

Growth Stages: Southern HighBush Blueberries

Varieties: Eureka, First Blush

Late Autumn –Early Winter			Winter – Early Spring		
Flower Bud Development			Flowering		
Bud Swell	Tight Cluster	Pink Bud	Early Bloom	Full Bloom	Petal Fall
Visible swelling of the buds; scales separating	Tips of some flowers just visible	Flower buds emerging; easy to count numbers of flowers	Some flowers open, most still closed	Flowers open over several weeks, entire bush covered with open flowers	Petals are falling off; calyx and stigma remain revealing small green fruit
					
Spring – Early Summer			Summer – Early Autumn		
Harvest			Post-Harvest		
Green Fruit	~ 10% Blue	80% Blue	Shoot Expansion	Growth Termination	Dormant Buds
Most fruit are small, pea-sized and green	Berries change from green to red to blue. A few fruit completely blue at first harvest	Nearly all fruit are blue. Several picking cycles completed	Vegetative buds grow rapidly over summer	Tip of the shoot turns black when growth stops	Buds barely visible in the axils of leaves
					