Postharvest rots
Various fungi

Post-harvest rots caused by various fungi can result in serious losses in stored blueberries.

**Symptoms.** Berries become covered with fungal growth and/or spores, and may become soft or leaky.

![Various fungal pathogens on blueberries](image)

**Disease cycle.** Most of these fungi attack only ripe or overripe fruit and are rarely seen in the field. They can spread from infected to healthy berries upon contact.

**Management.** Harvest in a timely manner; handle berries dry; rapidly cool fruit after harvest; apply fungicides before harvest.