

Blueberry Management Guide

Variety: Elliott

Planting/Site Selection	Relative to other varieties is tolerant to a wider range of soil types and conditions
Young Plant/Establishment Needs	Plant has a bushy growth habit especially when young Critical to remove flowers for first 2 years
Appearance/Plant Habit	Upright, dense center Tendency to have twiggly growth
Pruning/Maintenance	Requires heavy pruning to prevent over production due to high number of fruit buds and flowers per bud More productive on 1-2 year wood
Fertilization	Moderate N requirements
Pollination	Easy
Frost Susceptibility	Low susceptibility because of late flowering
Excessive Moisture Tolerance	Medium tolerance to wet roots
Disease/ Insect Susceptibility	Not very susceptible Susceptible to blueberry scorch and shock viruses
Trellising	Trellising is recommended if machine harvesting and for food safety

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Machine/Hand Harvest	Usually hand harvest for fresh but can be machined (for process) if necessary
Yield/Timing	Late season, good yield
Market	Fresh
Berry Flavour	Tart especially if picked too early or if cool ripening conditions
Fruit Size	Medium
Firmness	Moderate to soft especially in heat Prone to shrivelling , especially in heat
Shelf life	Good shelf life when harvested in good condition
Colour	Light blue
Scar Quality	Small dry scar
Other Comments	Particularly prone to splitting