

NATIONAL PLANT GERMPLASM REPOSITORY - Corvallis
HISTORICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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Accession ID : PI 554873 Local No. : CVAC 721.001
Common Name : Highbush Blueberry Request number: 2004204

TAXONOMY INFORMATION

Name : *Vaccinium corymbosum* L.
Cultivar : Georgiagem
ID Notes : M. E. Austin and A. D. Draper cultivar release
cross made in 1972, selected in 1977
introduced in 1987
Breeder : Dr. Max E. Austin
Cult. Synonym: Tested as TH-285
Pedigree : G-132 x US75 (Fla. 4B x Bluecrop)
(about 25% *V. darrowi*)

ORIGIN INFORMATION

Status : CULTIVAR
Developer : Max E. Austin
Address : Coastal Plain Experiment Sta.
Dept. Horticulture
City : Tifton
State : Georgia 31793
Country : United States
Developed :

Cultivar note: Cultivar introduced in 1987

NOTES: Very good fruit color and quality; small stem scar; firm; pleasant flavor; early ripening. Low chilling, requiring at least 350 hours below 7C; tolerant of climate of southeastern U.S.; diseases have not been a problem. Easy rooting. Bush: moderately vigorous; moderately productive; semi-upright. - Brooks and Olmo Register of Fruit and Nut Varieties. ASHS Press, 1997. p. 181.

Midseason. Upright, vigorous productive bush. Medium to large fruit, very firm, small scar, excellent flavor and color

Georgia Gem reminds us of its parent, Bluecrop. Bush appearance is similar, and berry quality is every bit as good. Appears more tolerant of higher pH than other southern highbush types. The University of Georgia and USDA released this variety after extensive trials in high heat areas. Production in the Southeast has been very good. Early trials in our test block have been equally impressive. Chilling requirements are reported at 300 to 350 hours. Recommended as a reliable fresh market producer of fine quality fruit.

INVENTORY INFORMATION

Inventory Name: Georgiagem [Georgia Gem]
Secondary ID :
Date Received : 03/02/1990
Verification : UNVERIFIED
Form Stored : PL
Available : YES
Field : 12-07 reprop
Screenhouse : 10-35-03 Greenhouse: field reprop
Virus Status : TESTED
ELISA : Negative tests: BBCARLA-2001 BBILAR-2001 BBLMV-2001 BBSSV-2001 TOMRSV-2001 TSV-2002