

Crop Production



Did You Know?

Blueberries

THE blueberry is one of the few fruits native to North America. In addition to consuming blueberries, Native Americans used parts of the blueberry plant as medicine. A tea made from the leaves of the plant was thought to be good for the blood, while blueberry juice was used to treat coughs. Blueberry juice also made an excellent dye for baskets and cloth.

Although the fresh blueberry season stretches from mid-December into October, the peak season is from late May to mid-August, when more than 60% of all North American blueberries are harvested. Michigan's blueberry harvest season traditionally runs from July 1 to Nov. 1.

For optimal storage, blueberries should be refrigerated, but not washed until needed. Once chilled, they will maintain their quality from 10 days to two weeks.

Source: Michigan Blueberry Growers Association

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