



Blueberry Varieties for New Hampshire

This list was developed to help New Hampshire growers select among the many cultivated blueberry varieties available. Growers in Northern areas should prioritize winter hardiness. 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 site. Information has been compiled from many sources including Cooperative Extension specialists, research studies, and nurseries. For more information, please refer to 'Growing Highbush Blueberries in New Hampshire'.

Variety		Hardiness	Resistant to:	Susceptible to:	DESCRIPTION	
EARLY		Bluetta	MH	M,P	-	Early, hardy; small dark berries with good flavor, large scar
	c	Duke	MH	M	-	Productive, attractive firm fruit, moderate flavor and vigor
		Earliblue	MH	-	M,P	Early, upright growth, moderate flavor and productivity
	t	Hannah's Choice	-	-	-	New release (untested), good flavor, moderate yields
EARLY-MID		Bluejay	MH	M	-	Quality fruit, nice landscape plant, fair productivity
	c	Blueray	H	-	B,M	Hardy, productive, large fruits, good flavor, spreading habit
		Meader	H	-	-	New Hampshire variety, good flavor and quality
	c	Patriot	VH	RR	-	Early, productive, good flavor
	c	Reka	MH	-	-	Tolerant of wetter ground, new release (untested)
		Spartan	H	M	-	Nice fall foliage, large, firm flavorful fruit, needs X-pollination
MID-SEASON	c	Bluecrop	H	M	-	Good yields, quality, adaptation; needs excellent drainage
		Bluegold	H	-	M	High quality fruit, twiggy growth, mummyberry-susceptible
		Cara's Choice	-	-	-	High quality fruit, low to moderate vigor, moderate yields
	c	Chandler	MH	-	-	Long harvest window (suited for PYO)
		Herbert	H	-	-	High quality fruit, inconsistent in colder sites
		Little Giant	H	-	-	Very small fruit with high anthocyanin levels, lowbush flavor
	c	Nelson	H	-	-	Very productive, high quality fruit
		Rubel	H	F	M	Hardy, small dark fruit like lowbush, moderate yields
		Sierra	MH	-	M	Productive, large firm fruit, less hardy
		Toro	MH	-	-	Upright, thick canes, productive, large fruit

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MID-LATE	c Berkeley	L	-	M	Productive, large firm fruit, only moderately hardy, large scar
	Bonus	H	-	-	Huge fruit, new release (untested)
	Brigitta	MH	-	-	Productive, large fruit, only moderately hardy, lower yields
	Coville	L	M,F	-	Large, tart fruit, moderate yields
	Elizabeth	MH	-	-	Fair quality, hardiness and productivity
	c Jersey	H	M	-	Very productive, good flavor, moderate shelf life
	Legacy	MH	-	-	High quality fruit, moderate hardiness, slow to produce
LATE	t Aurora	-	-	-	Good flavor, needs cross-pollination, very late
	c Elliot	H	M,P	-	Productive, large firm fruit, tart flavor
	Lateblue	H	M	-	May ripen too late in colder sites
	t Liberty	-	-	-	Firm attractive fruit, good flavor, needs cross-pollination
Half-High Varieties (highbush x lowbush)					
EARLY-MID	c Northblue	VH	-	M	Productive
	c Northcountry	VH	-	-	Hardy, medium-small fruit and short bush
	c Northland	VH	-	G,M	Hardy, productive, shrubby bush, soft fruit, Gibbera blight
	Polaris	VH	-	-	Productivity only fair
	St. Cloud	VH	-	-	Requires cross-pollination
MID	Chippewa	VH	-	-	Productivity only fair
	Friendship	VH	-	-	Productivity only fair, hardy, fair quality fruit
	Northsky	VH	M	-	Productivity only fair, hardy, medium-small fruit, short bush

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