

# Georgia Dawn (TH-819)



*Blueberries*

<b>Blueberry type:</b>	Southern Highbush
<b>Key attributes:</b>	The major attraction of Georgia Dawn is early fruit maturity; this new variety does have additional favourable attributes such as excellent flavour, concentrated ripening, a good picking scar and good berry firmness.
<b>Chilling Required:</b>	Low chill (-250h < 7.2C)
<b>Flowering:</b>	Flower bud break April - May. PDF = 90 Days
<b>Pollinator:</b>	SH variety with similar flowering time.
<b>Bud break:</b>	Evergreen
<b>Harvest:</b>	Very early season production: from September to October with compact harvesting season. Ripens 2 weeks before Star.
<b>Plant Vigour:</b>	Upright to semi-spreading with good vigorous growth.
<b>Yield:</b>	Good (15-22 ton/ha)
<b>Berry size:</b>	Medium/Large size fruit (1.5-1.9g/berry), ranging between 12-20mm.
<b>Fruit shape:</b>	Round
<b>Colour:</b>	Medium blue to light blue
<b>Bloom:</b>	Strong; light blue
<b>Picking Scar:</b>	Small dry scar

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- Firmness:** Firm with good shelf life, manage cold chain well.
- Flavour:** Sweet with high brix (avg. 13.9), average acidity, very good eating with outstanding flavour.
- Disease:** Little rust has been observed. Anthracnose on fruit has been recorded, but no symptoms of Botryosphaeria spp.
- Licensed Countries:** South Africa, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Lesotho, Mozambique, Angola

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<b>Comparitive Results *</b>				
<b>Star</b>	<b>Georgia Dawn</b>	<b>Miss Jackie</b>	<b>Miss Alice Mae</b>	<b>Miss Lilly</b>
<b>Yield (Kg/bush)</b>				
4	4,5	5,5	5,1	3,5
<b>Berry wt (g/berry)</b>				
1,6	1,7	1,7	1,8	2,3
<b>Firmness (g/mm)</b>				
196	185	178	197	182
<b>Brix (%)</b>				
13,7	13,9	12,7	14,7	12,2
* Over 4-5 year period				

<b>Ripening Schedule</b>			
<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
<b>Georgia Dawn</b>			
	<b>Star</b>		
	<b>Miss Alice May</b>		
	<b>Miss Lilly</b>		
		<b>Miss Jackie</b>	