

## Re: Totally OT: stone fruit

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I'm in South Mississippi, but my thought was that since there are tons of varieties of blueberries that can grow pretty much anywhere, maybe you could find one that was right for you. We have sort of odd soil, that seems to be a layer of about 6-12" of topsoil over clay. The blueberries do fine here.

I'm jealous that you can grow raspberries. They do notoriously poorly here.

I have two types of figs. One is a "traditional" type that is not big enough to bear, and the other is a new hybrid out of a nearby university that exploded into growth and produced very early. I have a couple of other fig varieties I have my eye out for.

One thing about winter is that it lets me add a bunch of leaves and other stuff to the goat house, which then gets "enriched" over the winter. I am looking forward to spreading this over my beds in a few weeks.

Have a good day;

Amy

I must admit the blueberries haven't had the attention they deserved. I put them in an area that was what they were supposed to want - moist, acid soil. But then it turned out that my drainage work had been too

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successful and it gets quite dry :-(

The little fig plant is also in a rather unlovely piece of dirt so I don't blame it for proceeding very slowly. Time, that's the thing: time to do some digging around it and incorporate some goodies in the soil.

Leaf time is such fun for the chooks too. They first hysterical panic as the leaves get dumped and then the energetic scratching for edible greeblies and the busy rustling sound! All good! Especially when broken down and as you say "enriched".

I also like the smell of fig leaves after the first frost. It's better than citrus!

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