



Basil

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General Information

- Ocimum basilicum, Basil
- Lamiaceae family
- Sunlight: Full sun.
- Soil conditions: well-drained soil, high in organic matter.
- Grows well in a container.
- Annual

Successful Cultivators

- Genovese (68 days) Classic Italian variety. Large dark green leaves.
- Sweet Thai (64 days): Long green leaves, attractive purple stems and flowers. Spicy flavor.
- Amethyst (74 days) Large turned-down leaves, nearly black in color. Genovese type.

Common Pests and **Diseases**

- Downy Mildew
- Grey Mold
- Basil Sunburn
- Thrips
- Fusarium wilt

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