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