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Five steps to bigger bluer blueberries

- 1 Clay soils are not favorable for blueberries. In order to reach a more suitable soil, try planting bushes in raised beds (about 4 inches) with rich, workable soil. This will ensure proper drainage and a more organic media for blueberry production.
- 2 Ohio soils are naturally alkaline and blueberries prefer a more acidic soil. Therefore, blueberry growers need to go the extra mile to ensure proper pH when growing blueberries. Don't be afraid to have your soil tested and amend accordingly. Most Ohio soils need a liberal application of Soil Sulfur; adding organic matter such as Canadian Peat Moss is also helpful in creating the best acidic blueberry environment.
- 3 Low yields can often be blamed on low occurrences of cross pollination. Blueberry growers will see a much better yield if they plant at least two different varieties of blueberries. Try combining varieties such as the early season 'Patriot' with the small, sweet fruit of the 'Northsky' blueberry.
- 4 Watering properly can often be the solution to blueberry problems. Blueberries are sensitive to water fluctuations and need about one to two inches of water per week. During dry weather, the blueberry grower must supplement water. Avoid watering after September, however, unless extremely dry soils exist.
- 5 As hard as it may be, remove the blooms the year of planting and the following year to promote vigorous growth in your blueberry bushes.