

MegaGrand (T112 - 219)



Blueberry type: Southern Highbush.

Released: 2021 Selection.

Key attributes: MegaGrand is exclusively released to TopFruit for most African regions south of the equator. It crops early to mid-season and is a typical strong upright primocane type grower. This low chill variety has large, firm berries with very good production potential and a condensed harvesting period.

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

Flowering: Flower bud break in South Africa is May-June, from March-April in Limpopo and Zimbabwe. PDF = 90 Days. It mostly bears primocane flowers and fruit. Big bell shape flowers.

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

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- Harvest:** Early-mid-season production: Western Cape from August to November, Limpopo July to October & Zimbabwe from May to September. Compact harvest season with peak over two months.
- Plant Vigour:** Upright with vigorous growth. Primocane type grower that needs tipping to maximize the number of bearing units.
- Yield:** Very Good (20 - 25ton/ha). First year production: 1.5-2kg/bush, Second year: 3-4kg/bush and mature plants 5kg+/bush.
- Berry size:** Medium to Very Large size fruit (1.8 – 2g/berry), ranging between 15-22mm (45% 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 and has a pop sensation when eaten.
- Flavour:** Crisp & sweet with good brix, average acidity, very good eating. Brix 13 and 16 with an average of 14.
- Licensed Countries:** South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho and Ethiopia.
- Comments:** Mid-season variety, but very precocious and sets a heavy crop of primocane fruit. Excellent eating quality. Does well under plastic.

Fruit Size	Ripening	Eating Quality	Production
Large	Very early	Excellent	Very Good
	SA (Aug-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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