

Expanding the Lavender Industry in Missouri

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This project is being conducted by researchers from University of Missouri Extension to determine a set of standardized growing practices for lavender in Missouri. Lavender (*Lavandula* spp.) has increased in popularity for its appeal in the home landscape and its usefulness in culinary, medicinal, decorative products, beauty products, cut flowers, aromatherapy, and essential oil production. As a result, interest in commercial production has also increased and cultivation resources for growers in Missouri are sparse. Growing practices will include plant establishment, soil preparation, winter protection, cultivar selection, plant phenology, insect and disease issues, optimal flower and oil production parameters, and fertilization. Results of this project will be disseminated via workshops, field days, and guide sheets for growers.



Lavender Cultivars Used in this Project:

- **Hidcote**
- **Munstead**
- **Grosso**
- **Provence**
- **Dutch**
- **Phenomenal**



This is one of 3 replicated plantings located at the following sites:

- Springfield Botanical Gardens/
Greene County MU Extension
Center in Springfield, Missouri
- Ste. Genevieve County MU
Extension Center, Ste. Genevieve,
Missouri
- Adair County MU Extension Center,
Kirksville, Missouri

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