BLUEBERRIES

Did you know that Georgia ranks fourth in the nation in blueberry production? Blueberries grow on bushes and they will produce some fruit the second or third year after being planted. Farmers harvest blueberries from May-July.

Blueberries are called a "superfood" because they are full of vitamins and minerals. The next time you go to the grocery store buy some blueberries so you can have a healthy snack to eat!

There are a lot of blueberry farmers in our state. One of those farmers is Jeff Francoeur. His farm, in Coffee County, has about 400,000 plants grown on 160 acres. (An acre is about the size of a football field.) Jeff loves growing blueberries and teaching others about what he does.



Scan the QR code or visit *gfb.ag/blueberryfarmer* to watch a video about Francoeur.





NO BAKE BLUEBERY BALLS

Ingredients:

- 2 cups dry oats
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 cup dried blueberries
- Dash of salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

 In a medium bowl, add all of the ingredients and stir to combine well. The mixture should be a bit sticky.
Use a spoon to scoop about a tablespoon of the cookie ball mixture into your hand. Roll into a ball.

3. Store the balls, covered, in the fridge for up to a week.



The blueberry is one of the only wildly sold fruits that is native to North America. Blueberries were called "star fruits" by North American Indians because of the five-pointed star shape that is formed at the blossom end of the berry.

Blueberry Variety Word Search

Georgia's sandy and acidic soil is just right for growing delicious blueberries! In fact, there are over 18,000 farms growing blueberries in Georgia. Now, let's have some fun finding different varieties of blueberries hidden in the puzzle below. Look up, down, forward, backward, and even on the diagonal to find them all.

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