

# KESTREL™ 'FL02-40' (U.S. PATENT PP21719)

## Southern Highbush Blueberry Cultivar



- ◆ **Estimated Minimum Chill Requirement: 200 Hours**
- ◆ **First Harvest: Around April 5 (Gainesville, FL)**
- ◆ **Growth Habit: Spreading**
- ◆ **Fruit Size: Large**



Kestrel™ 'FL02-40' is a new southern highbush blueberry cultivar which is noted for its very early-ripening, high evergreen potential, and superior berry quality. Plants of Kestrel™ 'FL02-40' demonstrate prolific early leafing, and this variety has done well in tests of the evergreen production system. Flowers open around January 30 of each year. Berry quality is excellent, as the plant produces berries that are plump, firm, and aromatic. Plants produce medium-loose berry clusters which require very low detachment force.

- ◆ Average Berry Weight (g)<sup>2</sup> 2.7
- ◆ Fruit firmness (g/mm)<sup>2</sup> 189
- ◆ Soluble solids (%)<sup>2</sup> 11.7
- ◆ Titratable acidity (%)<sup>2</sup> 0.37
- ◆ SS/TA Ratio<sup>2</sup> 43.7

<sup>2</sup> Fruit Quality - 2013-2014

Field Ratings<sup>1</sup> (1-9)

Vigor

8.0

Berry Size

8.0

Color

5.0

Firmness

8.0

Flavor

8.0

<sup>1</sup>2009

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