

Blue Duchess (TH-1876)



Blueberry type:	Southern Highbush
Key attributes:	Blue Duchess has been exclusively released to Topfruit as a commercial selection to be granted plant breeders rights in South Africa. This variety has very large, firm, flavorful berries with extensive production potential.
Chilling Required:	Low chill (-350h < 7.2C)
Flowering:	Flower bud break May-June. PDF = 80 Days Flowers two weeks after Star.
Pollinator:	SH variety with similar flowering time.
Bud break:	Evergreen
Harvest:	Early to mid-season production: Ripens one week after Star.
Plant Vigour:	Upright with good vigorous growth.
Yield:	Good (20 - 25 ton/ha).
Berry size:	Large size fruit (1.8–2.2g/berry), ranging between 14-25mm.
Fruit shape:	Round
Colour:	Medium blue to light blue
Bloom:	Strong; light blue
Picking Scar:	Small dry scar

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- Firmness:** Very firm with good shelf life, much firmer than Star.
- Flavour:** Crisp & sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating.
- Disease:** Little rust has been observed.
- Licensed Countries:** Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique, Angola, Tanzania, Kenia, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi.

Evaluation Results

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Selection or Variety	Ripening	Est. Chill hours	Berry Size	Berry Scar	Berry Color	Berry Firm.	Berry Flav.	Crop Load	Plant vigor
Georgia Dawn	Aug-Sept	150-200	7.0	7.5	7.0	6.8	7.5	6.0	9.5
Rebel	Aug-Sept	300-350	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.5
Suziblue	Sept-Oct	250-350	8.5	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.5	8.0
Blue Duchess	Sept-Oct	250-350	8.5	8.0	7.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	9.5

