

Small Fruit Cultivars for N.H. Home Gardens

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The cultivars listed in this publication are recommended for home gardens in New Hampshire. A list of nurseries from which these varieties may be purchased has been included at the end of this publication.

These cultivars are selected on the basis of fruit yield, quality and adaptation to particular uses such as canning or freezing. Winter hardiness, disease and insect resistance or susceptibility and adaptation to a wide range of soil conditions are other important factors considered in the selection process.

Most cultivars listed in this guide may be grown almost anywhere in New Hampshire if careful attention is given to site selection. Proper site characteristics for each fruit are discussed in detail in separate information guides available from your local County Cooperative Extension office. Cultivars not adapted to all areas of the State have been so noted.

STRAWBERRIES:

- Earliglow** - Resistant to Red Stele and Verticillium Wilt. Early fruiting. Excellent fruit quality.
- Cavendish** - Excellent fruit quality. Resistant to Red Stele and Verticillium
- Redchief** - Very disease resistant. Early to mid-season fruiting. Good fruit quality.
- Kent** - Fruits large and flavorful. Very productive. Lacks soil-bone disease resistance.
- Guardian** - Very disease resistant plants. Mid-season fruiting. Fair to good fruit quality. Good for freezing.
- Sparkle** - Good disease resistance. Plants are vigorous and fruit in late season. Excellent fruit quality.

Day Neutral Types (fruit from early summer until first frost in autumn)

- Tribute** - Good disease resistance. Productive and vigorous. Good fruit quality.
- Tristar** - Good disease resistance. Produces few runner plants. Good fruit quality.

BLUEBERRIES:

Highbush Types - These cultivars should be generally hardy throughout the southern half of N.H.

- Patriot** - Large fruit. High productivity. Very hardy, excellent flavor.
- Blueray** - Large fruit. High productivity. Excellent fruit size and flavor.
- Bluecrop** - Large, powder blue, firm berries. Moderate productivity. Will not tolerate wet soils.
- Jersey** - Medium to large fruit. Good quality, late summer berry.

Highbush/Lowbush Types - These cultivars should be hardy throughout the state including *Coos County*. They will perform best when snow cover is good. In addition to fruit production, these cultivars are well adapted for ornamental use.

- Northland** - Medium sized fruit. Very hardy. High productivity. 5 ft. tall.
- North Country** - Medium sized fruit. Moderate productivity. Very hardy (to -35°F). Sweet. 2 ft. tall.
- Northblue** - Large fruit. Moderate productivity. Very hardy (to -35°). 2 1/2 ft. Good quality.
- St. Cloud** - Large, Fruit; Protective. Very hardy. 4 ft tall.
- Friendship** - Med - Small Fruit; productive. Very Hardy. 2 ft. tall.

BRAMBLES:

RED RASPBERRIES (summer fruiting).

Boyne - Large crops of medium-sized, dark red berries with good flavor. Hardy throughout the State. Berry freezes well.

Kilarney - Large, bright red fruit of good flavor. Canes short, very hardy.

Latham - Virogous and very hardy. Fruits are small, crumbly, and only fair in flavor.

RED RASPBERRIES (fall fruiting) -

Augustred - UNH introduction. Fruits are medium-sized, soft, and of fair flavor. Earliest fruiting fall bearing type, especially adapted to short growing season areas in northern counties.

Fallred - UNH introduction. Fruits are medium-sized, soft and flavor is good. Will ripen fall crop in extreme southern N.H. only.

YELLOW RASPBERRIES (fall fruiting) -

Fall Gold - UNH introduction. Fruits medium-sized, yellow with pink blush, soft, very flavorful. Southern N.H. only.

PURPLE RASPBERRIES (summer fruiting) -

Royalty - Vigorous plant, hardy only on warmer sites in southern N.H. Fruit is large, reddish-purple, and of good flavor.

Success - UNH introduction. Moderately vigorous plants. The hardiest purple raspberry (-20°F). Flavor is excellent.

BLACK RASPBERRIES (summer fruiting) -

Jewel - Plants vigorous, productive. Fruit glossy, firm, flavorful. Hardy on good sites in extreme southern N.H. only.

BLACKBERRIES (throny) -

Darrow - Hardy to 0 to -5°F - not a reliable producer even on warmer sites in Southern N.H. Heavy yields of large fruit of excellent flavor.

Illini Hardy - New blackberry for trial may be hardy to -20°F.

GRAPES:

Seedless Table Types (Most seedless grapes are not hardy except in southern New Hampshire on sites where winter temperatures do not fall below -10 to -15°F).

Canadice - Red, excellent fruit quality. Hardy to -15 to -25°.

Reliance - Red seedless with excellent fruit flavor. May be as hardy as Canadice.

Concord Seedless - As hardy as Canadice. Blue seedless grape with good fruit quality.

SEEDED TABLE TYPES -

Valiant - Blue seeded grape that ripens early. Good fruit quality. Hardy in Northern N.H.

Edelweiss - White seeded type. Flavor excellent. Hardy in Southern N.H.

Delaware - Red seeded type. Excellent for dessert, wine, and juice. Will ripen crop on frost-free sites in extreme southern N.H. only.

LIST OF NURSERIES

Ahrens Nursery, RR 1, Huntingburg, IN 47542

Allen's Nursery, Salisbury, MD 21801

Calkin's Blueberry Farm, Bradford Rd., Newport, NH 03773

Foster Nursery Co., Inc., Fredonia, NY 14063

Kelly Brothers Nurseries, Inc., Dansville, NY 14437

J.E. Miller Nursery, Canadaigua, NY 14424
North Star Nursery, 1 Rte. 13, Williamstown, NY 13493

Nourse Farms, Inc., Strawberry Nursery, RFD, So. Deerfield, MA 01373

Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchards Co., Louisiana, MO 63353

Steinbecks Blueberries, Rt. 1, Box 88, W. Hill Rd., Troy, NH 03465

Whistling Wings Farm, 421 West St., Biddeford, ME 04005