



Basil Persian
AAS Edible Regional Winner
Regions: HL, M/SW, W/NW

The first of three organic herbs we are introducing as AAS Winners—another first for this organization! Persian Basil is a large, vigorous plant that is a prolific producer of pleasant tasting leaves for your culinary adventures. Not only is the taste excellent, but the green foliage, sturdy branches and large leaves make for a great ornamental plant. An additional bonus is that this Winner is late to produce flowers, which often make basil develop a bitter taste. Need one more reason to try Persian Basil? The bees were very active around this entry in the trials so you'll also do your pollinator friends a favor having this basil in your garden.

AAS® Winner Data

Genus species: *Ocimum basilicum*

Common name: Persian basil, anise basil

Leaf taste: Sweet flavor

Leaf size: 1 x 2/3 inches

Leaf shape: Flattened

Leaf color: Green/silvery leaves with attractive purple stems

Plant type: Annual

Plant height: 12-15 inches

Plant width/spread: 15 inches

Plant habit: Bushy

Garden location: Full sun

Garden spacing: 12-15 inches

Number of fruits: Prolific

Length of time to harvest: 30 days from transplant, 75 days from seed

Closest comparisons on market: Cinnamon Basil, Siam Queen

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