

Blueberry Management Guide

Variety: Reka

Planting/Site Selection	More tolerant of challenging soil conditions than other varieties
Young Plant/Establishment Needs	Important to remove flower buds in first two years Keep 4-6 best canes and remove smaller sucker canes in early years to establish plant structure
Appearance/Plant Habit	Upright, vigorous Produces a lot of suckers
Pruning/Maintenance	Excessive basal growth requires pruning to the ground or below the surface (don't leave stumps) Above ground growth needs vigorous pruning to avoid twigginess and overproduction
Fertilization	N management is very important in relation to plant vigour
Pollination	Easy
Frost Susceptibility	Vegetative buds more susceptible to frost injury
Excessive Moisture Tolerance	More tolerant than Duke
Disease/ Insect Susceptibility	Prone to anthracnose
Trellising	Trellising recommended

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Machine/Hand Harvest	Primarily machine harvested
Yield/Timing	Early-mid season Moderate to high yielding 3-4 picks
Market	Process
Berry Flavour	Good flavour
Fruit Size	Medium
Firmness	Medium
Shelf life	
Colour	Medium blue, loses bloom with handling Often has a white ring around the scar
Scar Quality	Small
Other Comments	Tendency for fruit to have red backs if overproduced or if excessive N