

# TRIBUTARY FARM

## blueberry picking tips AND info

There are four different varieties planted in quadrants, see map. The Early Blues ripen first. The Blue Ray and Blue Crop are mid-season berries and the Herberts ripen last. Keep this in mind as you pick.

- Blueberries turn blue a week to two before they are at their peak of ripeness
- Ripe berries will be flattened on the flower to stem axis, not round.
- On the flower end of ripe berries the 'petals' have receded - see photos.
- The stem of ripe berries will take on a pinkish cast - see photos.
- Ripe berries will come off easily in your fingers. If you have to tug on them they aren't ripe yet.
- Be patient and gentle when picking, leaving the pink and green berries in the clusters to ripen for picking another day.
- Don't overlook the berries 'inside' the bushes.
- Sorry, no pets allowed.
- Watch out for poison ivy & have fun!

NOT ripe



Ripe

