

**CHAPTER 16
CERTIFICATION**

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SUBCHAPTER 1. BLUEBERRY PLANTS

2:16-1.1 Certification of blueberry plants

All blueberry growers selling propagating wood, rooted cuttings or plants must be certified. Certification shall be based on the inspection of all nursery plants, cutting beds and of enough mother plants to ensure adequate supplies of cutting wood for sale and for own propagation. The rules shall be as set forth in this subchapter.

2:16-1.2 Application for participation

Application for the program shall be made by one year preceding the establishment of the cutting bed to the Supervisor of Nursery Inspection, Division of Plant Industry, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, PO Box 330, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0330.

2:16-1.3 Qualifications for mother plants; removal of diseased or infested plants

- (a) Mother plants shall be clearly marked for variety.
- (b) A row, partial row or rows of established plants of each variety to be propagated are to be cut to a maximum of 24 inches from the ground annually to provide propagating wood.
- (c) Mother plants, to qualify, shall not have more than a total of one-half of one percent stunt disease for the season.
- (d) Plants showing symptoms of blueberry stunt disease or virus diseases such as shoestring, mosaic, scorch, and ringspot are to be tagged by the inspectors and removed by the grower within 72 hours after notification. Plants showing symptoms of blueberry stunt or virus diseases are to be sprayed by the grower to control insect vectors, when present, prior to removal.
- (e) Plants found infested with injurious insects shall not be certified until infested plants are removed or the infestation controlled.
- (f) If mother plants are bordered on one side or on both sides by field bushes, five rows on either side of the mother row or rows will be inspected.

Amended by R.1996 d.44, effective January 16, 1996.
See: 27 N.J.R. 4043(a), 28 N.J.R. 257(a).

2:16-1.4 Qualification for nursery plants; removal of diseased plants

- (a) Nursery plants, to qualify as certified, shall not have more than three-quarters of one per cent stunt for the season.
- (b) Where varieties within the nursery field show different percentages of stunt, the tolerances in (a) above are nevertheless applicable to each variety.
- (c) Plants infected with stunt and other virus diseases shall be tagged and removed by the grower within 72 hours after notification. Plants showing symptoms of blueberry stunt or virus diseases are to be sprayed by the grower to control insect vectors, when present, prior to removal.

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See: 27 N.J.R. 4043(a), 28 N.J.R. 257(a).

2:16-1.5 Time of inspection and insecticide application

(a) All mother plants, rooted cuttings and nursery plants shall be sprayed, as needed, to control the sharp-nosed leafhoppers and aphids. The timing of these applications and the material to be used shall be recommended by the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Records of all pesticide applications shall be maintained by the grower and shall be available to the Department if requested.

(b) The times of inspections are as follows:

1. First inspection during May and June;
2. Second inspection during August, September and October; and
3. Additional inspections as deemed necessary by the Department.

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See: 27 N.J.R. 4043(a), 28 N.J.R. 257(a).

2:16-1.6 Procedure for handling cuttings, cutting beds and plant nurseries

- (a) Cuttings shall be clearly marked for variety.
- (b) A record of the number of cuttings set in the cutting beds and nursery rows by varieties shall be kept by the grower.
- (c) Propagators whose plantings have not been certified the preceding year or those who buy additional cutting wood shall procure the same from fields approved for certification. A bill of sale shall be presented on demand showing the source and quantity of said purchase.
- (d) Cutting beds and nursery rows shall be isolated 50 feet from uncertifiable plants unless prior arrangement has been made with the Department to alter that standard.