

AgBud



A series of horticulture insights

Did you know?

An acre of English lavender produces between 300 and 1,800 pounds of dried flowers or about 2 gallons of essential oil.

Overview

- Flowers may be blue, violet or lilac in the wild species, occasionally blackish purple or yellowish.
- Lavender is a part of the mint family.
- Lavender has a wide range of uses some being ornamental, fragrance, culinary and medicinal.
- Research supports the calming, soothing and sedative effects of lavender when inhaled.
- Plants grow better with annual pruning.

Production

Based on the 2019 Census of Horticultural Specialties, there were a total of 1,317 lavender operations reported in the U.S.

Lavender is native to the Mediterranean region, Middle East, and India.

Lavender will survive temperatures down to -20°F so long as it is not exposed to perpetual cold and wet.

Lavender

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Class: *Magnoliopsida*

Order: *Lamiales*

Family: *Lamiaceae*

Genus: *Lavandula*

History

- In ancient Egypt it was used as a perfume and as an essential ingredient for incense.
- Lavender was used in the Middle Ages medicinally and as a strewing herb.
- Lavender was used as an ingredient in smelling salts and was used to disinfect wounds during wartime.

Lavender Anatomy

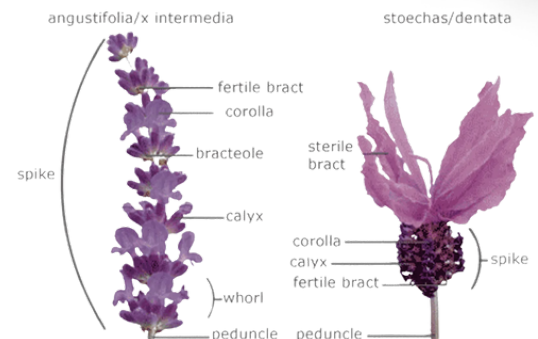


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