

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower Bluecrop


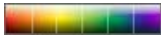
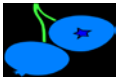

Bluecrop - Introduced in 1952. Highbush; midseason. Standards of excellence. Bluecrop is a leading commercial variety. Medium to large, open clusters of large, firm, crack resistant, light blue fruit. High quality fruit with good subacid flavor. Bluecrop is good for fresh eating, preserves, baking and freezing. Vigorous, upright growth, will reach 4 - 6 feet at maturity. Slender light red canes. Tends to overbear unless properly pruned. Bluecrop will grow well in most areas. Zones 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
Bluecrop	4-7 	 Mid July	 Large	Northern Highbush	Full Sun 	Sweet	4-6 Feet

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