. Excellent yields, good color, dry picking scar, good flavor, needs pollinator.
<b>GEORGIAGEM</b>	Early ripening. Moderately vigorous, grows upright. Produces consistent good yields. Berries have good color and firmness, very good flavor.
<b>GULFOAST</b>	Early. Color, flavor and firmness are good; superior fruit quality. Bush size and growing qualities are comparable to Cooper.
<b>LEGACY</b>	Mid-late season, good fruit size and quality, upright growth, mid to large light blue fruit.
<b>LENOIR</b>	Medium size fruit, good color and firmness, good flavor, needs pollinator.
<b>MISTY</b>	Early season. Very large, light blue fruit. Good ornamental.
<b>NEW HANOVER</b>	Self-fertile. Early ripening. Medium to large fruit.
<b>PAMLICO</b>	Good size fruit, excellent yields, good flavor, needs pollinator.
<b>ONEAL</b>	Very early ripening, large fruit, medium blue color. Firm, good flavor. Vigorous, upright.
<b>REVELLE</b>	Firm, light blue, medium-size fruit. Very early ripening.
<b>ROBERSON</b>	Vigorous Upright Growth. Early ripening fruit with excellent flavor.
<b>SHARPBLUE</b>	Early. Fruit is large, dark blue, good flavor. Plant grows upright, good ornamental.
<b>SUMMIT</b>	Mid late-season, great fruit color and flavor, semi-upright and moderately vigorous growth pattern.

## NORTHERN Highbush TYPE

## ZONE 3–7

<b>BERKLEY</b>	Large, firm, light blue fruit. Ripens mid-season.
<b>BLUECHIP</b>	Mid-season. Large, firm berry. Vigorous, upright bush with open, medium-large clusters. Ornamental.
<b>BLUECROP</b>	Early mid-season. Large, firm berry, good flavor. Loose fruit cluster. Upright, vigorous, productive bush. Hardy, drought resistant.
<b>BLUEJAY</b>	Early to mid-season. Medium to large, firm fruit. Vigorous, upright growth.
<b>BLUERAY</b>	Early mid-season. Large, firm, sweet berry. Large tight clusters. Upright, spreading, vigorous, productive ornamental.
<b>BOUNTY</b>	Early mid-season. Very large fruit, light blue with excellent firmness and flavor.
<b>CROATAN</b>	Early. Medium to large berries, medium-firm berry. Loose fruit cluster. Vigorous, productive, spreading bush.
<b>DUKE</b>	Early ripening. Medium to large berries, good color and firmness. Upright, vigorous, with consistent high yields. Good ornamental.
<b>ECHOTA</b>	Self fertile, mid-late season, light blue high quality fruit, excellent shelf life (very consistent in production), vigorous upright growth.
<b>ELLIOTT</b>	Late season. Small to medium, firm, light blue fruit. Good ornamental, upright growth.
<b>JERSEY</b>	Late. Medium to large berry, firm, good taste. Long loose clusters. Hardy, productive, upright, vigorous, fast-growing ornamental.
<b>NORTHLAND</b>	Early season. Fruit is small and firm. Good ornamental with low spreading growth.
<b>PATRIOT</b>	Early season with large, firm fruit. Good ornamental, upright bush.
<b>PENDER</b>	Mid season, self fertile, excellent fruit color and flavor, has tendencies to be drought tolerant, semi-upright growth, midsize fruit.