

Pollination of Fruit Trees

Fertilisation terms can be tricky. Here is our guide to helping you work out all the jargon.

Self-Fertile

A plant labelled as self-fertile or self-pollinating will set fruit on its own, it doesn't need another similar plant nearby in order to pollinate. If it is the only plant you have, you will still get a great crop of fruit.

Partially Self-Fertile

A plant that is partially self-fertile will produce more fruit if planted with a companion plant. You will still get some fruit from a plant that is partially fertile, but you will have much better success if planted with another pollinator.

Pollination Beneficial

Many of our blueberries fall into this category, it is very similar to being partially self-fertile. Although they will still set fruit on their own, they will produce a much better crop if planted with a companion plant. Blueberries like our Gulf Coast, Billoxi and Legacy are pollination beneficial to each other. Please check our plant descriptions to see our recommendations.

Cross Pollination

Also called cross fertilisation, this is when pollen from one plant is transferred to the flower of another plant within the same species and is required for fruit to form and set. Apple trees are a great example of a plant that requires cross pollination, so ensure you choose varieties that are compatible with one another to ensure you get a great crop.