



University of Georgia USA Variety Profile Gladiator (TH-1872)



Blueberries

- Blueberry type:** Southern Highbush
- Key attributes:** Gladiator has been exclusively released to TopFruit as a commercial selection. This low chill variety has large, firm, flavorful berries with very good production potential.
- Chilling Required:** Low chill (150-250h < 7.2C)
- Flowering:** Flower bud break May/June.
PDF = 85 Days. Flowers earlier in warm climates.
- Pollinator:** SH variety with similar flowering time.





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| Harvest: | Early season production: from August – October and has a compact harvesting season. Ripens just after Ava and Sweet Duchess. |
| Plant Vigour: | Upright and good vigorous growth. |
| Yield: | Good (20-25 ton/ha) |
| Berry size: | Large size fruit (1.8-2.2 g/berry), ranging between 14-22mm |
| Fruit shape: | Round |
| Colour: | Medium blue to light blue |
| Bloom: | Very good bloom; light blue |
| Picking Scar: | Small dry scar. |
| Firmness: | Very firm with good shelf life, much firmer than Snowchaser. |
| Flavour: | Crisp and sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating with outstanding flavour. |
| Disease: | Little rust has been observed. No Botryosphaeria spp. |
| Licensed Countries: | South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, and Lesotho. |

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