

BLUEBERRIES

DID YOU KNOW?



Blueberries were originally called "star berries." The bottom of the berry forms a perfect five-pointed star.



July is national blueberry month!



Blueberries are one of the few fruits native to North America.



Georgia blueberries are grown primarily in the southeastern region of the state in a 12-15 county area surrounding Alma and Baxley.



Georgia ranks second in the nation in blueberry production.



Harvest season for blueberries is mid-April through July.

BLUEBERRIES

-FRESH AND HEALTHY-

Blueberries are a delicious, convenient and healthy treat. They are easy to grab for a quick snack or a great addition to any meal. Blueberries are ready when you are, so add them to your next dish and make it **FRESH**, **FAST**, **AND HEALTHY!**

Best Time to Buy: May - September

Blueberries Benefit U!

- Low in calories & fat
- Sodium & cholesterol free
- High in antioxidants
- Good source of vitamin C & fiber

1 cup = 100 calories



Add Color to Your Meal

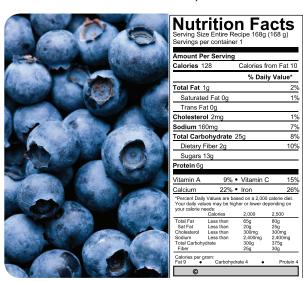
- Top a bowl of cereal
- Stir into pancake or waffle batter
- Toss into a summer salad
- Sprinkle on yogurt or ice cream
- Add to banana pudding
- Just pop them in your mouth!

BLUEBERRY

RECIPE CORNER

Yogurt Crunch Parfaits

- **3 Tbsp** fresh or frozen blueberries
- 4 oz lemon low-fat yogurt
- 1 Tbsp crushed breakfast cereal
 - 1. Spoon blueberries into cup.
 - 2. Top with yogurt.
 - 3. Sprinkle with cereal.
 - 4. Serve immediately.



FAST FACTS

SELECTION

Choose plump & firm blueberries with a dark blue color. Blueberries do not ripen after they are picked.

STORAGE

Handle with care. Store loosely covered in the original container or a covered bowl in the refrigerator for 10 to 14 days. Do not wash blueberries until you are ready to serve.

PREPARATION

Wash gently in cold water, then drain well in a colander or on paper towels.

PRESERVATION

Blueberries are easy to freeze. Make sure they are completely dry. Washing results in a tougher skinned product.

Place a single layer of blueberries on a tray in the freezer. When frozen, promptly package the berries in a moisture-vapor resistant container, leaving 1/2-inch headspace and return to the freezer.



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