



Rabbiteye (T-2604)

(under evaluation)



- Blueberry type:** Rabbiteye
- Released:** 2022 selection
- Key attributes:** This mid-chill, late ripening rabbiteye selection has firm, flavourful berries with good production potential. Recommended to plant in the cool Western-Cape or KZN regions where late production is required.
- Chilling Required:** Medium chill (400-600h < 7.2C). Late flowering type suitable for cool to very cold climates. Could also do well in very cold, high-altitude regions.
- Flowering:** Expected flower bud break Sept-Oct in the Western Cape.
- Pollinator:** Cross-pollination with T-3075 required; bees at 8-10 hives per ha.
- Harvest:** Late season production: Ripening expected in mid-December to mid-February in the cool Western Cape and KZN regions.
- Plant Vigour:** Upright with good vigorous and spreading growth. Plants reach maturity in the fourth year of planting. (Recommended planting distance is 3mx1m = 3333 plants/ha).
- Yield:** Good (20 - 25ton/ha). Highly productive, averaging approximately 6-8kg per plant. Harvest peak over a two-month period.

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Berry size:	Large size fruit (1.7 – 2.8g/berry), ranging between 14-22mm. Very large compared with other commonly known rabbit eyes.
Fruit shape:	Round to oblate
Colour/Bloom:	Strong; Light blue
Picking Scar:	Small dry scar
Firmness:	Firm with good shelf life, export potential to be determined.
Flavour:	Crisp & sweet with good brix (12-14°), average acidity and very good eating quality with outstanding flavour.
Disease:	Little rust has been observed in high-rainfall regions.
Other	
Characteristics:	Bred to be rain resistant in Georgia, America. Still to be trialled in South Africa.

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