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**Oregon Blueberries are coming!**

Varieties like Top Shelf seem to be working through this weather unfazed. However, some varieties are falling into botrytis blossom blight. Hail pockets left hits on leaves and blooms in some fields. Fruit damage is minimal because the timing of the storm happened at bloom rather than fruit stage.

We had short periods of cold pockets around on May 20th, approx. 31F for an hour around 6am. July 5th is the general projected start date. Currently, the crop looks good, but each passing day that remains cool slows down the progress of our bushes and pushes our start date back. We expect warmer temperatures over the remainder of the week.

Oregon Berry Crop Update – May 24, 2022



We are anticipating a great 2022 with more predicted volume of high quality blueberries from our farms. Duke season is set to begin around July 4th, finishing with Last Call towards the end of September. This year, we will keep you updated on each export variety we are working with and show growth week by week.

Duke



Duke blueberries are the leading, early-ripening Northern Highbush variety. It is known for its high yields, uniformed size and superior quality fruit.

**Fruit characteristics:** Light blue, firm, mild flavor

**Timing:** Late June-Mid July

**Size:** Large

Draper



The Draper blueberry is exceptionally firm with concentrated ripening periods. The berries have excellent post-harvest color retention and superior shelf life.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, firm, crisp, sweet flavor

**Timing:** Early July-Late July

**Size:** Large

Liberty



Liberty blueberries are sky-blue in color and have a balanced, appealing flavor. This variety has excellent bloom.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, balanced flavor

**Timing:** Late July-Early August

**Size:** Large

Calypso



Calypso produces a firm, large berry with excellent flavor and a small dry scar. Fruit ripens uniformly, producing a very consistent size and durable in travel.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Light blue, classic flavor

**Timing:** Late August-Late September

**Size:** Large-Very Large

Top Shelf

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Top Shelf blueberries are notable for their very large, flavorful, firm fruit. While similar to Draper in many ways, Top Shelf blueberries seem to excel in areas such as plant vigor, fruit size and flavor.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Sky blue, tropical flavor, firm, juicy

**Timing:** Mid-Season, August

**Size:** Very Large

Last Call

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The Last Call blueberry bush produces high yields of large berries with a classic, sweet and slightly aromatic blueberry flavor. This berry has a nice crunch.

**Fruit Characteristics:** Very sweet, classic flavor, aromatic

**Timing:** Late-Season, End August-September

**Size:** Large

Peachy Blue – New Variety

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This is one of the new, crunchy varieties we have been talking about. This berry has exceptional flavor and optimal shelf life. Oregon Berry has made the commitment to only grow the best eating varieties, allowing you to move fruit easily and guaranteeing premium Oregon Berry quality! Quantities will be limited and are not guaranteed to export until we get closer to the season to assure quality.

**Fruit Characteristics:**

**Timing:** Mid to Late Season

**Size:** Large