

You can still plant elderberries THIS season!

Elderberry growers are only now finding out that they have a much longer window in which to establish their planting than they had a year or two ago. In the past, growers were limited to starting their elderberry plantings with either (1) dormant cuttings (in very early spring and with varying degrees of success) or (2) buy bare root stock and transplant that in early spring (usually in April in the Upper Midwest).

Berry Communications, well known for its berry innovations and “thinking outside the box,” recently developed elderberry MaxiPlants. These unique 12-15 week old plants in “maxiplugs” (5” x 2-1/4” deep pots) enable growers to plant elderberries throughout June, July and even into August, with a near 100% success rate. When planted in June or July, growers can even expect a “baby harvest” within 14-15 months – a very rapid repayment on their investment.

This system is now in its 3rd season but plants are only available until supplies run out. Soon after the 4th of July, all remaining unsold inventory is transplanted for flower and berry production. A limited supply is still available for July and early August pickup or delivery. To discuss your needs or to place your order, call 651-308-3801 or e-mail pmo@chof.net.