

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower Spartan


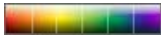
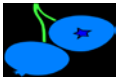

Spartan - Early. Spartan features one of the most attractive and best flavored berries of any cultivar. It is light blue, very large (often covering a quarter) with a delicious tangy sweet flavor. It is an easy to pick upright bush reaching 5-6 feet at maturity. The large glossy green leaves turn orange and yellow in the fall. Spartan can be particular about soil type requiring well-drained sandy loam with lots of organic matter. Zones 5-7.



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
Spartan	5-7 	 ↑ Early Season	 Very Large	Northern Highbush	Full Sun 	Tangy, Sweet	6 Feet

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