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The reviewed book—published simultaneously as *Small Fruits Rev.* **3** (1/2, 3/4): 2004—is based on proceedings of the Ninth North American Blueberry Research and Extension Workers (NABREW) Conference, which occurred in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in summer 2002. The NABREW has convened nine times over the past 42 years. The conference was attended by about 100 people representing experts in taxonomy, breeding, physiology, culture, production, management, storage, processing, and marketing of blueberry throughout all of North America.

The Proceedings, thirty nine papers written by 70 scientists present the current status and recent developments of the blueberry industry (mineral nutrition, flower bud development, length of time between harvest, diseases and pathology, insect control, storage, processing, *etc.*). Many of the papers presented lie inside the scope of *Biologia Plantarum* [RAPD

analysis to estimate genetic relationships in blueberry, field experiments with growth regulators with N-(2-chloro-4-pyridyl)-N'-phenylurea (CPPU), *in vitro* culture, chilling requirement studies, herbicides control, susceptibility of blueberry cultivars to *Botryosphaeria* stem blight, fungal pathogen studies, weed management, *etc.*].

Generally, the book is a good source of information on the field studied. It is also a useful source of references on the subject (more than 700 references accompanying individual papers). The book is well edited and produced, and is provided by author, subject and species index (about 600 items). The authors have contributed research on the commercial production of the blueberry, specifically focusing on increasing crop yield and fruit quality through various techniques and strategies. It can be recommended to everybody interested in blueberry research and extension.

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