

## **Blueberry Pruning Basics**

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Pruning blueberries is the single most time consuming management task that awaits any blueberry grower. This presentation will discuss why pruning should be done, when to prune, and what every grower needs to efficiently prune a blueberry planting. We will also discuss other factors that may affect how you prune blueberries, such as size of the operation, differences in pruning based on age of the plants, differences in growth habits based on varieties, disease susceptibilities, and other factors.

General guidelines for pruning will be illustrated for young plants, mid size plants and mature plants, with photos of “before and after” pruning of how I prune individual plants of different varieties on my farm.