**Lavender Field Growing Information and References**

This is an informational form regarding lavender varieties grown here at PTF.

Lavender farmers often have questions about what varieties will work best for them in their particular region. This is not, however, replacement for your own homework in any way, and makes no guarantee of suitability of success in your specific area or intended purpose.

**WORK TO BE DONE BEFORE PURCHASING PLANTS**

\*Frequently asked questions from lavender farmers are often ones we don’t feel comfortable answering but we do have resources available to them.\*

**SOIL AND WATER TESTING:**

* Local extension agencies are available for water and soil testing, but are often lacking in covering all nutrients.
* In order to know if one needs fertilizer or soil amendments, a good source of testing is JR Peters Lab. They work with many growers [www.jrpeterslab.com](http://www.jrpeterslab.com)

**FIELD PREP:**

* Drainage is key. Raised berms or beds can be used or planting on sloped areas.
* Loamy soil is better than adding sand or gravel. Sand+gravel+clay=concrete

**SUN AND TEMPERATURE REQUIREMENTS**

* All lavenders need full sun and a winter vernalization period in order to bloom.
* Vernalization is achieved during the winter months. Rule of thumb is 8 weeks of cool nights.
* All varieties we offer are hardy zones 5-9. Some are more heat tolerant than others. See below.

**WHY ARE YOU GROWING LAVENDER?**

* Uses are culinary, oil distillation, dried flowers, and cut flower production.
* Each variety has its own distinct character – check our list to find out which variety can work for you.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Peace Tree Farm** [**https://www.peacetreefarm.com/specialty-lavender-2/**](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/specialty-lavender-2/)

**Michigan State – online lavender curriculum**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/growinglavender/?fbclid=IwAR1riDi6WQemZcwXiDqCWxzLwWM7BuclTlZ1ujt5c3T635HcNugX1InWLic>

**Beagle Ridge Lavender –** [**www.beagleridgeherbfarm.com**](http://www.beagleridgeherbfarm.com)

http://www.lancasterfarming.com/farm\_life/family/lavender-grower-advises-prospective-farmers-seeking-profits /article\_95313497-aa3f-54ad-9757-d95f49b965dd.html

**Curtis Swift** [**www.mesalavenderfarms.com**](http://www.mesalavenderfarms.com) **Swift Horticultural Enterprises**

**US Lavender Growers Association** [**https://www.uslavender.org/**](https://www.uslavender.org/)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please go to [www.peacetreefarm.com](http://www.peacetreefarm.com) to find out more about ***Lavender Phenomenal and Lavender Sensational!*** These are two patent-protected intermedia varieties developed by Peace Tree Farm. Other varieties available through Peace Tree Farm:

‘***Big Time Blue’***, angustifolia, large deep blue flowers, silver foliage. Patented, propagation prohibited.

***‘Hidcote Blue’*** is a classic semi-dwarf English lavender, growing to 18 inches in flower. Excellent selection for drying, flowers dry dark. Hidcote Blue’ is good culinary.

***‘Melissa Lilac’***, angustifolia, is a medium-sized lavender plant with soft lilac color flowers.

***‘Munstead’***, bushy plant, growing to no more than 18 inches in bloom. Very early spring bloomer – it can bloom as early as mid April in central California. Like ‘Hidcote’ it is an excellent choice for cooking. Nice selection for containers, as the highly aromatic foliage is desirable even when the plant is not blooming.