

2001 W.Va. Vegetable Variety Trials – *Salvia Farinacea*

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All of the seeds were started indoors (average) April 3 and transplanted outside into gardens (average) May 30. Wildlife was a problem with many growers. Eight Master Gardener programs participated in this trial.

SALVIA FARINACEA	<i>Blue Bedder</i>	<i>Cirrus</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Strata</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>White Bedder</i>
Germination: 5 = excellent (90-100%), 4 = good (75-90%), 3 = average (60-75%) 2 = poor (40-60%), 1 = awful (<40%)	3.3	3.0	2.3	2.7	3.3	3.7
Plant Size at Full Bloom: (Please indicate average height in inches)	16"	11"	14"	10"	15"	14"
Bloom size: (Please indicate the average length of the bloom spike, in inches)	3"	3"	5"	3"	4"	5"
Bloom color: 1 = Blue, 2 = Blue & White, 3 = White	Blue	Blue & White	Blue	Blue & White	Blue	White
Amount of Bloom: 1 = abundant, 2 = better than average, 3 = average, 4 = less than average, 5 = poor	Better than average	Average	Better than average	Average	Better than average	Better than average
Rate the two blue-flowered varieties overall:	Average		Least		Best	
Rate the two blue/white varieties overall:			Best	Least	Best	
Rate the two white varieties overall:		Least			Least	Best
Assuming the average first bloom is July 1, this variety's bloom was: 1 = much earlier, 2 = earlier, 3 = the same, 4 = later, 5 = much later	The same	Later	Later	Later	Later	Later
This variety's total bloom production was: 1=very abundant, 2 = better than average, 3 = average, 4 = below average, 5 = poor	Very abundant	Average	Better than average	Average	Average	Very abundant
Would you purchase this variety again?	33% Yes	17% Yes	33% Yes	17% Yes	50% Yes	50% Yes
Overall Ranking: 1 = best, 6 = least	1.5	3	2.5	5	4.3	1.6
Comments:	All damped off. Thrived in afternoon sunny, rocky, dry bed with little care. Very little care needed. On the whole, not very attractive plants.					