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Muscadine Grapes

Today on Gardening in a Minute: muscadine grapes.

Muscadine grapes are tasty native plants that can be grown easily in most climates in Florida.

Muscadines are harvested as single berries instead of in bunches and have smaller leaves and thicker-skinned fruit than bunch-type grapes. They have very few insect or disease problems.

These grapes are adapted to Florida's sandy soils, and are usually planted in February or March, but container-grown plants can be planted at anytime.

Muscadine grapes are a vining crop that will need a support, such as a trellis, fence, or arbor, and they will require specialized pruning.

Your grapes will mature in August or early September, and they should be picked from the vines and stored at 40 degrees Fahrenheit if not used right away.

Use your delicious Florida grapes in jellies, jams, or make some great wine!

For more information about muscadine grapes, contact your local Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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