

SWEET LIFE BERRY®

Lycium barbarum 'SMNDSL'
Common name: goji



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 9
Mature height:	10'/3.0 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Average

Features & Benefits:	
-	An extremely easy to grow fruit with very high nutrient levels. Very prolific.
-	Attractive purple flowers in summer become glossy red berries that develop sweet flavor when dried.
-	Plant is best grown in full sun, staked sturdily, and pruned hard every spring. More fruit is born on lateral growth, so pruning stem ends is crucial.



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	6.9-8.1 (though tolerates normal growing pH)	
Nutrient Needs:	High	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	High	
Watering:	Average	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Spring-fall (summer flowers, late summer/fall fruit)	
Blooms On:	New wood	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Fast	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	8-10 • 7-9 • 6-8
2 - 3 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	16-20 • 14-18 • 12-16

Grower Tips:	
•	Goji grows best in neutral to alkaline soil. Apply additional lime to produce the best looking plants.
•	Goji is very vigorous and must be trained to a sturdy support to keep it manageable in the nursery. It grows as several long, flexible stems; bundle together around a stake or attach to trellis.
•	Trim 3-5 times; can be trimmed quite hard to keep compact.
•	Pale green foliage indicates the need for increased fertility; it may also indicate that the growing media is too acidic.
•	Experiment with the best way to grow this plant for your production system and customer base. Its unusual habit makes it suitable for many different training and pruning practices.
•	Susceptible to spider mites; scout and treat according to your IPM program.
NOTES:	