

MegaCrisp (T111-519)



Blueberries

Blueberry type: Southern Highbush.

Released: 2019 Selection.

Key attributes: MegaCrisp is exclusively released to TopFruit for most African regions south of the equator. It is a very low-chill variety with large, firm, flavourful berries, and very good production potential. This is the top selling variety of the portfolio due to its high production volumes of early fruit.

Chilling Required: Very Low Chill (-50h < 7.2C)

Flowering: Flower bud break in South Africa is March-May and from March-April in Limpopo and Zimbabwe.

PDF = 85 Days. It can bear primocane flowers and fruit throughout the bearing season.

Pollinator: Shows signs of parthenocarpy, but bees are advised.



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Harvest:	Early to mid-season production: Western Cape from August to November, Limpopo from June to October & Zimbabwe from May to September.
Plant Vigour:	Upright with vigorous growth. Primocane type grower that needs tipping to maximize the number of bearing units.
Yield:	Very Good (20 - 25 ton/ha). First year production: 1.5-2kg/bush, Second year: 3-4kg/bush and mature plants 5kg+/bush
Berry size:	Medium to Large size fruit (1.8 – 2.5g/berry), ranging between 15-22mm (30% above 18mm).
Fruit shape:	Round
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 & sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating. Brix of 12 to 15 with an average of 13.5.
Licensed Countries:	South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho and Ethiopia.
Comments:	Continuous production of primocanes that flowers until late in season, can be pruned to produce “out of season” fruit. Flowers tend to stick to early season fruit.

Fruit Size	Ripening	Eating Quality	Production
Large	Very Early	Excellent	Very good
	SA (July-November) Zimbabwe(May-Sept)	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.

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