

Characteristics of half-high blueberry cultivars

<b>Cultivar</b>	<b>Zones</b>	<b>Plant characteristics<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Fruit yield (lb./plant)</b>	<b>Fruit characteristics<sup>2</sup></b>
Northblue	3-5	20-40 inches tall, 30-60 inches wide	3-12	Large, dark blue, firm berries; good fresh flavor; superior processed flavor
Northsky	3-5	20-40 inches wide, 10-30 inches tall	1-5	Medium, sky-blue berries; sweet, mild, aromatic fresh flavor; superior processed flavor. Ripens with 'Northblue.' Yield and berry size benefit from cross-pollination.
Northcountry	3-5	15-40 inches tall, 30-60 inches wide	2-6	Medium, sky blue berries; sweet fresh flavor similar to wild lowbush blueberries; ripens 5 days earlier than 'Northblue.' Yield and berry size benefit from cross pollination.
St. Cloud	3-5	30-50 inches tall, 40-60 inches wide	3-9	Medium, dark blue, firm berries; sweet flavor, crisp texture; good storage capability; ripens 5 days earlier than 'Northblue.' Requires second cultivar for pollination.
Polaris	3-5	20-50 inches tall, 30-60 inches wide	3-10	Medium-large berries; very firm and very very crisp texture; intense aromatic flavor; excellent storage capability; ripens 7 days earlier than 'Northblue.' Requires second cultivar for pollination.
Chippewa	3-5	20-50 inches tall, 30-60 inches wide	3-12	Medium-large berries; sky-blue color; sweet flavor; firm fruit; ripens with 'Northblue.' Yield and berry size benefit from cross pollination.
Northland	3-5	30-50 inches tall, 40-60 inches wide	3-12	Medium-large berries; mild flavor. Ripens 3 days after 'Northblue.'
Bluetta	5	40-60 inches tall, 40-60 inches wide	3-12	Medium-large berries; sweet, aromatic flavor. Ripens 7 days earlier than 'Northblue.'
Patriot	5	40-60 inches tall, 40-60 inches wide	3-12	Very large berries; tart, aromatic flavor. Ripens 5 days earlier than 'Northblue.'

<sup>1</sup>For plant height, width, and yield, the lower end of the range will be more likely in harsher climates, such as that of northern Minnesota. Blueberries are slow growing relative to other fruit plants and will not reach mature size for eight to ten years, even under optimal growing conditions.

<sup>2</sup>Ripening sequence is that observed at Becker, MN.