



# SEEDS to SUCCESS

THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

**Table 1. RECOMMENDED BLUEBERRY VARIETIES FOR LOUISIANA**

Image	Variety Name	Description	Mature Plant Size (feet)	Harvest Time	Chilling Requirement
<b>Rabbiteye</b>					
<i>Early Season</i>					
	Austin	Large-sized blueberry; firm and flavorful; easy to pick clusters; productive; moderately vigorous plants; good shelf life	10-15' tall 8-10' wide	Early June	450-550 hours
	Alapaha	Medium-sized, dark blue berry; firm and flavorful; good shelf life; productive and vigorous plants; frost resistant	6-10' tall 6-8' wide	Late May- early June	450-500 hours

	Brightwell	Medium-sized, deep blue berry; flavorful; vigorous and upright plants	6-10' tall 6-8' wide	Early June	350-400 hours
	Climax	Medium-sized, dark blue berry; flavorful; upright open plants; concentrated ripening; heat tolerant	6-8' tall 5-6' wide	Early June	400-450 hours
	Premier	Large-sized, light blue berry; firm and flavorful; good shelf life; very productive and vigorous plants; disease-resistant; upright form	6-8' tall 6-8' wide	Late May-early June	500-550 hours
	Titan	Giant-sized, dark blue berry; firm and flavorful; very sweet	6-8' tall 4-8' wide	May-June	440-500 hours

	Vernon	Large-sized, medium blue berry; firm and sweet; vigorous and very productive plants; resistant to freeze damage	6-8' tall 5-10' wide	May	450-550 hours
	Woodard	Large-sized, medium-dark blue berry; flavorful; softer fruit; upright form	5-6' tall 5-6' wide	Late May- early June	300-350 hours
<i>Mid-Season</i>					
	Bluebelle	Medium-sized, medium blue berry; very flavorful	6-8' tall 6-10' wide	June	450-500 hours

	<p>Chaucer</p>	<p>Medium-sized, light blue berry; vigorous and spreading habit; very productive; susceptible to late frosts; shorter shelf life</p>	<p>6-8' tall 5-10' wide</p>	<p>June</p>	<p>350-450</p>
	<p>Columbus</p>	<p>Large blueberry; very sweet and flavorful; productive and vigorous plants; resists rain-related fruit cracking</p>	<p>6-7' tall 3-4' wide</p>	<p>Late June- July</p>	<p>600 hours</p>
	<p>Powder Blue</p>	<p>Medium-sized, powder blue berry; firm and flavorful; productive and vigorous plant with heavy foliage; disease resistant; resists rain-related fruit cracking</p>	<p>6-8' tall 6-10' wide</p>	<p>Late June- July</p>	<p>550-650 hours</p>

	Tifblue	Large-sized, light blue berry; sweet and firm; vigorous and adapted plant; ripe fruit stores for several days on plant; most productive variety; cold hardy; self-fertile	6-8' tall 6-10' wide	Late June- July	550-650 hours
<i>Late Season</i>					
	Baldwin	Medium-large-sized, dark blue berry; firm and flavorful; vigorous and upright habit; productive	5-8' tall 5-10' wide	June-July	450-500 hours
	Centurion	Medium-sized, medium-dark blue berry; flavorful; vigorous and upright habit; frost resistant	6-8' tall 6-8' wide	June-July	550-650 hours

	Delite	Medium-large-sized, light blue berry; firm and flavorful	6-8' tall 6-10' wide	June-July	500 hours
	DeSoto	Large-sized, deep blue berry; sweet and flavorful; compact habit	5' tall 4' wide	Late June- early August	600-650 hours
	Ochlockonee	Medium-large blueberries; firm and flavorful; productive and vigorous plants; resistant to frost and fruit cracking; upright growth habit	6-8' tall 6-10' wide	July	550-650 hours
<b>Southern Highbush</b>					
<i>Early Season</i>					
	Biloxi	Medium-sized, light blue berry; very flavorful and firm; productive and vigorous; upright and spreading growth habit; Misty is recommended as pollinator	5-6' tall 3-4' wide	Late April	100-200 hours

	Misty	Large-sized, sky blue berry; sweet and firm; very productive; vigorous and upright growth habit; tolerates humidity and aridity; Biloxi is recommended as pollinator	6-8' tall 6-8' wide	Late April	200-300 hours
	O'Neal	Large-sized, medium blue berry; high quality, sweet and flavorful; upright and spreading growth habit; self-pollinating	6-8' tall 6-8' wide	Late April- early May	400-500 hours
	Rebel	Large-sized, light blue berry; neutral flavor and firm; productive and vigorous; susceptible to frost	5-6' tall 3-4' wide	Late April	400-450 hours
IMAGE NOT AVAILABLE	Southmoon	Large-sized, sky blue berry; flavorful and adaptable; very productive and vigorous; Misty is recommended as pollinator	4-6' tall 4-6' wide	Early May	400-500 hours
	Star	Large-sized, dark blue berry; flavorful and firm; good shelf life; concentrated ripening period; resistant to Phytophthora root rot and stem blight; Southmoon is recommended as pollinator	6-8' tall 4-8' wide	Late April- early May	300-500 hours
<i>Mid-Season</i>					
	Camellia	Large-sized, sky blue berry; very flavorful and tropical-tasting; very productive; self-pollinating	5-6' tall 3-4' wide	May	500 hours

	<p>Jubilee</p>	<p>Medium-sized blueberry; flavorful and firm; productive and vigorous; upright growth habit</p>	<p>6-8' tall 6-8' wide</p>	<p>May</p>	<p>500-600 hours</p>
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*Notes: Table varieties selected from recommendations from LSU AgCenter, Mississippi State University Extension, and University of Georgia Extension. Variety descriptions and images compiled from Plant Me Green by Simpson Nurseries, Wilson Bros Gardens, Backyard Berry Plants, and Just Fruits and Exotics.*

*Other recommended blueberry varieties for Louisiana include:  
 Rabbiteye: Briteblue, Choice, Montgomery, Onslow, Prince  
 Southern Highbush: Magnolia, Ozarkblue, Palmetto, Santa Fe, Summit, Suziblue*