Table 1 General characteristics of new blueberry varieties released by US in 2018

| Variety type                | Number | General characteristics of varieties  |
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| Northern highbush blueberry | 12     | Vigorous, growth habit semi-upright, early season, larger fruit, firm, picking scar small     |
|                             |        | and dry, flavor good, store well  |
| Southern highbush blueberry | 21     | Vigorous, growth habit upright, early season, larger fruit, firm, picking scar small and dry, |
|                             |        | flavor good, yield excellent, low-chill   |
| Ornamental blueberry        | 7      | Growth habit low-growing, compact; Leaf color changes with season, small size, very           |
|                             |        | good color, picking scar small and dry, flavor good, firm, drought-tolerance, cold-resistant, |
|                             |        | low-chill   |