

# Blueberry Management Guide

Variety: Aurora

Planting/Site Selection	Can tolerate a wider variety of soil conditions than Duke
Young Plant/Establishment Needs	Plant has a bushy growth habit especially when young Plant responds favourable to high tunnelling Slow starter
Appearance/Plant Habit	More vigorous than Duke Bushy
Pruning/Maintenance	Can require detailed pruning to reduce twiggy growth Important to maintain a good balance of first and second-year wood
Fertilization	Moderately-high Nitrogen requirement
Pollination	Requires similar number of bee hives/acre as Duke.
Frost Susceptibility	
Soil Moisture Tolerance	
Disease/ Insect Susceptibility	Increased susceptibility to SWD because of late season harvest
Trellising	Trellising is recommended for food safety

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Machine/Hand Harvest	Hand-harvest for fresh market
Yield/Timing	Late season, starts same time as Elliott but goes longer High yield potential Without tunnels, late fruit may not ripen, depending on year
Market	Intended for fresh market
Berry Flavour	Better than Elliott
Fruit Size	Medium- Large
Firmness	Moderately firm
Shelf life	Maintains fruit quality better than Elliott (less splitting and shrivelling)
Colour	Dark blue
Scar Quality	Small scar
Other Comments	Benefits from high tunnels for vigour and fruit ripening