

Blueberry recommendations

Specific recommendations - Southern Michigan

The varieties most acceptable for mechanical harvesting and processed uses on a commercial scale are: Bluecrop, Bluejay, Duke, Elliott, Jersey, Little Giant, Nelson, Patriot, Rubel and Spartan. Varieties best suited for fresh packing and shipping include Bluecrop, Bluejay, Blueray, Duke, Elliott, Nelson, Spartan, and Toro. Varieties adequate for “U-Pick” marketing are: Berkeley, Bluecrop, Bluejay, Blueray, Burlington, Collins, Coville, Duke, Elliott, Jersey, Lateblue, Nelson, Northland, Patriot, Rubel, Spartan and Toro.

Specific recommendations - Northern Michigan

Choose varieties with sufficient hardiness. For processed uses, consider highbush Blueray, Jersey, Northland and Patriot, and half-high Northblue and Chippewa. Suitable varieties for fresh fruit sales are highbush Blueray, Bluetta and Patriot, and half-high Northblue and Chippewa.