

Growing on Trees from Plugs

Taking the “hard graft” out:

- **Uniformity - clonal propagation**
- **Quick Growing**
- **Easy to Pot plugs (discrete cells)**



How fast will they grow?

Plugs potted in Spring into 1 or 1.5 litre pots can achieve 4-5 feet by Autumn, less for slower varieties.

What pot size?

Can be potted directly to 1, 1.5 or 2-litre pots, inside and pot thick at first.

What compost to use?

A good rich open free-draining compost. Need good rates of fertilizer to support the very rapid growth, include 3-4kg/m³ controlled release fertilizer (CRF) in compost. Additional liquid feed is beneficial during Summer.

Where best to grow?

Grow pot thick in glasshouse or polytunnel, to get rapid initial extension growth. Once established, they can be moved outside from early July to harden up. Canes can be used to encourage quality growth.

Pest & Diseases?

Watch out for “summer pests”

What do I do for second season?

Overwinter under protection, and pot on between January and March into eg 10-litre pots for quality container plant .

OR plant from 1-2 litre pots in the field in autumn.

Do I need to trim?

Side-shoots can be trimmed off to improve apical dominance

Or small side-shoots can be left on to increase photosynthesis and growth



Outline Schedules for Trees

When to pot plugs	Pot size, trim etc	Plant in field?	OR Potting for Container Crop
March-April	Into 1L or 1.5L in glasshouse or polytunnel. Move outside August to harden	Autumn	After overwintering under protection, - pot on Jan-March in eg. 10L
May-early June	Into 1L, 1.5L or 2L in glasshouse or polytunnel.Care to water sufficiently as growth can be very rapid.Move outside August to harden off		

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