

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower

Aurora



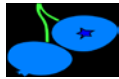

Aurora - The latest ripening new release from Michigan State University, offering northern growers an opportunity to extend the fresh fruit season. Our observations here in Oregon find Aurora to have an extremely high yield capacity. The berries ripen over three to four pickings and average in size about 25% larger than Elliott with a slightly darker color. Aurora seems to be more resistant to cracking than most varieties. The postharvest problems that can plague Elliott do not seem to be apparent with Aurora. Aurora berries can be tart and must be harvested when fully ripe. Early reports indicate that the flavor is superior to Elliott. In controlled atmosphere storage studies, Aurora stored slightly longer than Elliott. We recommend Aurora for growers where a cold hardy, hand harvest berry is desired to extend the fresh market harvest season. Fall Creek™ is the exclusive licensed nursery for states west of the Mississippi River and Canadian provinces excluding British Columbia. Zone 4-7



Planting Instructions: Highbush

Start with selecting a sunny location in well drained soil free of weeds and well worked. Locate in an area where irrigation water is available as best results will be obtained by keeping the root zone moist throughout the growing season. Where the soil is poor or marginally drained, raised beds 3-4 feet wide and 8-12" high work very well for blueberries. Blueberries can be planted as close as 2-1/2 feet apart to form solid hedgerows or spaced up to 6 feet apart and grown as individual specimens. If planted in rows, allow 8-10 feet between the rows depending on equipment used for mowing or cultivating.

Mulching - Blueberries do best with a 2-4" mulch over the roots to conserve moisture, prevent weeds and add organic matter. Bark mulch, sawdust, grass clippings, etc. all work well. Repeat every other year.

Variety	Zone	Season	Size	Classification	Exposure	Flavor	Spacing
Aurora	4-7 	 Very Late	 Large	Northern Highbush	Full Sun 	Fresh, Tangy	4-6 Feet

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