

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower Draper



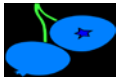

Draper - An early mid-season cultivar, is highly productive with outstanding fresh market quality berries. Draper's machine harvest characteristics include exceptional firmness, concentrated ripening, and easy release of ripe fruit from loose clusters that bear fruit on a strong, small stature bush. The berries have excellent post-harvest color retention and superior shelf life. We believe that Draper may be a cultivar that can be consistently harvested mechanically and shipped fresh. Draper is recommended for both fresh and process growers desiring an improved machine harvested mid-season variety. Fall Creek™ is the exclusive licensed nursery for states west of the Mississippi River and Canadian provinces excluding British Columbia.



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
Draper	5-7 	 Early/ Midseason	 Large	Northern Highbush	Full Sun 	Sweet	6 Feet

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