

Blueberry Management Guide

Variety: Cargo

Many of the following observations were made in Oregon, and results may vary in response to the Fraser Valley's unique climatic conditions. Therefore, all statements are tentative in nature, based on evaluations over a limited timeframe, and should not be considered an endorsement for extensive planting of this trial variety in the Fraser Valley

Planting/Site Selection	Insufficient data at this time
Young Plant/Establishment Needs	Thin new growth down to a single upright per whip and remove "forks" to prevent overcropping. Doesn't produce many basal whips, so requires hard pruning to stimulate growth from the bottom. Critical to remove flowers in the first two years
Appearance/Plant Habit	Very upright and vigorous with a narrow crown Vegetative growth may lag behind flowering Holds onto leaves into the winter
Pruning/Maintenance	Requires heavy pruning to maintain vigour and fruit size Easy to overcrop due to a high number of floral buds per cane and high number of fruit per cluster Aggressive pruning in early years is critical
Fertilization	Insufficient data at this time
Pollination	Exhibits genetic floral abnormalities (missing, additional or malformed petals etc.), but these are likely not cause for concern
Frost Susceptibility	Unknown - proceed with caution as long-term adaptation has not been evaluated

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Excessive Soil Moisture Tolerance	Insufficient data at this time
Disease/ Insect Susceptibility	Very susceptible to Blueberry Shock Virus
Trellising	Trellising is recommended in order to support plants with fruit load
Machine/Hand Harvest	Narrow crown and upright growth habit should facilitate management for machine harvest, but also likely hand harvests well
Yield/Timing	Higher yield potential than Draper reported in Oregon Likely mid to late-season, but timing has not been confirmed in the Fraser Valley
Market	Likely suitable for fresh or processed markets and may IQF well
Berry Flavour	Good but mild flavour
Fruit Size	Medium to large, uniform fruit size when pruned sufficiently
Firmness	Firm

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Shelf life	Likely will maintain firmness and flavour in storage for fresh markets
Colour	Light blue
Scar Quality	Insufficient data at this time
Other Comments	This is a half-sibling of 'Last Call' (sharing 'Ozarkblue') Recommended for trial only