

Sally's Blueberries



Sally's family grows wild blueberries. She loves eating them, especially in _____, it is her favorite dessert. Growing wild blueberries keeps them all very busy.

The land that the berries are grown on is called a _____, because it is rocky and the soil is _____. It takes _____ years to grow a crop of wild blueberries! The first spring, after the _____ melts, the bushes grow and the plants get new shoots and green leaves. The plants spread by underground stems called _____. Over the year, the plants grow further and further. One plant can be as small as a _____, or as big as a _____!

The first year, the plants are busy _____. In the summer, Sally and her dad walk through the barrens with _____ to find harmful insects. In the fall the leaves get _____, it is a beautiful sight.

In the spring of the second year, _____ appear. The _____ are very busy gathering nectar and pollinating the plants. Blueberries need the _____ to pollinate them to make fruit. In the summer, the _____ grow round and tasty. When the barrens look _____, it is time to harvest. After harvest the bushes will be _____ and the cycle will start over again.

Sally's family has land that is very rocky so they cannot use a _____ to harvest the berries. Sally helps her dad and the workers he hires, to _____ the fields. It is hard work. First they make lanes with string so that none of the wild blueberries are missed. Everyone puts the berries they rake into boxes that are carried to a _____ to be taken to the _____.

Some of the wild blueberries are taken to the _____ market. Sally's mom takes one of the boxes home to make _____, _____, and even a big wild blueberry pie for Sally!

Why do you think wild blueberry harvest time is Sally's favorite time of year?

barren
bees
berries
blossoms
blue
blueberry pie

book
burned
farmer's
freezing facility
football field
growing

jam
mechanical -
harvester
muffins
nets
poor

rake
red
rhizomes
snow
truck
two

Some words may be used more than once.