

Velluto Blue



Blueberry type:	Rabbit Eye
Released:	2011
Key attributes:	Velluto Blue is a very late, medium chill variety with very good production, decent size and superior eating quality. Chosen for its outstanding fruit quality with a very attractive bloom on the fruit, little grittiness and an exceptionally late fruiting season.
Chilling Required:	Medium to high (450-600h < 7.2C).
Flowering:	Late Spring (Sept/Oct) PDF = 100 Days.
Pollinator:	Centra Blue or Sky Blue.
Harvest:	Very late; fruit starts ripening mid-January with 50% of fruit towards the end of February. It has an extended fruiting season. Crops later at high altitudes in cold regions.
Plant Vigour:	Very vigorous & spreading. Plants reach maturity in the fourth year of planting. (Planting distance 3mx1m = 3333 plants/ha).
Yield:	Highly Productive, averaging approximately 6-8kg per plant (25-30 ton/ha in full production). Harvest over long period.
Berry size:	Large size compared to other Rabbiteye varieties, averaging approximately 2.4g (observed range 1.5 –2.5g) Ave. 14-20mm.
Fruit shape:	Oblate to round
Colour/Bloom:	Strong; light blue
Picking Scar:	Small/Medium dry scar

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Firmness: Average firmness with good shelf life. Recommended for local marketing.

Flavour: Fruit sweetness observed range 12-13 brix. Flavour has been observed to be well-balanced between sweetness and acidity. No grittiness

Disease: The plants are susceptible to powdery mildew in summer.

Patent: <https://patents.justia.com/patent/PP24932>

Comparative Results *

Sky Blue	Centra Blue	Velluto Blue
Yield (Kg/bush)		
4	8	8
Berry Weight (g/berry)		
2.2	2.2	2.4
Berry Size (mm)		
15-19mm	16-18mm	16-20mm
Firmness (g/mm)		
190	175	180
Brix (%)		
14.3	11.4	12,8

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