



# BLUEBERRIES

*Blueberries are divided into 3 classes by fruit ripening time:*

**Early Season:** Fruit ripens in early to mid June

**Mid Season:** Fruit ripens in mid July

**Late Season:** Fruit ripens from July into August

**PLANTING:** Plant 3 feet apart for a hedge, 4 - 5 feet for shrubs. Plant 2 varieties for pollination. Strip flower buds when planting to encourage plant growth.

**CULTURE:** Well-drained soil is essential. Full to partial sun and acidic soil. Blueberries will also grow well in raised beds. Because of shallow roots, water frequently. Blueberries require one inch of rainfall per week and two inches when flowering. Add four to six inches of mulch around the base of each plant. Maintain this mulch layer every one to two years.

**FERTILIZING:** Two applications of a balanced fertilizer for acid loving plants. Apply the first dose in early spring when the buds begin to swell. One month later apply the second dose. Use one ounce of fertilizer for each plant (increase by one ounce each successive year).

**POLLINATION:** High bush blueberries (the majority of the varieties here) are self fertile, but they will produce better and more reliable crops with another variety for pollination. Choose two or three varieties in the same or adjacent columns to ensure pollination and to extend the fruiting season.

## VARIETY BLOOM TIME

EARLY	MID	MID	LATE
BLUETTA	BLUECROP	NORTHCOUNTRY	BERKELEY
DUKE	BLUERAY	NORTHLAND	BRIGITTA
EARLIBLUE	BLUEJAY	NORTHSKY	CHANDLER
NORTHLAND	BRUNSWICK	RUBEL	COVILLE
PATRIOT	HARDYBLUE	SUNSHINE BLUE	DARROW
SPARTAN	HERBERT	TOP HAT	ELLIOT
SUNRISE	IVANHOE	TORO	JERSEY
	NORTHBLUE		LEGACY

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