



**DeGrandchamp**  
FARMS

**BLUEBERRIES AND CRANBERRIES**

**2024 GROWERS CATALOG**



# ABOUT THE FARM

Welcome to DeGrandchamp Farms: Celebrating 66 Years of Excellence!

In 1958, Vince and Beatrice DeGrandchamp planted the seeds of a legacy on a humble 12-acre blueberry farm in South Haven, Michigan. Sixty-six years later, DeGrandchamp Farms has flourished into 250 acres of blueberry production, 42 acres of cranberries, and a thriving nursery with 50,000 square feet of greenhouse production and over 10 acres of outdoor container growing.

Now owned and operated by the 3rd generation of the DeGrandchamp family, we're excited to share the next chapter of our story with you—our valued customers. Whether you're a homeowner cultivating your dream garden or a nursery operator expanding your offerings, our 66 years of expertise in blueberry and cranberry production is at your service.



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TRADITION**

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**GROWING  
FOR THE  
FUTURE.**



# MEET THE TEAM



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# WHAT'S NEW



## **INNOVATIVE VARIETIES:**

We're introducing Calypso, a flavorful and productive blueberry variety developed by Michigan State University. As you will see in the following pages, we offer 26 different blueberry varieties that are classified by the time of the season they are ready to harvest. Please call if we can help you with selecting the best varieties for your purpose and location.

## **RENOVATING BLUEBERRY ACREAGE:**

Our farm, as with many others in Michigan, were planted with Jersey and Rubel varieties in the 1950's and 60's. We have continued with our plans to replace these process varieties with new genetics that have superior flavor, size, and yields for the fresh fruit market.



# AND EXCITING?



## FARM STORE EXPANSION:

After time spent picking blueberries our customers can enjoy a treat from our new ice cream shop and spend time on the farm at our expanded outdoor gathering areas. Agrotourism continues in popularity, and we love seeing all of our guests enjoying our farm!

## EXPANDED U-PICK ADVENTURES:

Picking blueberries has long been a cherished tradition for families. We've been busy renovating our U-Pick areas to ensure our visitors' experience is fun, easy, and memorable for all generations. Adding a blueberry U-pick will attract more customers to your farm.



Through decades of changing seasons and market innovations, one thing remains constant: our commitment to growing what we sell. We're here to help with your plantings, whether you're starting fresh or expanding an existing operation.

Put our history, expertise, and passion to work for you. Contact us today, and let's get growing together.

# BLUEBERRIES SIZE DESCRIPTIONS



**1**

## **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**



**2**

## **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 do not recommend planting these directly into the production fields.  
**32 PER TRAY**



**3**

## **4.5" PEAT POT, 1 YEAR OLD**

This is a large 7"-12", 1 year old plant that has a 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**



**4**

## **1-GALLON POT, 2 YEAR OLD**

The 1-gallon pot (6" x 8") is the industry standard that we have developed over 40 years ago. These 2-year-old plants grown in peat bark mix ensure strong roots and top growth, minimizing transplant shock. Heights vary by variety, 12"-24". Ideal for quick field establishment.

# WHOLESALE BLUEBERRY PLANT PRICES



GRADE	EACH	EACH 50+	EACH 100+	EACH 500+	EACH 1000+
1-3" ROOTED MICROSHOOTS (TRAYS OF 144)	N/A	N/A	\$1.95	\$1.70	\$1.50
3-6", 2.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year (Trays of 32)	\$3.05	\$2.95	\$2.85	\$2.65	\$2.45
6-12", 4.5" Peat Pot, 1 Year (Trays of 15)	\$4.00	\$3.90	\$3.80	\$3.55	\$3.35
12" + 1 Gallon, 2 Year (Individual Pots)	\$5.95	\$5.45	\$5.10	\$4.90	\$4.70

## Royalty Fees

### Michigan State University Varieties

- Huron \$0.30 per unit Royalty in addition to plant cost
- Calypso \$0.55 per unit Royalty in addition to plant cost

### University of Minnesota Varieties

- Chippewa, Northblue, Northcountry, Polaris, and Superior \$0.25 per unit Royalty in addition to plant cost

**TO QUALIFY FOR WHOLESALE PLANT PRICING, YOU MUST  
HAVE A BUSINESS TAX ID NUMBER.**

## WHOLESALE / COMMERCIAL INQUIRIES

FOR OUR CURRENT INVENTORY  
CALL US AT 269-637-3915  
OR EMAIL US AT SALES@DEGRANDCHAMPS.COM



# PACKAGING AND SHIPPING OPTIONS

**OUR SALES TEAM WILL WORK WITH YOU TO CHOOSE THE BEST PACKAGING AND SHIPPING OPTIONS BASED ON:**

- Order Size
- Plant Size
- Planting Method
- Outdoor Temperatures
- Cost Considerations



**PACKAGING OPTIONS:**

- Corrugated Boxes
- Custom Palletized & Stretch-Wrapped
- Returnable Rolling Racks



**SHIPPING METHODS:**

- UPS Ground
- FedEx Freight
- Common Carriers
- Customer Pick-Up by appointment, Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM



**Let us help you ensure your plants arrive in excellent condition and on schedule!**



# QUICK VARIETY COMPARISON

**\*\*PLACE YOUR ORDER A SEASON AHEAD\*\***

## EARLY VARIETIES

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

VARIETY	WINTER HARDY	MACHINE PICKING	U-PICK	BERRY SIZE
Chanticleer	Zone 5	Unknown	Excellent	Large
Duke	Zone 4	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Large
Polaris	Zone 3	Unknown	Good	Large
Sweetheart	Zone 5	Unknown	Excellent	Medium

## EARLY-MID VARIETIES

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

VARIETY	WINTER HARDY	MACHINE PICKING	U-PICK	BERRY SIZE
Bluejay	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Good	Medium
Huron	Zone 4	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Large
Northblue	Zone 3	Unknown	Excellent	Large
Northcountry	Zone 3	Unknown	Good	Small
Northland	Zone 3	Fair	Good	Medium
Patriot	Zone 4	Fair	Excellent	Large
Spartan	Zone 5	Good	Excellent	Large



# QUICK VARIETY COMPARISON

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## MID SEASON VARIETIES

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

VARIETY	WINTER HARDY	MACHINE PICKING	U-PICK	BERRY SIZE
Bluecrop	Zone 5	Good	Excellent	Large
Chippewa	Zone 3	Unknown	Excellent	Medium
Draper	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Large
Blueray	Zone 3	Fair	Excellent	Large
Superior	Zone 3	Unknown	Excellent	Medium
Toro	Zone 5	Good	Excellent	Extra Large

## MID-LATE SEASON VARIETIES

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

VARIETY	WINTER HARDY	MACHINE PICKING	U-PICK	BERRY SIZE
Calypso	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Large
Chandler	Zone 5	Good	Excellent	Extra Large
Bonus	Zone 5	Fair	Excellent	Extra Large
Jersey	Zone 4	Good	Good	Medium
Legacy	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Large
Nelson	Zone 3	Good	Excellent	Large

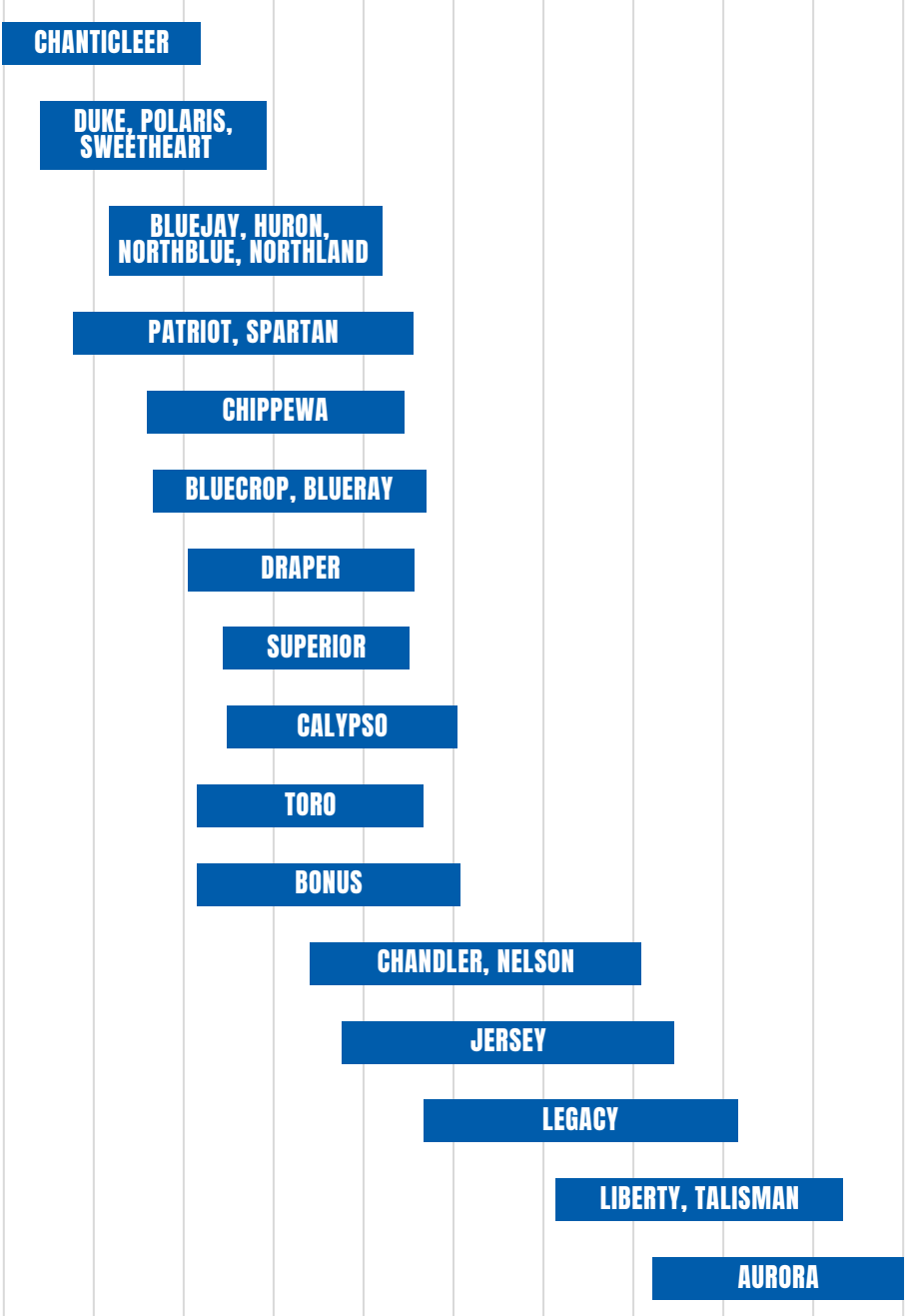
## LATE SEASON VARIETIES

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

VARIETY	WINTER HARDY	MACHINE PICKING	U-PICK	BERRY SIZE
Aurora	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Medium
Liberty	Zone 5	Fresh Pack	Excellent	Medium
Talisman	Zone 5	Unknown	Excellent	Large

**APPROXIMATE TEN WEEK FRUITING SEASON IN SOUTH HAVEN, MI**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JULY				AUGUST				SEPTEMBER	





# NORTHERN HIGH BUSH VARIETIES

Northern High Bush Varieties are the predominant commercial, u-pick, and home gardeners choice for growing blueberries in northern regions.

**LISTED FROM A TO Z**

## AURORA

This late season alternative to Elliott, Aurora has medium size berries that tend to be tart. The mature bush size is six feet tall and it is a highly productive variety.

## BLUECROP

Bluecrop is the most widely planted mid season cultivar in the Great Lakes, East Coast, and Pacific Northwest. It matures to six feet tall and has large sweet berries. It is a great choice mid season production.

## BLUEJAY

Producing some impressive yields, Bluejay is one of the best varieties for machine harvesting for fresh production. It has large bush size, maturing to 7 feet and produces consistently most years.

## BLUERAY

Blueray is great choice for u-picks as it boasts large berries with great flavor. Blueray consistently has good yields and though does not stand up well in the commercial market, it makes a great choice for small plantings and u-picks.

## BONUS

This extra large fruited cultivar was discovered by DeGrandchamp Farms as a "Bonus" in our first Elliott plantings. This mid late season blueberry makes a great u-pick variety because of the extra large fruit with great taste.

## CALYPSO

Calypso has had success in Pacific Northwest plantings and is gaining popularity in the Great Lakes and East Coast Regions. The fruit ripens mid-season, is of high quality, and can be machine harvested. This Michigan State University release is high yielding with good flavor.

\*Royalty applies



## CHANDLER

Chandler makes for another fun u-pick variety due to its extra large berries. Chandler is more sensitive to winter damage and is suitable to Zone 6.



## CHANTICLEER

Producing berries in the very early season, Chanticleer can be a vigorous grower and reaches six feet tall. It yields sweet berries with consistent crops annually.

## DRAPER

A Michigan State University release that has been proven successful as a machine harvested berry. Draper has a great shelf life and great flavor. All new varieties are compared to Draper in yield, flavor, and firmness. The fruit ripens mid-season. It is resistant to anthracnose and gall wasps.

## DUKE

Tried and true as an early season producer for Michigan. Duke can be machine harvested for fresh pack and can produce high yields. Duke performs best when planted on new or well rested ground.

## HURON

A Michigan State University release, Huron has excellent potential for machine harvesting for fresh pack, with good disease resistance. It has not been widely planted but showed promise in the test plots. \*Royalty applies

## JERSEY

Jersey is one of the original blueberry varieties planted in Michigan. This 1930's heirloom variety is being replaced in commercial fields in Michigan. It is still a good variety of U-pick operations because it is very adaptable to many soils. It has good production and a sweet berry.

## LEGACY

Known as being one of the sweetest blueberries, this variety is a vigorous grower, performing well in re-plant situations. Legacy is a mid-late variety and has great yields and firm berries. Very machine harvester friendly.

## LIBERTY

Liberty is a great variety for machine harvesting for fresh pack in the late season. Liberty can produce large firm berries, but does need a pollinator. It produces excellent machine harvested fruit, making it a profitable variety for your farm.

## NELSON

Nelson is a popular Michigan variety that has good yields, with berries that can be easily machine harvested. Bushes mature to six feet tall.

## PATRIOT

This University of Maine release, is a cross between a high and low bush, maturing to five feet tall. It is more winter hardy and has consistent yields. It is a good early variety for u-pick farms in colder climates.

## SPARTAN

Spartans are a fan favorite in our u-pick with large and sweet berries. A good fungicide program is important as it can be susceptible to anthracnose. The bushes mature to six feet tall or more.

## SWEETHEART

Sweetheart produces sweet fruit very early in the season. It is a vigorous grower and matures to six feet tall. These medium size berries maintain flavor well.

## TALISMAN

A newer release, Talisman boasts potential for growers as another variety that can be machine harvested for fresh pack. It has consistent yields with firm fruit.

## TORO

Get your cameras out, Toro's can produce some mighty large and picture worthy berries. Great for the U-pick, their berries are hard to stop picking and taste great too.





## COLD HARDY HALF HIGH VARIETIES

These varieties were bred to be cold-hardy, low-stature (“half-high”), high quality, with large fruit. The buds are cold tolerant and their low-stature allows them to be protected by the snow.

### NORTHBLUE

Northblue’s large, dark blue, firm berries have a good, fresh flavor. Its compact habit makes it a great option for zone 3 gardens. Berries ripen mid-season and the foliage turns a combination of yellow, orange and red in fall. Height: 24-36 inches; Spread: 30-40 inches; Zones: 3-7  
\*Royalty applies

### NORTHCOUNTRY

Northcountry offers exceptional wild blueberry flavor. A reliably cold-hardy variety, Northcountry ripens in late June to early July. Its glossy green foliage turns scarlet in fall. Height: 18-24 inches; Spread: 24-36 inches; Zones: 3-7 \*Royalty applies

### NORTHLAND

Northland was released by Michigan State University for growing in the Upper Peninsula. It is cold hardy and withstands heavy snow loads and will not break down. It is a good producer with medium size fruit. Bushes grow to five feet tall.

### POLARIS

Polaris is a cold-hardy, early ripening variety. The berries are aromatic and very sweet. Fall foliage is red and white blooms cover the plant in the spring. Height: 30-40 inches; Spread: 30-60 inches; Zones: 3-7 \*Royalty applies

### CHIPPEWA

Chippewa is a very hardy hybrid blueberry with a compact habit and beautiful fall color. It is the most productive of all U of M blueberry varieties, producing huge crops of large, sweet light blue fruit in mid summer. Height: 30-40 inches; Spread: 30-60 inches; Zones: 3-7  
\*Royalty applies

### SUPERIOR

‘Superior’ is a most productive cultivar with firm berries that have a balanced and pleasant flavor. It matures the majority of its fruit about 1 week later than other half high varieties extending the season. Height: 30-48 inches; Spread: 30-40 inches; Zones: 3-7 \*Royalty applies

# 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	PLEASE CALL	PLEASE CALL	PLEASE CALL
3.5" POTS	18	\$4.10	\$5.10	\$4.90	\$4.70

*-Special orders for BenLear, Bergmann or Gregelyski #1 Pilgrim and Stevens are readily available; Custom propagation of other varieties available.*





# FERTILIZER & SOIL TREATMENTS



## **SLOW-RELEASE FERTILIZER**

\$12.50 / 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. (23-4-8: Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potash)

## **85% DISINTEGRATING SULFUR GRANULES**

\$3.50 / 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



# GROWING BLUEBERRIES IS OUR PROFESSION!



## **THE GOAL OF OUR NURSERY**

With over 66 years of commercial blueberry expertise, we understand the demands of your operations and are here to help you succeed. We offer a comprehensive selection of blueberry plants, from early to late-season varieties, tailored to excel in fresh pack, U-Pick, or large-scale commercial production. Every plant we sell is container-grown, ensuring healthier root systems for a stronger first-year growth and faster fruiting. Partner with DeGrandchamp Farms and let our experience grow your success.

## **PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT WITH “VIRUS TESTED” PLANTS**

We understand that your blueberry operation is a long-term investment. That's why we have been a participating nursery in the State of Michigan's "Virus Tested" Blueberry Program for over 40 years. We rigorously test and maintain our stock plants in controlled, virus-free screen houses. For an added layer of assurance, we also offer plants micropropogated through advanced tissue culture techniques. Don't take chances with your planting - choose virus-tested, micropropogated plants from DeGrandchamp Farms and secure a stronger, healthier future for your farm.

## **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\*\***

**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 on payments beyond days of invoice date.

**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 with common carriers from June 15th though September 15th due to plants typically being fully leafed out (May will vary depending on weather). Customer pickups only during this time period. Please call or email for shipping verification. Please give us 24 to 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 are 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 provide an estimated a freight quote.

**Transportation Damage** - The customer is responsible for notifying the carrier at time of delivery of any damage during shipment. Mark your shipment receipt with condition and amount of damage. File a claim with the carrier. Promptly notify us and ask us for assistance if needed. Send us pictures of the damaged 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 are not satisfied, we will be happy to assist you.