

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower Southmoon



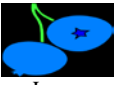

Southmoon - is one of the earlier Florida releases that is performing well in the West in suitable sites with adequate pruning. In Florida's exacting climate, mortality has been a problem, but this has not been an issue in California when planted in suitable soils. Southmoon's berries are some of the prettiest we have ever seen, and the eating quality supports their appearance. The berries ripen about 14 days after Star, with peak harvest after Memorial Day in California. We recommend Southmoon for limited commercial plantings, particularly in lighter sandy soil. Chilling requirement is listed at 500 hours. Fall Creek™ is licensed to sell Southmoon throughout the United States and is the exclusive licensed nursery in the western states.



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
Southmoon	6-9 	 Late May-June ↑	 Large	Southern Highbush	Full Sun 	Robust Flavor	6 Feet

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