

University of Georgia USA Variety Profile Maverick (TH-1493)





Blueberry type: Southern Highbush

Key attributes: Maverick 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 (200-250h < 7.2C) Can evergreen in mild

climate.

Flowering: Flower bud break May/June.

PDF = 90 Days. Flowers earlier in warm climates.

Pollinator: SH variety with similar flowering time.



Blueberries



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Harvest: Early season production: from August – October and

has a compact harvesting season. Ripens three weeks

before Star in a cool climate. Has the ability to

evergreen in tropical climates.

Plant Vigour: Upright and good vigorous growth.

Yield: Good (20-25 ton/ha)

Berry size: Large size fruit (1.5-2.2 g/berry), ranging between

14-20mm

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 Star.

Flavour: Crisp and sweet with good brix, average acidity, very

good eating with outstanding flavour.

Disease: Little rust has been observed. No Botryosphaeria spp.

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Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, and Lesotho.