

• Blueberry Varieties for Southeast Texas

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Type	Name	Chill	Berry Size	Taste	Season	Prod.	Vigor	Disease	Notes
HB	Sunshine Blue	150	Med	Good	Early			little	Ph tolerant
HB	Sapphire	150	Med		Early		Low		
HB	Gulf Coast	175	Med	V Gd	Early		Med-H		gd pollinize
HB	Farthing	175	M.Sm	Mild	Early	High	High	None	Needs Pollinator
HB	Kestrel	200	M Lrg	Exc	V.Early				
HB	Chickadee	200		Exc	V.Early		High		
HB	Snowchaser	200	Med	Exc	V Early			Bad	
HB	Jewel	200	M Lrg	V Gd	V Early	High	High	Some	Tart until ripe
HB	Flicker	200	Lrg	Good	Early M	High	High	Little	
HB	SweetCrisp	200	Med	Exc	Early	Med			
HB	Ventura	200	Lrg	Fair	V.Early	High	High	?	
HB	Meadowlark	250		Mild	V.Early	High		Little	
HB	SharpBlue	250	Med	Exc	Early				
HB	Emerald	250	V Lrg	Exc	Early	High	High		
HB	Scintilla	250	Lrg	Exc	Early	Med	High	Some	
RE	Florida Rose	300	Sm	Good	Early		High		Ornament
HB	Springhigh	300	V Lrg	Exc	V-Early		High	None	
HB	Misty	300	Med	Exc	Early	Med	Med		
RE	BeckyBlue	360	Lrg	Good	E. Mid			Some	
RE	Bonita	360	Lrg	Good	E. Mid			Some	
RE	Brightwell	375	Med	Exc	M. Late	High	Very	No	
RE	Tiffblue	375	Med		M. Late	Med	Very		
RE	PowderBlue	375	Med		M. Late	High	Very		Late flowering
RE	Blue Gem	375	Med		M. Late	High	Very		
RE	Chaucer	375	Med		M. Late	High	Very		
HB	Bobolink	400	Lrg	Good	M.Late	MHigh	High	None	
HB	Santa Fe	400	M.Lrg	Exc	Early		High		
HB	SouthMoon	400		Exc	Early			Bad	
HB	Star	400	Lrg		Early	Med			
HB	Abundance	400	Lrg	Good	Early	High	High		
HB	Palmetto	400	Med	Exc	Early				
HB	Windsor	400	V.Lrg	Good	Early	High	High	None	
HB	Rebel	400	V.Lrg	Fair	Early	High	High		
RE	Woodard	400			M. Late				
HB	Suzibblue	400	Med	Mild		High	Med		
HB	Raven	400	VV Lrg	Good	M Late				
HB	San Joaquin	450	Lrg	Good	M. Late		High		
RE	Alapaha	450			M. Late				

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RE	Climax	475	Med		E. Mid	High	High		
HB	Pink Lemonade	500			M.Late		Med		
HB	Jubilee	500			Early				
HB	Blue Crisp	500				Med	Med	Some	
HB	Millennia	500	V.Lrg	Good		High	High		
RE	Austin	500	Lrg		E. Mid			Some	
RE	Bluebell	500			M. Late				
RE	Vernon	525			M. Late				
RE	Premier	550	Lrg	Exc	E. Mid	High			
HB	O'Neill	600							
RE	Bright Blue	600			M. Late				
RE	Homebelle	600			M. Late				
RE	Ochlockonee	600			M. Late				
RE	Centurion	600			M. Late				

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- Not easy or cheap to get started unless you have a very acid sandy soil.

- Blueberries need ph of about 4.8 or continuously rotting wood!

- You may need an \$99 Oakton pH meter or equivalent. <http://www.groworganic.com/oakton-waterproof-ph-meter.html>

- If you have a few years, till in or dig in 1/3 cup agricultural sulfur per two square foot 4 months to 2 years before planting.

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- Agricultural Sulfur from San Jacinto Environmental (businesses only), Peaceful Valley Farm Supply (www.groworganic.com), or order from your garden store. 50#=\$20.

- In backyard, you need a very large pot (15 gal or more) or

- Better a concrete block framed raised bed. 5 ft. X 5 ft. (if you have the room), less (5ft X 2.5 ft) if you don't.

- 16-24 inches high.

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- If a raised bed, in the soil below the bed, dig in the 1/3 cup sulfur per two square foot.

- Put above it at least 16 inches of sphagnum peat moss.

- Mix in at bottom, half way down, and on top more sulfur, ½ cup Microlife per square foot, and Nature's Way Resources Native Mulch or Leaf Mold Compost.

- Your nearest Ace Hardware can order it for you. Southwest Fertilizer, Buchanan's Source of peat moss

- Any blueberry soil must have at least 2% organic matter.

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- Your raised bed needs to be where you can *provide reliable water* in dry or hot weather.

- Blueberries are huge water hogs and therefore thrive on an irrigation system and lots of rain.

- Water should be neutral (rain water) or acidic. City water is about pH 7.5, so you need to use a lot of sulfur.

- If you have only a few plants, you will need mosquito netting or poultry netting to stop birds.

- Blueberries bear near the ends of last summer's new wood.

- Prune for new growth.

- Pick with pail on your belt. Very nutritious.

- Pies, muffins, cereal, fresh. Yum!