



# Raspberry & Blackberry Varieties for New Hampshire Growers

This fact sheet was developed to help growers select among the many raspberry and blackberry varieties available. Growers in Northern areas should prioritize winter hardiness. We have indicated varieties that have been used widely for commercial plantings in New Hampshire, those that should be grown on a trial basis, and those best suited for home production. Information is not available for all varieties, particularly newer releases. Remember that flavor and preferences vary, and for any new planting, multiple varieties should be selected to increase the likelihood of success in your specific location.

		Hardiness Flavor		Harvest Time		PROS	CONS	
Variety								
RED RASPBERRIES		Algonquin	3	H	M/L	yields, large fruit, firm	not hardy	
		<b>a</b> Boyne	5	F	E	very hardy, good yields	fair flavor, dark and soft fruit	
		Canby	3	E	M	nearly thornless, flavor	not hardy	
		<b>b</b> Encore	5	VG	L	good quality, large fruit		
		K81-6	4	-	L	large, firm fruit	history of winterkill in NH	
		<b>a</b> Killarney	5	VG	E	flavor, very hardy	suscept. to mildew, anthracnose	
		Latham	5	F	M	very hardy, vigorous plants	crumbly, fair flavor	
		Lauren	3	G	-	large fruit, good quality	not hardy	
		<b>a</b> Nova	5	G	M	few thorns, hardy	acidic fruits	
		<b>b</b> Prelude	5	G	VE	very early crop, very hardy		
		Taylor	4	E	L	excellent flavor, color, firm	disease suscept., semi-hardy	
		Titan	3	F	M/L		disease suscept., semi-hardy	
	FALL - REDS		Polana	F	F	E	early ripening, productive	misshapen fruit, fair flavor
			<b>c</b> Fall Red	F	VG	E	flavor, good for short seasons	soft fruit, spiny
		<b>a</b> Autumn Britten	F	VG	E/M	high quality fruit		
		Redwing	F	G	M/L	large, earlier than Heritage	soft fruit, not vigorous	
		<b>a</b> Caroline	F	G	M/L	vigorous plants, productive	rough-shaped fruit	
		<b>a</b> Heritage	F	G	VL	high yields, good flavor	late, need long season	
		<b>b</b> Prelude	F	G	L	late crop on first year canes		
	<b>a</b> Autumn Bliss	F	E	E	flavor, early fruiting, productive			

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RASPBERRIES - OTHER	YELLOW	a Anne	F	E	VL		brittle canes, very late	
		c Fall Gold	F	VG	M/L	vigorous, flavor		soft, poor for freezing
		Kiwigold	F	G	VL			very late
		Goldie	F	-	VL			very late
		Golden Harvest	F	-	-			
	PURPLE	Brandywine	3	G	L	excellent for jam		tart fruit, crown gall suscept.
		b Royalty	3	VG	L	excellent flavor, productive		soft fruit, crown gall suscept.
		a Success	4	G	M/L	hardest purple, yields		not vigorous
	BLACK	a Jewel	3	VG	M	disease resistant, flavor		
		MacBlack		G	-			
		Haute	2	VG	E	productive, flavor		may not be hardy
		Black Knight	F	-	-	can be pruned for fall fruiting		
		Bristol	2	VG	E			may not be hardy
		Allen	2	F	E/M	attractive fruit		only moderately hardy
		b Black Hawk	3	VG	-	relatively hardy		
BLACKBERRIES	a Illini	4	VG	-	moderately hardy			
	a Darrow	3	VG	-	moderately hardy			
	b Prime Jm	F	F	VL	primocane-fruiting		fair flavor	
	b Prime Jan	F	F	VL	primocane-fruiting		fair flavor	
	b Chester	1	G	L	quality fruit, vigorous		hard to pick, not hardy	
	b Triple Crown	1	VG	M/L	quality fruit, vigorous		need winter protection	

- a Suitable for commercial growers
- b Suitable for trial
- c Suitable for home gardeners

**Hardiness** (1-5, low-high)  
**Harvest** (E-early, M-mid, L-late, VL-very late)  
**Flavor** (1-5, weak-excellent), -, data not available

Information has been compiled from many sources including Cooperative Extension publications and specialists' expertise, research studies, and nurseries. For more information, please contact your local UNH Cooperative Extension Educator.

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