Blueberry – *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Key Cultivars:

Highbush

- Northland
- Jersey
- Draper
- Bluecrop
- Elliot

Half highbush

- Northblue
- Northsky

Climate Risk Notes:

Fluctuating winter temperatures are one of the biggest concerns for blueberries. Sudden drops in temperature after a warm spell can damage plant tissues, particularly flower buds and new growth

Sudden changes in temperature causes physiological stress on plants, making them more susceptible to pest & disease outbreaks in single species cropping systems. Integrated pest & disease management in a changing climate is recommended.

Spotted wing drosophila is a pest that has recently become very prevalent in Wisconsin. It mainly effects later varieties of blueberries.

	Key Months for Crop Development and Thresholds											
	DEC	**JAN**	**FEB**	**MAR**	**APR**	**MAY**	**JUN**	**JUL**	**AUG**	**SEP**	**OCT**	**NOV**
Stage of growth *(under current conditions)*	Dormant [c, k, l]	Dormant [c, k, l]	Dormant [c, k, l]	Dormant [c, k, l]	Dormant, Bud development [c, k, l]	Bud development, Flowering [c, k, l]	Flowering, Fruit development [c, k, l]	Fruit development, Harvest [c, k, l]	Fruit development, Harvest [c, k, l]	Harvest, Bud development [c, k, l]	Harvest, Bud development [c, k, l]	Dormant [c, k, l]
Min Temp *(°F)*	0 [h]	-20 [h]	-20 [h]	10 [h]	20 [c, f, h]	30 [c, f, h]				30 [c, f, h]	20 [c, f, h]	15 [h]
Max Temp *(°F)*	50 [h]	50 [h]	50 [h]	50 [h]	90 [e, j, f]	90 [e, j, f]	100 [e, j, f]	100 [e, j, f]	100 [e, j, f]	90 [e, j, f]	90 [e, j, f]	50 [h]

Climate									*Soil*						
Min Optimal Temp (°F)	**Max Optimal Temp (°F)**	**Min Absolute Temp (°F)**	**Max Absolute Temp (°F)**	**Germination Soil Temp (°F)**	**Growing Degree Days (50°F base)**	**Chilling Hours (32-45 °F)**	**Min Rainfall (in/year)**	**Max Rainfall (in/year)**	**Min pH**	**Max pH**	**Optimal Soil Texture**	**Absolute Soil Texture**	**Optimal Soil Drainage**	**Absolute Soil Drainage**	**Soil Depth (in)**
-10 [b, f, h, j]	90 [e, j, f]	-20 [b, f, h, j]	100 [e, j, f]	NA	NA	600 [b, f, j]	24 [a, h, k]	NA	3.8 [a, j, k]	5.5 [a, j, k]	Silt loam, sandy loam, loamy sand [g, j, k]	Loam, sand [g, j, k]	Well drained [a, d, j]	Somewhat excessively drained, moderately well drained [a, d, j]	14 [a, f, k]

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