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All-America Selections winners for 2010

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What does it take to be a winner? These four plants had the right stuff

What is AAS?

Trusted

All-America Selections is a non-profit organization that tests seed-grown flowers and vegetables from around the world and evaluates their performance. Trial gardens are located throughout North America.

Garden-worthy

AAS has four categories (vegetable, flower, bedding plant and cool season bedding plant) that each have specific criteria that the seeds must meet. From flavour to hardiness, fragrance to uniqueness, an AAS Winner excels across the board.

Identifiable

Look for the AAS logo on all your seed packets and bedding plants.

Meet the winners:



'Endurio Sky Blue Martien' Viola, cool season award winner

Genus species: *Viola cornuta*

Common name: Viola

Unique qualities: Spreading, mounding habit fills planters and garden beds quickly for maximum pot and landscape colour impact. Plants flower through winter in mid-climates and re-bloom for second season when autumn planted in northern, temperate regions.

Flower size: 0.75 inch

Flower form: Single

Flower colour: Sky blue

Plant height: 6 inches
Width: 10-12 inches
Garden spacing: 10-12 inches
Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 9 weeks

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'Mesa Yellow' Gaillardia, the AAS flower award winner

Genus species: *Gaillardia x grandiflora*

Common name: Blanket flower

Unique qualities: First F1 Gaillardia from seed. Does not get tall, loose and floppy.

Flower size: 3 inches

Flower form: Single flower

Flower colour: Yellow

Plant height: 16-18 inches

Width: 20-22 inches

Garden spacing: 12-18 inches

Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 120 days in spring

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'Twinny Peach' Snapdragon, Bedding plant award winner

Genus species: *Antirrhinum majus*

Common name: Snapdragon

Unique qualities: First double flowered snapdragon with compact habit. Unique colour.

Flower size: 1.25 inches

Flower form: Butterfly

Flower colour: Pastel shades of peach, yellow and light orange

Plant height: 11.75 inches

Width: 7.75 inches

Garden spacing: 6 inches

Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 70-84 days

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'Zahara Starlight Rose' Zinnia, Bedding plant award winner

Genus species: *Zinna marylandica*

Common name: Zinnia

Unique qualities: First rose and white bicolor zinna, with disease resistance.

Flower size: 2.5 inches

Flower form: Composite, single flower

Flower colour: Rose and white bicolor

Plant height: 12-14 inches

Width: 12-14 inches

Garden spacing: 10-12 inches

Length of time from sowing seed to flower: 61 days

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