2008 All-America Selections® Award Winners

Tested Nationally and Proven Locally®
EGGPLANT F1
‘Skippy XL Plum-Gold’
2008 AAS Cool Season Award Winner

OSTEOSPERMUM F1
‘Asti White’
2008 AAS Bedding Plant Award Winner

EGGPLANT F1
‘Hansel’
2008 AAS Vegetable Award Winner
Pure white daisy flowers with blue centers are the main attraction for ‘Asti White’. The large blooms, 2 to 2-1/2 inches are borne on graceful stems. The thick fleshy leaves indicate its drought tolerance, which makes this a preferred annual in any area subject to dry conditions. ‘Asti White’ is the first white Osteospermum, or Cape Daisy, propagated from seed. Gardeners have the choice of growing from seed or purchasing plants. ‘Asti White’ plants will bloom and recover from a slight frost. These plants can be placed in the spring or fall garden, weeks earlier than other tender annuals. The plants thrive in a sunny garden, reaching about 17 to 20 inches tall and wide. ‘Asti White’ was bred and produced by Goldsmith Seeds, Inc.
Sunny gold faces charm people gazing at ‘Skippy XL Plum-Gold.’ The flowers are uniquely designed with plum shades surrounding the golden centers (face) which contain radiating black lines affectionately called whiskers. The blooms are small, about 1-1/2 inches. The number of blooms more than makes up for the size. In the North, plants can be expected to bloom from spring to the heat of summer. In the South, a fall planting may provide flowering golden faces throughout the winter. The petite plants grow 6 to 8 inches tall and wide. Gardeners can rely on ‘Skippy XL Plum-Gold’ to provide abundant blooms in containers or window boxes. ‘Skippy XL Plum-Gold’ was bred by Kieft Seeds Holland.
Best described as a miniature eggplant, ‘Hansel’ is a smaller-sized plant with finger-sized clusters of fruit. The strong plant, reaching less than three feet, produces clusters of three to six fruit. They mature early, about 55 days from transplanting. This is about 10 days earlier than the comparison eggplant. If the 3-inch fruit clusters are left on the plant, they grow in size, but remain tender and non-bitter. This offers gardeners flexibility in harvest. If you prefer to garden in containers, ‘Hansel’ is highly recommended for your shopping list. ‘Hansel’ adapts perfectly to container growing conditions. This AAS Winner was bred by Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc.
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