



# IQ Berries (Australia) Variety Profile MegaPop (F116)



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**Blueberry type:** Southern Highbush

**Key attributes:** **MegaPop** 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 very large, firm, flavorful berries with good production potential. This variety has the potential to bear primocane fruit very early in the harvest season.

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

**Flowering:** Flower bud break May-June.  
PDF = 80 Days






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- Pollinator:** SH variety with similar flowering time
- Bud break:** Evergreen
- Harvest:** Very early to mid-season production: August – September in SA.
- Plant Vigour:** Upright with moderate growth.
- Yield:** Good (18-20 ton/ha)
- Berry size:** Large size fruit (2-2.5 g/berry), ranging between 15-30mm
- Fruit shape:** Round-Flat
- Colour:** Medium blue to light blue
- Bloom:** Strong; light blue
- Picking Scar:** 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
- Disease:** Little rust has been observed
- Licensed Countries:** South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi, Lesotho and Ethiopia.

	<b>Ripening</b>	<b>Eating Quality</b>	<b>Production</b>
	<b>Very Early</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>
	August/September	Crispy Sweet Very Firm	Takes longer to come into full production

## 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.



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