



# IQ Berries (Australia) Variety Profile MegaEarly (F11-319)



*Blueberries*

- Blueberry type:** Southern Highbush
- Key attributes:** F11-319 has been exclusively released to TopFruit as a commercial selection to be planted in most regions south of the equator. This very low chill variety has large, firm, flavorful berries with very good production potential. This variety has the potential to bear primocane fruit very early in the harvest season.
- Chilling Required:** True no chill to low chill (-50h < 7.2C)
- Flowering:** Flower bud break March-May.  
PDF = 85 Days
- Pollinator:** Shows signs of parthenocarpy, but bees and proximity of a cross pollinator variety is advised.





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- Bud break:** Evergreen, ability to produce primocanes very early in a warm climate. Production can be manipulated with timing of pruning.
- Harvest:** Very early to mid-season production: April - June in tropical regions, June – August in warm regions. Western Cape: July – September.
- Plant Vigour:** Upright with very good growth.
- Yield:** Very good (18-25 ton/ha)
- Berry size:** Large size fruit (1.8-2.5 g/berry), ranging between 15-25mm
- Fruit shape:** Round
- Bloom:** Strong; light blue
- Picking Scar:** Very easy picking due to long fruit stems. Small dry scar.
- Firmness:** Very firm with good shelf life. Fruit is crisp and has a pop sensation when eating.
- 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.

Fruit Size	Ripening	Eating Quality	Production
Very Large	Very Early	Excellent	Very Good
	July/September	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. His selections are on par with superb genetics emerging from Australia the past few years.

