

MegaGem (T111-219)



Blueberries

Blueberry type: Southern Highbush.

Released: 2020 Selection.

Key attributes: MegaGem is exclusive to TopFruit as a commercial selection in most regions south of the equator. This low to mid chill, high-yielding variety has very good production potential in the later part of the harvest season. It is very suitable for growers that want to extend their crop later into the harvest season.

Chilling Required: Low Chill (-200h < 7.2C).

Flowering: Flower bud break in South Africa is June-July and in Zimbabwe from April-May. PDF = 90 Days.

Harvest: Mid-Late season production: Western Cape: September to December. Limpopo: August to November and Zimbabwe: July to October.

Not recommended in tropical areas.





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Pollinator:	Shows signs of parthenocarpy, but bees are advised
Plant Vigour:	Strong vigorous, semi-spreading growth. Bear fruit on primocane shoots as well as later floricanes buds. Plant at wider spacing
Yield:	Very Good (20 - 30ton/ha). First year production: 1.5-2.5kg/bush, Second year: 3-4kg/bush and mature plants 5kg+/bush
Berry size:	Medium-Large size fruit (1.6 – 2.5g/berry), ranging between 14-20mm.
Fruit shape:	Round/Oblate
Bloom:	Strong; light blue.
Picking:	Very easy picking due to long fruit stems. Small dry scar.
Firmness:	Very firm with good shelf life. Fruit is crisp with a pop sensation when eaten.
Flavour:	Crisp and sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating.
Licensed Countries:	South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho, and Ethiopia.
Comments:	Do not plant under plastic cover. Plants produce a multitude of short laterals and sets heavily on these early floricanes shoots. It has a compact harvest season.

Fruit Size	Ripening	Eating Quality	Production
Large	Early	Excellent	Very good
	SA (Sept - Dec) Zimbabwe (July - Oct)	Crispy Sweet Very Firm	Very good production from first year of bearing

About IQ Berries: IQB is a private blueberry breeding program based in Brisbane, Australia. Peter Rolfe has extended experience in breeding and farming with blueberries. These selections are on par with the superb genetics emerging from Australia the past few years.