

## Rabbiteye (T-3075)

(under evaluation)



Blueberries



**Blueberry type:** Rabbiteye

Released: 2022 selection

**Key attributes:** This mid-chill, late-ripening rabbiteye selection

has very 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 during Sept-Oct in the

Western Cape.

**Pollinator:** Cross-pollination with T-2604 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. The

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 - 24mm. Very large compared with commonly

known rabbiteyes.

Fruit shape: Oblate

Colour/Bloom: Strong; Light blue

**Picking Scar:** Small dry scar.

Firmness: Very firm with good shelf life, export potential to be

determined.

Flavour: Crisp & sweet with good brix (12-14°), average acidity,

very good eating 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.