Small Fruit Cultivars for New Hampshire Gardens

The cultivars listed in this publication are recommended for home gardens in New Hampshire. A partial 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. Cultivars not adapted to all areas of the State have been so noted.

Strawberries

*June-Bearing (fruit once, in mid-June through early July)*

- **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-borne 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 NH.

- **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.
- **St. Cloud** Large fruit; productive. Very hardy. 4 ft. tall.
- **Friendship** Medium-small fruit; productive. Very hardy. 2 ft. tall.

Brambles

**Red Raspberries (summer fruiting)**

- **Boyne** Large crops of medium-sized, dark red berries. Good flavor. Hardy throughout NH.
- **Kilarney** Large, bright red fruit of good flavor. Canes short, very hardy.
- **Latham** Vigorous 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 NH only.

**Yellow Raspberries (fall fruiting)**

- **Fall Gold** UNH introduction. Fruits medium-sized, yellow with pink blush, soft, very flavorful. Southern NH only.
**Purple Raspberries (summer fruiting)**

*Royalty*  Vigorous plant, hardy only on warmer sites in southern NH. Fruit is large, reddish-purple, 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 NH only.

**Blackberries (thorny)**

*Darrow*  Hardy to 0 to -5°F. Not a reliable producer even on warmer sites in Southern NH. 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°F.

*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 NH.

*Edelweiss*  White-seeded type. Flavor excellent. Hardy in southern NH.

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

Anderson Farms
290 Route 1, Edgecomb, Maine 04556
Phone: 866-648-2831 or 207-882-6200

DeGrandchamps Farms
76241 14th Ave, South Haven, MI 49090
Phone: 888-483-7431 or 269-637-3915
http://www.degrandchamps.com

Fall Creek Farm & Nursery, Inc.
39318 Jasper Lowell Rd., Lowell, OR 97452
Phone: 541-937-2973
http://www.fallcreeknursery.com/

Fedco Trees
PO Box 520, Waterville, ME 04903
Phone: 207-873-7333
http://www.fedcoseeds.com/trees.htm

Hartmann’s Plant Company
P.O.Box 100, Lacota, MI 49063
Phone: 269-253-4281
http://www.hartmannsplantcompany.com

Indiana Berry and Plant Company
5218 W. 500 S., Huntingburg, IN 47542
Phone: 800-295-2226
http://www.inberry.com/

Miller Nurseries
5060 West Lake Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424
Phone: 800-836-9630
http://www.millernurseries.com

Nourse Farms, Inc.
41 River Road, South Deerfield, MA 01373
Phone: 413-665-2658
http://www.noursefarms.com

Stark Bro’s Nurseries & Orchards Co.
P.O. Box 1800, Louisiana, MO 63353
Phone: 800-325-4180
http://www.starkbros.com

St. Lawrence Nurseries
325 State Highway 345, Potsdam, NY 13676
Phone: 315-265-6739
http://www.sln.potsdam.ny.us/

Weeks Berry Nursery
6494 Windsor Island Road, Keizer, OR 97303
Phone: 503-393-8112
http://www.weeksberry.com

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