

## Evergreen Growing of Blueberry Plants

Evergreen growing of blueberry plants is a cultural method to produce fruit in tropical and desert areas with temperatures exceeding 7 C, (45F). Blueberry plants grown with this technique grow 12 months per year. These tropical and warm locations in the world occur near to the equator.

Plants are planted at anytime of the year. The plants will grow and within 12 months, the new stems will yield fruits. After the fruits are harvested, the stems that yielded the fruits will be pruned to the soil level and new stems will begin to grow, and produce yield in approximately 11 months later.

A grower can prune plants according to when they want the harvest to begin. From pruning to harvest the fruits can be harvested within approximately 11 months. To keep a plant evergreen and healthy, irrigation and fertility must be monitored daily.

Depending upon the climate conditions and grower decisions, plants are planted in a high tunnel (Greenhouse) or outdoors. It is recommended to grow the plants in a high tunnels if large amounts of rainfall occur at given times of the year. Many of the tropical areas experience monsoon rains, and high tunnels protect the plants from the excess moisture. In areas where rains are evenly distributed during the year, the plants can be planted without the use of high tunnels.

Plant spacing for evergreen growing in are 60 cm. in the row and 2.2 meters aisles.

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