

# Blueberries

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**D**o you know how blueberries grow? They grow on bushes. Each blueberry is small and round. Many blueberries can grow on one bush. At first, the blueberries are green. The green berries are not ready to eat yet. They need a lot of sun and rain to help them become fat and sweet. When the berries turn blue, they are ripe and ready to be picked.

Some farmers grow blueberries in big fields. The people who live nearby can earn money by helping to pick the blueberries. Each one takes a pail out to the field and fills it with blueberries. They work fast so that they can fill many pails. They want to earn as much money as they can. When they are done picking, their fingers are blue from the juice of the berries!

After the blueberries are picked, they are put into boxes and sent to stores. People buy the blueberries and take them home to eat. Some people like to wash the berries and eat them one by one. Other people like to cook with blueberries. They make blueberry muffins and pancakes.

No matter how you eat them, blueberries taste great!



1. The people who live nearby can earn money by helping to pick the blueberries.

What does earn mean?

2. What color are the blueberries BEFORE they are ready to be picked?
3. Where do the blueberry pickers work?
4. What happens to blueberries AFTER they are picked?
5. They need a lot of sun and rain to help them become fat and sweet.

What does sweet mean?

6. What could be another title for this story?