

# DeGrandchamp Farms

## 2024 Growers Catalog



Blueberries & Cranberries



## Good morning:

In 1958, Vince and Bea DeGrandchamp bought a 12-acre blueberry farm in South Haven Michigan. In 2023, DeGrandchamp Farms celebrated its 65th anniversary!

The 12 acres has grown to 250 acres of Blueberry production and 42 acres of cranberry production. The nursery that started out with one small greenhouse (10'X20'), has grown to 50,000 square feet of greenhouse production and 10 acres of outdoor container production.

DeGrandchamp Farms is proud to announce that the farm operation has transitioned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation. Everyone is excited for the next 65 years!

Our blueberry crop was very good this year, as we had no winter damage and no frost. There were favorable temperatures for good pollination to set a big crop. Some years all of the weather cooperates, and this was one.

Irrigation really paid off. May and June were very dry here in the Great Lakes region. July and August we had rain on a lot of days that made harvesting a challenge. September was warm and dry. In October it seemed we had rain every day, making it difficult for fall plantings. At the end of the year, we will have average rainfall, except in the months that it was needed.

As always, you are only a phone call or email away from our help in your new or existing plantings. Don't hesitate to contact us for any help you need. Remember we are not plant brokers. We grow in our fields what we sell to you.

Put our 65 years of experience in blueberry production to work for your operation.

All the best,

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# What's New and Exciting?

It is amazing how much renovation is taking place in SW Michigan the last few years.

Many of these farms were planted with Jersey and Rubel in the 1940's and 50's.

It is a big undertaking and expensive project to accomplish. But to survive in the competitive marketplace that we have now, it needs to be done.

On our farm we have a 10-year plan to renovate all our old Jersey and Rubel blocks with the new genetics. This will be accomplished in the next year.

There are a lot of private and public blueberry breeding programs. They are introducing new genetics that have superior flavor and production for the fresh fruit market. The future looks very good with these new cultivars.

Retail business for farm markets and U-pick continues to be strong and growing.

We have many customers returning every summer to pick blueberries. Some of them are now on the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of family returning for their summer vacation that includes picking blueberries.

DeGrandchamp Farms is excited that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation is now taking over the running of our farm.



# Nursery & Greenhouse





# Product Size Descriptions

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## 2.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year Old

This is an excellent liner plant with large deep root system that transplants well into larger pots or nursery beds.

It's a good alternative for growers who want to grow their own finished plants. We recommend not planting these directly into the production fields.

**32 Per Tray**

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## 1 Gallon Pot, 2 Year Old Plant

The 1-gallon pot (6" x 8") is the industry standard that we have developed over 40 years ago. These 2-year-old plants are grown in a peat bark mix, which promotes excellent root and branched top growth. Containerized plants eliminate transplant shock and maintain the integrity of the root system. The plant height will vary according to the variety, from 12"-24". Growers' best choice for fast field establishment.



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## 4.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year Old

This is a large 7"-12" 1 year old plant that has a very substantial root system. The 4.5" peat pot was developed as an economic alternative to the 1-gallon pot. We have been successful planting the 4.5" plants directly into the production field by maintaining excellent cultural practices, such as weed control and irrigation.

**15 Per Tray**



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## 1"-3" Rooted Microshoots

For nurseries set up to handle small micropropagated plants. These are acclimated plants grown in our greenhouse for 3 months. They need to be transplanted in a greenhouse because they are actively growing. Call us if you need any information on handling Rooted Microshoots

**144 Per Tray**

# Approximate Ten Week Fruiting Season in South Haven, MI

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
July				August				September	

Chanticleer

Duke, Polaris,  
Sweetheart

Bluejay, Huron,  
Northblue,  
Northland

Patriot, Spartan

Chippewa

Bluecrop, Blueray

Draper

Superior

Toro

Bonus

Chandler, Nelson

Jersey

Legacy

Liberty, Talisman

Aurora

# Many Varieties



## Early Varieties

Ripen in Michigan beginning July 1st based on SW Michigan weather patterns

Variety	Winter Hardy	Fresh Pack	Machine Picking	U-Pick	Disease Resistance	Productivity	Berry Size	Mature Bush Size	Between Plants
Chanticleer			UNKNOWN				L	6ft	3-4ft
Duke							L	6ft	3-4ft
Polaris <sup>HH</sup>			UNKNOWN				L	3ft	2-3ft
Sweetheart			UNKNOWN				M	6ft	3-4ft



## Early-Mid Varieties

Ripen in Michigan beginning July 10th based on SW Michigan weather patterns

Variety	Winter Hardy	Fresh Pack	Machine Picking	U-Pick	Disease Resistance	Productivity	Berry Size	Mature Bush Size	Between Plants
Bluejay							M	7ft	4-5ft
Huron							L	6ft	3-4ft
Northblue <sup>HH</sup>			UNKNOWN				L	2ft	2-3ft
Northcountry <sup>HH</sup>			UNKNOWN				S	2ft	2-3ft
Northland <sup>HH</sup>							M	4ft	3-4ft
Patriot <sup>HH</sup>							L	5ft	3-4ft
Spartan							L	6ft	3-4ft



**Winter Hardy:** 3= Excellent (Zone 4), 2= Good (Zone 5), 1=Good (Zone 6)



**Fresh Pack:** 2= Excellent, 1= Good



**Machine Picking:** 3= Fresh Pack, 2= Excellent, 1= Good



**U-Pick:** 2= Excellent, 1= Good



**Disease Resistance:** 2= Excellent, 1= Good



**Productivity:** 2= Excellent, 1= Good

**HH Half High:** Cross between highbush and lowbush, very winter hardy



# to choose from!



## Mid Season Varieties

Ripen in Michigan beginning July 15th based on SW Michigan weather patterns

Variety	Winter Hardy	Fresh Pack	Machine Picking	U-Pick	Disease Resistance	Productivity	Berry Size	Mature Bush Size	Between Plants
Bluecrop							L	6ft	3-4ft
Chippewa <sup>HH</sup>			UNKNOWN				M	3ft	2-3ft
Draper							L	6ft	3-4ft
Blueray							L	6ft	3-4ft
Superior <sup>HH</sup>			UNKNOWN				M	3ft	2-3ft
Toro							XL	6ft	3-4ft



## Mid-Late Varieties

Ripen in Michigan beginning August 1st based on SW Michigan weather patterns

Variety	Winter Hardy	Fresh Pack	Machine Picking	U-Pick	Disease Resistance	Productivity	Berry Size	Mature Bush Size	Between Plants
Chandler							XL	6ft	3-4ft
Bonus							XL	6ft	3-4ft
Jersey							M	8ft	4-5ft
Legacy							L	6ft	3-4ft
Nelson							L	6ft	3-4ft



## Late Varieties

Ripen in Michigan beginning August 25th based on SW Michigan weather patterns

Variety	Winter Hardy	Fresh Pack	Machine Picking	U-Pick	Disease Resistance	Productivity	Berry Size	Mature Bush Size	Between Plants
Aurora							M	6ft	3-4ft
Liberty							M	6ft	3-4ft
Talisman			UNKNOWN				L	6ft	3-4ft

# Wholesale Blueberry Plant Prices

Aurora, Bluecrop, Bluejay, Blueray, Bonus, Chandler, Chanticleer, Chippewa\*, Draper, Duke, Huron\*\*, Jersey, Liberty, Nelson, Northblue\*, Northcountry\*, Northland, Patriot, Polaris\*, Spartan, Superior\*, Sweetheart, Talisman, Toro

Grade	Each	Each 50+	Each 100+	Each 500+	Each 1000+
1-3" Rooted Microshoots (Trays of 144)	n/a	n/a	\$1.85	\$1.65	\$1.45
3-6", 2.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year (Trays of 32)	\$2.95	\$2.85	\$2.75	\$2.55	\$2.35
6-12", 4.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year (Trays of 15)	\$3.85	\$3.75	\$3.65	\$3.45	\$3.25
12" + 1 Gallon, 2 Year (Individual Pots)	\$5.75	\$5.25	\$4.95	\$4.75	\$4.55

**Chippewa\*, Northblue\*, Northcountry\*, Polaris\*, Superior\***  
University of Minnesota Plant Royalties **NOT** included in price above  
**\*0.25/ plant**

**Huron\*\***  
Michigan State University Plant Royalties **NOT** included in price above  
**\*\*0.30/ plant**

## Wholesale / Commercial Inquiries

For Our Current Inventory

Call us at 269-637-3915

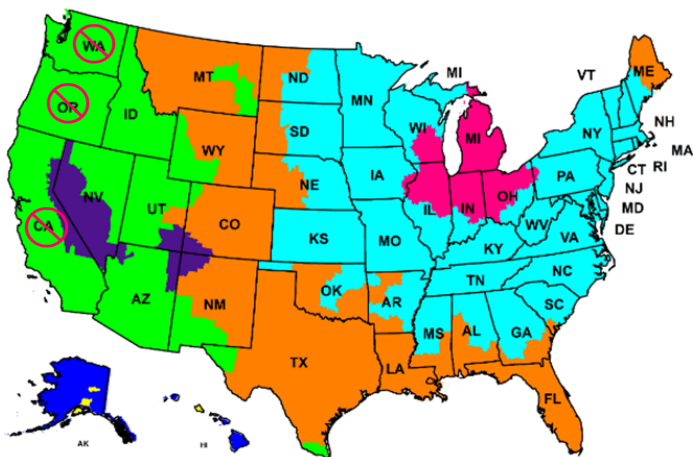
Or email us: [sales@degrandchamps.com](mailto:sales@degrandchamps.com)

# Home Gardener's Price List

These Home Gardener options are an excellent way to test a variety of plants to determine which plants best fit your soil climate and farming needs. Just pick any combination of varieties you prefer. This offer includes: 2-year-old, 1 gallon container grown plants, a planting guide, and if you include the preportioned fertilizer & sulfur we will send application instructions.

Combos (# Plants)	Price	Price/Plant	+ Fertilizer & Sulfur
6 Combo (1-11)	\$64.50	\$10.75	+\$6.00
12 Combo (12-23)	\$116.50	\$9.71	+\$12.00
24 Combo (25-29)	\$206.50	\$8.60	+\$24.00
30 Combo (30+)	\$232.50	\$7.75	+\$30.00

Calculate your shipping cost on our website at checkout  
[www.degrandchamps.com/home-gardener/](http://www.degrandchamps.com/home-gardener/)



Shipping Transit Days	
Pink	1
Lt Blue	2
Orange	3
Green	4
Dk Blue	5

**⊘ ATTENTION: WASHINGTON, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA**  
 Due to quarantine restrictions, we do not ship to these states.

**Home Gardeners / Retail Inquiries**

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Order online:  
[www.degrandchamps.com/home-gardener/](http://www.degrandchamps.com/home-gardener/)  
 Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted



# Fertilizer & Soil Treatments



## Slow-Release Fertilizer

\$8.50 / 5 lb Bags + S/H Costs  
(45 lbs per shipping box)

This gives a tremendous boost in the first year's growth. We have tested our fertilizer over the course of several seasons and have found it to be worth the 32 cents per plant it costs to use. The fertilizer is gradually released over a 5-to-6-month period.

Recommended use is 3 oz per plant.  
(22-5-8: Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potash)

## 85% Disintegrating Sulfur Granules

\$3.00 / 5lb Bags + S/H Costs  
(45 lbs per shipping box)

Is a Quality Sulfur-Bentonite product that degrades readily upon contact with moisture in the soil, which provides a large surface area of sulfur to be oxidized to the sulfate form of sulfur.

## Pre-portioned Fertilizer Tablets and Sulfur Pellets

- for 6 Plants = \$6.00
- for 12 Plants = \$12.00
- for 24 Plants = \$24.00
- for 30 Plants = \$30.00



# Cranberries

Cranberries are a native North American fruit that have been commercially harvested since the landing of the pilgrims. Today over 900 million pounds are harvested annually for juice and holiday meals.

Cranberries are in the same family as blueberries and require the same sandy, acidic soils. They are traditionally planted in wetland bog areas and then flooded for harvest and winter protection. Cranberries can be planted in upland areas if winter protection is provided, and the soil requirements are met. They make an excellent ground cover providing a great fall crop.

Cranberries we sell are the best of the commercial varieties. All varieties originated from University of Wisconsin Test Blocks; DuBay Marsh, WI.



Grade	Plants/ Tray	Each	100+ Each	500+ each	1,000+ Each
1-3" Rooted Plugs	144	N/A	\$0.75	\$0.65	\$0.55
3.5" Pots	18	\$3.65	\$3.45	\$3.25	\$3.00

***-All plants must be ordered in full trays. No mixing of varieties.***

***-Special orders for BenLear Bergmann or Gregelyski #1***

***-Pilgrim and Stevens are readily available***



# **Growing blueberries is our profession!**

## **The Goal of Our Nursery**

When you buy blueberry plants from DeGrandchamp Farms you are buying from professionals. Blueberry farming is our business, and our goal is to combine 64 years of commercial blueberry farming experience with each customer's specific need. We offer a full line of plants; from early to late varieties and know firsthand what varieties are best for fresh pack, U-Pick, or commercial growing.

We take great care and pride in growing our plants. All our blueberry plants are container grown for stronger and healthier root systems. The result is a plant that has a better first year growth and quicker fruit production. You can plant with confidence too knowing our plants have been "virus tested" for diseases.

## **Protect your investment with "virus tested" plants**

We are pleased to have available "virus tested" blueberry plants. Our farm is proud to be a participating nursery in the State of Michigan "virus tested" blueberry program for over 40 years. This involves having stock plants tested for blueberry viruses and maintained virus-free in screen houses. We can even go a step further and have these plants micropropagated through tissue culture. You have a long-term investment in your planting. Protect it by planting "virus tested"!

## **Service and Delivery**

When you order blueberry plants from us you can be assured of prompt and courteous service. The most important part of our business is our customers. That is why when you call to order, we will take the time to talk and find out what plants best fit your needs. We may even have a variety you haven't considered. Our plants will arrive healthy and ready to grow. So, call or email us "The Blueberry Professionals".



# Terms & Conditions

***\*\*All orders booked are based on the distinct understanding that the purchaser agrees to the terms and conditions of the sales stated\*\****

**\*NEW\* Credit Card Surcharge-** We will apply a 3% surcharge for any charges over \$500 on a credit card.

**Deposit and Terms (New Accounts)-** 50% deposit down to hold orders. Balance due day of shipment or pickup.

**Deposit and Terms (Established Accounts)-** 25% deposit , Net 15 Days, 2% Monthly Finance Charge.

**Ordering-** Total order quantity determines the quantity discount price. Example: 25 each of four varieties will get the 100-discount rate.

**Shipping and Handling-** We recommend not shipping June 15<sup>th</sup> thru September 15<sup>th</sup> due to plants being fully leaved out (will vary depending on weather). Customer pickups only during this time. Please call or email for shipping verification. Please give us 24-48 hours notice on a pickup order.

**Limited Warranty-** Should any stock prove untrue to name as labeled, it is mutually agreed that our total liability, upon satisfactory proof, shall be limited to replacement or refunded not to exceed original purchase price. All orders are accepted subject to crop failures, damage by natural causes and we reserve the right to refund all, or any part of payment made. We are careful to keep varieties true to name and will replace upon **“proper proof”**. We give no warranty expressed or implied as to the growth or productivity and will in no way be responsible for the results secured in transplanting.

**Transportation-** Packing boxes charged at cost. Customers shall designate preference of shipping: Please advise of us of your preference. Ground, Freight, Air Freight etc.

**Pool trucks-** For large orders we will make every attempt to pool orders to your area, reducing the freight cost. Freight COD unless prior arrangements are made. We will be happy to estimate a freight quote.

**Transportation Damage-** Customer is responsible for notifying the carrier at time of delivery of damaged shipment. Mark your shipment receipt with condition and amount of damage. File a claim with the carrier. Promptly let us know and ask us for assistance if needed. Send us snapshots of the damage material if possible. Plants become the property of the purchaser upon delivery to the transportation company and we cannot be responsible for loss, damage, or delay in transit. If there is damage or loss, file an immediate claim with carrier company. If you do not get satisfaction, we will be very happy to assist you.



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