



SUMMARY PLANTING GUIDE - BLUEBERRIES

SPACING

- 4' – 5' between plants
- 8' –12' between rows
- Be careful not to plant too deeply

IRRIGATION

- Keep soil moist throughout the establishment period

pH REQUIREMENTS

- For best results, amend pH levels *before* planting, however, plants can be successfully established without prior pH adjustments if you follow our instructions
- Measure/maintain pH levels regularly for best success
- Adding sulfur may be necessary to adjust pH
- pH: 4.5-4.8 *this is very important*

Amount of sulfur in pounds per 100 square feet required to lower soil pH for blueberries.			
Desired pH value for blueberries			
Present soil pH	4.5		
	Sand	Loam	Clay
4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.0	0.4	1.2	1.4
5.5	0.8	2.4	2.6
6.0	1.2	3.5	3.7
6.5	1.5	4.6	4.8
7.0	1.9	5.8	6.0
7.5	2.3	6.9	7.1

Source: Midwest Small Fruit Pest Management Handbook, Bulletin 680

FERTILIZATION

- Wait 4-6 weeks after planting before fertilizing to avoid burning roots
- Year 1 – 1oz ammonium sulfate in a circular band around each plant
- Following years – 2oz per plant at bloom time and again 1 month later
- Don't fertilize after July
- Avoid fertilizers containing potassium chloride

WEED CONTROL

- Mulch with 3"-4" wood chips
- Avoid treated or colored bark mulch
- Regular manual weeding is necessary

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- For best production at least 2 blueberry varieties should be used for cross-pollination