

Blueberry

MONITORING AND MANAGING Substrate pH, EC and Nutrients



pH 5.5 to 6.0

EC < 2

Optimal pH conditions

Apply fertilizer as needed

(Right rate: 150-200 ppm using 75% $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ and 25% $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$)

pH < 5.5

EC < 2

1. Add lime (CaOH_2)
2. Right rate 200-250 ppm
3. Add multi-nutrient fertilizers that do not contain sulfur or $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$

pH > 6.0

1. Add multi-nutrient acidic fertilizers that contain sulfur or $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ NOT $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$
2. Inject acid (vinegar or sulfuric acid) to water

EC > 2

1. Add lime (CaOH_2)
2. Leach to remove excess salts
3. Apply fertilizers (100 ppm) that do not contain sulfur or $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$

1. Leach to remove excess salts
2. Apply fertilizers (100 ppm) that contain sulfur or $\text{NH}_4\text{-based N}$
3. Inject acid (vinegar or sulfuric acid) to water

