

Growing on Blueberry Plugs

- 1) Peat-based ericaceous compost
- 2) Low pH ~ 4.5
- 3) Well-ventilated tunnels
- 4) Shading beneficial in summer



Remember:

- ✓ High interest in blueberries from public
- ✓ Healthy Fruits - with very high anti-oxidant levels
- ✓ Grow well by your customers in large tubs or berry beds
- ✓ Attractive garden plants - spring flowers, autumn colour & fruit in late summer

Compost

Need a well-drained peat-based ericaceous compost, with a low pH ~ 4.5 & low lime levels.

Feeding

Add SRF at low-moderate rate of 2-3 kg/m³, or liquid feed with
eg. Peters 18-10-18 75ppm nitrogen every watering
eg. Maxicrop + iron, 1 in 100, every month



What pot size?

Pot plugs into 7-9cm, for 3-6 months.
Pot on into 2 or 3 litre pots for 4-6 months.

Where to grow?

Grow best in well-ventilated tunnels. Shading is beneficial in summer to reduce excess heat.

Overwintering

Overwinter liners, and ideally larger plants under protection, but frost protection not required.

Pruning - on your nursery

Blueberries fruit on the previous years "canes".
Prune when dormant. For first 2 years just remove dead or spindly branches to encourage a good basic structure.

Pruning - for the customer

Blueberries fruit on the previous years "canes".
Older bushes - thin out to leave 6-7 vigorous two-five-year-old canes and 2-3 one-year-old canes.

Fruiting

If you want specimen plants with fruit on - you will need to keep them netted.
A range of varieties can provide fruit from early August-late September.