

Waxahachie Farmers Market – Advance Research Notes for May 2021

PLANTING

- Heat-loving annuals like copper plant, firebush, gomphrena, lantana, pentas, purple fountain grass and sweet potato vine
[Summer Annuals that grow well here](#)
[A few of the more than 30 DCMGA favorite plants for North Texas Gardens](#) – excellent article covering bed preparation and a variety of sun loving plants
[Pentas past and present are Texas Superstars | AgriLife Today \(tamu.edu\)](#)
[Purple Fountain grass](#) – annual in our area
Sweet Potato Vine – Ipomoea – Tender perennial in our area-will not withstand frost
- Shade-loving: caladiums, begonias, coleus, impatiens
[shade-gardening-final-6-17.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)
[Shade Plants \(dcmga.com\)](#)
[Trial Results 2013 – Caladiums | Harris County Horticulture Blog \(agrilife.org\)](#)-annual
Coleus – annual
Begonias – Texas Superstar - Tender perennial
- Seeds – Direct Sowing
Seed Packet Instructions
[Growing Wildflowers from Seed \(dcmga.com\)](#)
- Flowering bulbs – Crinum, Lilies, Achemines & More
[Summer Bulb Flower Power | East Texas Gardening \(agrilife.org\)](#)
- New lawns – seeded or sod?
[Turfgrass Establishment for Texas - How do you start a lawn from seed? \(tamu.edu\)](#)

FERTILIZING AND PRUNING

- Feeding fruit trees – Excellent instructions for choosing and caring for fruit trees in your area
[Plant fruit trees the AgriLife Extension way | AgriLife Today \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- Fertilizing tomatoes and other vegetables - Primer for growing tomatoes - [Growing Tomatoes - how to grow Tomatoes in garden - in Texas \(tamu.edu\)](#)

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- Thinning fruit – Blueberries, Blackberries & Peaches, etc.
[Pruning the Fruit Orchard | East Texas Gardening \(agrilife.org\)](#)
- Pruning shrubs and vines
[Pruning Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, and Vines | Oklahoma State University \(okstate.edu\)](#)

GARDEN WATCH

- Bluebonnets and other wild flowers
[Growing Wildflowers from Seed \(dcmga.com\)](#)
[Wildflowers In Bloom \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- Tomato blight
[Late Blight - Vegetable Resources Vegetable Resources \(tamu.edu\)](#)
[Tomato Problem Solver - Vegetable Resources Vegetable Resources \(tamu.edu\)](#)
- Squash bugs and bag worms
[Squash Bug \(tamu.edu\)](#)
[Squash Bugs \(huntcountymastergardeners.org\)](#)
[Squash vine borer | Urban IPM \(agrilife.org\)](#)
[Bagworms « Landscape IPM \(tamu.edu\)](#)

FEATURED PLANT

- [Hot Lips Salvia](#)
[native-adapted-plants-final-6-14.pdf \(tamu.edu\)](#)

SPECIAL DAYS THIS MONTH

- Mothers Day is May 9 – good plants as gifts?
[22 Mother's Day Gardening Gifts For Plant-Loving Moms – Home for the Harvest](#)
[Texas Superstar Plants](#)
Watering cans, seeds, gardening course, gardening apron, container plants
- [Larkin Farms Orchard opens – free samples?](#)
April 29, 2021 – Closed now but opening soon

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