

MegaCrop (T11-119)



Blueberry type: Southern Highbush.

Released: 2021 Selection.

Key attributes: MegaCrop is exclusively released to TopFruit for most African regions south of the equator. This low chill variety is a very vigorous, spreading grower with medium to large, firm, flavourful berries. It is a mid-season variety with very high production volumes that ripens in a condensed harvest period.

Chilling Required: Low Chill (-100h < 7.2C).

Flowering: Flower bud break in South Africa is May-June and from April-May in Zimbabwe. PDF = 90 Days. It has a short, condensed flowering period.

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

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Harvest:	Mid-season production: Western Cape from September to November, Limpopo from August to October & Zimbabwe from June to September.
Plant Vigour:	Spreading with very vigorous growth. Primocane type grower that needs tipping to maximize the number of bearing units.
Yield:	Very Good (25 - 30ton/ha). First year production: 2-3kg/bush, Second year: 4-5kg/bush and mature plants 5kg+/bush.
Berry size:	Medium to Large size fruit (1.8 – 2.5g/berry), ranging between 14-20mm (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, improved texture and firmness with storage.
Flavour:	Crisp & sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating. Brix of 12 to 14 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:	This variety is an excellent grower and forms a big spreading bush within two years. It sets large numbers of fruit and has an excellent cropping ability. Compact harvest season.

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