**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, a 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.jrpeters.com](https://www.jrpeters.com/lab-testing-services)

**FIELD PREP:**

* Drainage is key. Raised berms or beds can be used for 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 Specialty Lavender***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/phenomenal-family-of-lavender/)

[***Michigan State – online lavender curriculum***](https://www.canr.msu.edu/growinglavender/?fbclid=IwAR1riDi6WQemZcwXiDqCWxzLwWM7BuclTlZ1ujt5c3T635HcNugX1InWLic)

[***Beagle Ridge Herb Farm Lavender***](https://beagleridge.org/Lavender.php)

[***Lavender Grower Advises Prospective Farmers Seeking Profits***](https://www.lancasterfarming.com/country-life/family/lavender-grower-advises-prospective-farmers-seeking-profits%20/article_95313497-aa3f-54ad-9757-d95f49b965dd.html)

**Curtis Swift, Swift Horticultural Enterprises**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Please visit [**peacetreefarm.com/phenomenal-family-of-lavender/**](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/phenomenal-family-of-lavender/) to find out more about the Phenomenal Family of Lavender.® These are four patent-protected/ppaf intermedia varieties developed by Peace Tree Farm.

[***Phenomenal®***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-x-intermedia-phenomenal-us-pp24193/) (Introduced 2013) – The deep-purple lavender that started it all, offering exceptional performance and reliability. H: 30-32” W: 30-32”

[***Exceptional™***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavender-x-intermedia-exceptional/) (Introduced 2023, PBR) – Directly descended from Phenomenal®. Striking white blooms, fragrant aroma, ideal for hedges and oil production. H: 30-32” W: 30-32”.

[***Sensational!****®*](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-x-intermedia-sensational/) (Introduced 2021, PBR) – Unparalleled fragrance and vigor with large, dense purple flowers. Perfect for hedges and oil production. H: 24 to 30” W: 30 to 36”

[***Inspirational!™***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-x-intermedia-inspirational-lavender/) (Coming 2025, PPAF, PBR applied for) – Derived from Sensational!®, A future favorite already inspiring growers everywhere with large, dense white flowers. H: 24 to 30” W: 30 to 36”

**Other varieties available through Peace Tree Farm:**

[***‘Big Time Blue’***](http://www.apple.com), angustifolia, large deep blue flowers, silver foliage. Best known for its strikingly large blooms, which are much larger than other varieties. Patented, propagation prohibited.

[***‘Hidcote Blue’***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-angustifolia-hidcote-blue/) is a classic semi-dwarf English lavender, growing to 18 inches in flower. One of the most popular English lavenders, its fine, silvery-gray foliage perfectly compliments the deep-purple flowers. Excellent selection for drying, flowers dry dark. Hidcote Blue’ is good culinary.

[***‘Melissa Lilac’***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-angustifolia-melissa-lilac/), is a medium-sized angustifolia lavender with soft lilac color flowers that are incredibly fragrant and perfect for borders or containers.

[***‘Munstead’***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavandula-angustifolia-munstead/), a compact, bushy plant, growing to no more than 18 inches in bloom. This English lavender is a 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. Lightly scented flowers are pale blue to dark violet.

[***'Asa Blue'***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavender-asa-blue/)– Known for its high oil production, Peace Tree Farm is the only wholesale provider of Lavender Asa Blue®, in North America.

[***Stoechas ‘Purple Rain’***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavender-stoechas-purple-rain/) – An early blooming ‘Spanish’ Lavender, it’s know for its compact habit. Well suited to small spaces and hanging baskets.

[***'Blue Jeans'***](https://www.peacetreefarm.com/plants/lavender-blue-jeans/), an intro from Concept Plants, has deeply saturated color and can handle more moisture than most other angustifolia cultivars.