Hercules Dill

Anethum graveolens 'Hercules'



Hercules Dill flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An vigorous and productive variety grown for both ornamental and edible qualities; yellow lacecap flowers hover over fine, lacy, aromatic foliage; great for gardens and containers; a wonderful choice for salads, freezing, canning or drying

Edible Qualities

Hercules Dill is an annual herb that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are typically harvested when mature. The edible parts have a distinctive taste and a light fragrance.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Drying
- Pickling
- Seasoning

Planting & Growing

Hercules Dill will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year. However, this species tends to self-seed and may thereby endure for years in the garden if allowed.

This plant is typically grown in a designated herb garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Hercules Dill is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.