

Summit

Type - Southern highbush.

Date of Release - 1998; not patented.

Area of Adaptation - Areas of traditional rabbiteye production in Arkansas, and as far south as I-20 in other southern states is the anticipated area of adaptation.

Maturity Date - Approximately June 7 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and May 28 at Hope, Arkansas.

Berry Size - Large, averaging 1.8 to 2.2 grams/berry.

Berry Color/Scar - Excellent light color; stem scar rated very high (indicating a small stem scar and limited to no tearing of the fruit skin at the point of attachment).

Berry Flavor - Sweet and flavorful.

Yield - High in research trials, up to 8 to 10 pounds/plant on four- and five-year-old plants.

Plant Vigor - Moderate vigor, and more vigorous than most other southern highbush varieties in research plantings.

Comments - A cooperative release with North Carolina State University and the USDA; chilling requirement is estimated to be lower than **Ozarkblue** and is approximately 600 hours (hours below 45 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter); breaks bud and blooms earlier than **Ozarkblue** but has had consistent cropping even in most years when rabbiteye blueberry crops were lost to freeze.

