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VDF Specialty Seeds was established out of a need to grow healthy, downy mildew free basil - something our family farm had been struggling with for nearly 10 years. After several years of research and breeding at Rutgers University a partnership was created with Van Drunen Farms – VDF Specialty Seeds, to ensure that Downy Mildew resistant basil was not only available for our farming purposes, but for growers around the world.

RUTGERS DEVOTION DMR

70-80 Day - Downy Mildew Resistant Basil



KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- Genovese-type basil for potted plant production and fresh market; uniform, upright growth and dome or cup-shaped leaf. Organic seed available.

Days to Maturity: 70-80 days

Height: 25"

Life Cycle: Annual

Days to Germination: 5-10 days at 65-70°F (18-21°C)

Light Preference: Sun

Soil Requirements: Moderately rich, moist soil. Basil is not drought tolerant. Regular moisture throughout the growing season helps to ensure a good crop.

Plant Spacing: 4-8"

Hardiness Zones: Annual

Harvest: Begin light harvesting after plants have become established. It is best done in the early morning when the temperature is cooler and the leaves are less likely to wilt. A full harvest should be completed just before the plants start to flower. Cut the entire plant 4-6" above the ground to promote a second growth. Leaves are easily bruised when picking, so handle carefully. Do not store at a temperature less than 50°F (10°C).



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