This winner is a “First in Class,” as AAS has never before trialed and declared a fennel an AAS Winner. What is extremely fun about this winning plant is its many uses: as an edible bulb; for its ornamental fronds; as a seed producer; and as a favorite food of pollinators, namely swallowtail caterpillars. The AAS Judges described Antares as a very uniform, pure white, beautiful plant with a much improved, almost sweet, licorice/anise flavor as compared to other market varieties. It was also 7-10 days slower to bolt than comparison varieties. Many AAS Judges said they plan to plant this easy-to-grow fennel in their own gardens next year!

**AAS® Winner Data**

**Genus species:** *Foeniculum vulgare*

**Common name:** Bulb Fennel

**Fruit size:** 4-5 inches

**Fruit shape:** Round

**Fruit color:** White

**Plant type:** Annual

**Plant height:** 15-24 inches

**Plant habit:** Upright fern

**Garden location:** Full sun

**Garden spacing:** In rows 6 inches apart and 2 feet between rows

**Length of time to harvest:** 58 days from transplant

**Closest comparisons on market:** Orion F1, Preludio F1