

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower Northcountry


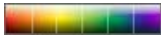
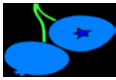

Northcountry - Introduced from the University of Minnesota. Medium size sky blue fruit with little or no picking scar. Mild and sweet wild blueberry flavor. Good quality. Tough and vigorous plants will grow 18 - 24 inches tall and 30 - 40 inches wide. Yields 2 - 7 pounds per plant. Production is best when snow protection is adequate. Ripens about 5 days before Northblue. Recommended for commercial use. Hardy to -35 degrees F. Zones 3-7



Planting Instructions: Halfhigh

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 3-4 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 |
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| Northcountry | 3-7  |  ↑ Mid July |  Medium | Halfhigh | Full Sun  | Classic Wild Flavor | 3-4 Feet |

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