





TEXAS SUPERSTAR®



Strong and Stunning
Plants for Texans



How A Plant Is Selected As A Superstar®

- The decision as to which plants are selected as Texas Superstar® plants is made by the Texas Superstar® Executive Board (Tim Davis — College Station; Mike Arnold — College Station; Dan Lineberger — College Station; Cynthia McKenney — Lubbock; Brent Pemberton — Overton; Larry Stein — Uvalde; David Rodriguez — San Antonio).
- Advisory input is also received from county horticulturists, arboretum and botanical garden representatives, horticultural writers, and landscape designers.




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- ▶ The Executive Board's decision as to which plants are selected is primarily based upon observations made at replicated plots and demonstration trials across the state.
- ▶ Trial sites are located in College Station, San Antonio, Overton, and Lubbock. Plants receive minimal soil preparation, reasonable levels of water, and no pesticides.
- ▶ Ornamental plant performance can be rather subjective so the board gathers input from horticulturists who understand the importance of both landscape performance and marketability.
- ▶ Another factor considered when selecting plants is whether sufficient numbers of plants can be produced to meet the increased consumer demand generated by Texas Superstar® efforts. Emphasis is on the Texas triangle – Dallas Metroplex, San Antonio, Houston.




Why Superstar® Plants Are Important

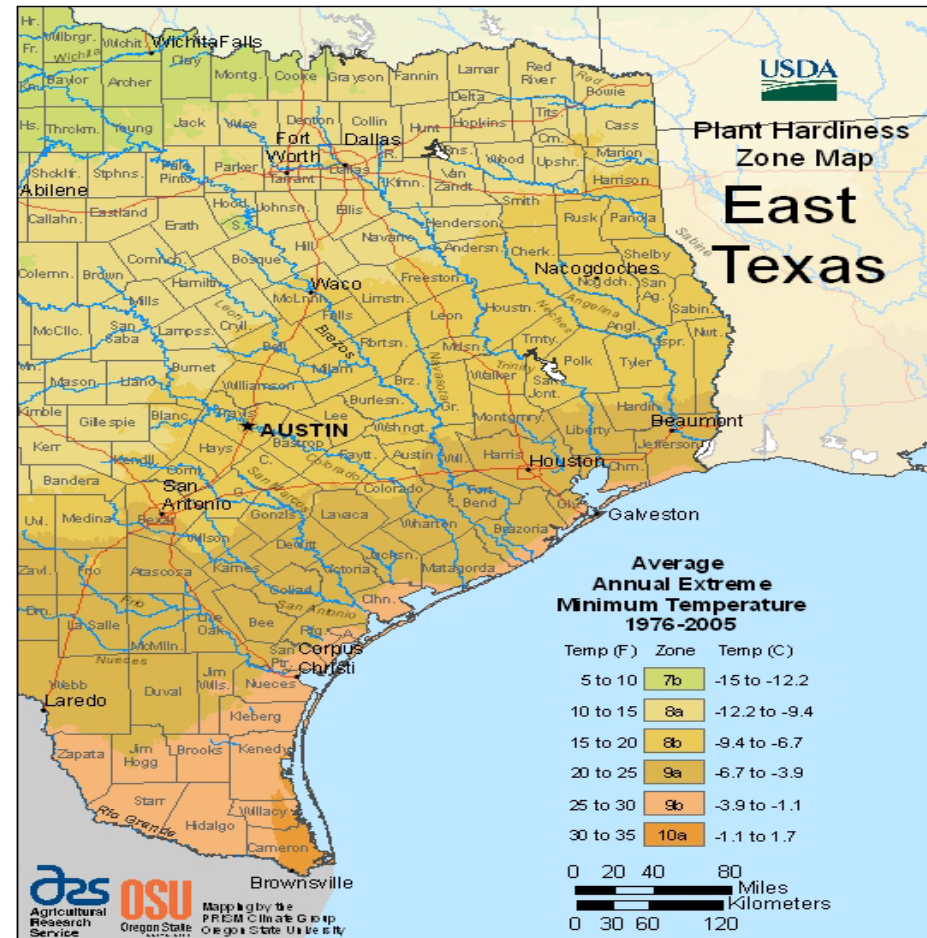
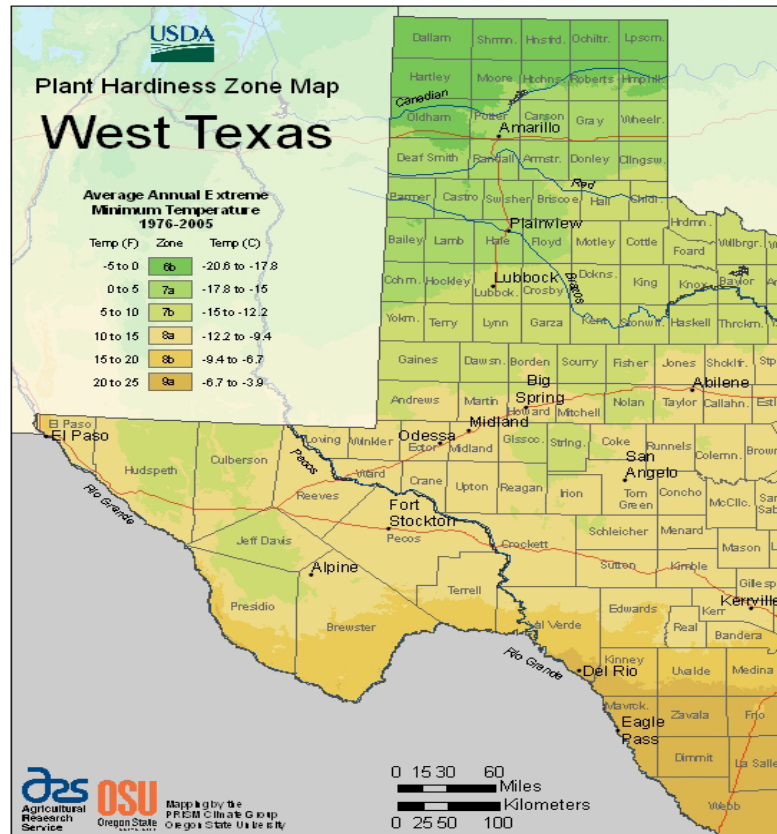
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- Superstar® plants are proven to be tough, beautiful plants.
 - Superstar® plants were selected because they are successful in a variety of Texas climates across the state.
 - The average homeowner can experience success when using these plants in their landscape because of their superior performance in tough Texas environments.



But There Are Some Considerations When Selecting Superstar® Plants For Your Landscape


- Superstar® plants perform best when planted in the proper hardiness zone.
 - A plant can grow in almost any hardiness zone if the homeowner is willing to put in the extra time needed and spend the extra money required to provide an environment conducive to growing that plant successfully.
 - Examples of special considerations are soil amendments, sun/shade requirements, cold/heat requirements, water requirements, etc.
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USDA Hardiness Zone Map





Superstar® Plants - Annuals

- Annuals are plants with a life cycle that lasts only one year. They grow from seed, bloom, produce seeds, and die in one growing season.
 - Annuals bloom for a long time and can provide landscape color from spring through fall.
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Superstar® - Annuals

- Angelonia Serena™ Series
- Whopper Begonias
- Baby's Breath Euphorbias
- Texas Bluebonnets
- Texas Maroon Bluebonnets
- Lady Bird Johnson Royal Blue Bluebonnets
- New Look® Celosia



Superstar® - Annuals

- Blue Daze
- Cool Season Euphorbias
- Gomphrena, Globe Amaranth
- 'Allyson' Mexican Heather
- Dakota Gold Helenium
- Larkspur
- Lobularia 'White Stream'



Superstar® - Annuals

- Rio Series Mandevillas
- Mari-Mum
- Laura Bush Petunia
- Tidal Wave™ Cherry Petunia
- Tidal Wave™ Red Velour Spreading Petunia
- Tidal Wave™ Silver Petunia
- Butterfly Deep Pink Pentas




Superstar® - Annuals

- Pentas
 - Purslane
 - Vinca Cora Series
 - Fall Zinnias
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Superstar® Plants - Perennials

- Perennials are plants that live more than 2 years.
 - The term “Perennial” is also used to distinguish plants with little or no woody growth from trees and shrubs that have woody growth.
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Superstar® - Perennials

- Texas Gold Columbine
- Flare Hibiscus
- Lord Baltimore Hibiscus
- Moy Grande Hibiscus
- New Gold™ Lantana
- Trailing Lantana
- Malvaviscus, Turks Cap



Superstar® - Perennials

- Lindheimer Muhly Grass
 - Princess Caroline Napier Grass
 - 'Black Stockings' Napier Grass
 - Dwarf Mexicana Petunia
 - John Fanick Phlox
 - Victoria Phlox
 - Plumbago
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Superstar® - Perennials

- Mexican Bush Sage
- 'Henry Duelberg' Salvia
- 'Mystic Spires Blue' Salvia
- Tangerine Beauty
- Blue Princess Verbena
- Butterfly Vine
- Red Yucca



Superstar® Plants - Per-Annuals

- Per-Annuals are tropical perennials that are grown as annuals in other zones.
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Superstar® - Per-Annuals

- Brazilian Red Hots Alternanthera
- Little Ruby Alternanthera
- Caesalpinia, Pride-of-Barbados
- Duranta, Brazilian Sky Flower
- Gold Star Esperanza
- Firebush
- Firecracker Jatropha




Superstar® - Per-Annuals

- Variegated Tapioca
 - Thyrallis
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Superstar® - Woody Shrubs

- ▶ Woody Shrubs are perennial woody plants because of the woody stems above ground.
 - ▶ Woody Shrubs can be distinguished from trees by their height and multiple stems.
 - ▶ Some Woody Shrubs are deciduous and other are evergreen.
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Superstar® - Woody Shrubs

- Blue Angel™ Althea
- Lynn's Legacy Cenizo
- Belinda's Dream Rose
- Grandma's Yellow Rose
- KNOCK OUT® Rose
- 'Marie Daly' Rose




Superstar® - Woody Shrubs

- Rock Rose
 - Texas Lilac Vitex
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Superstar® - Trees

- Trees are woody perennial plants that typically have a single stem or trunk.
 - Trees grow to a considerable height.
 - Trees have lateral branches at some distance from the ground.
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Superstar® - Trees

- Basham's Party Pink Crape myrtle
- Deciduous Holly
- Shantung Maple
- Lacey Oak
- Chinkapin Oak
- Chinese Pistache




Superstar® - Specialty Plants

- 'Balsamic Blooms' Basil
- 'Victoria Red' Grape
- 'Natchez' Blackberry
- 'Green Magic' Broccoli
- Graptophyllum, Caricature Plant
- Phalaenopsis Orchids

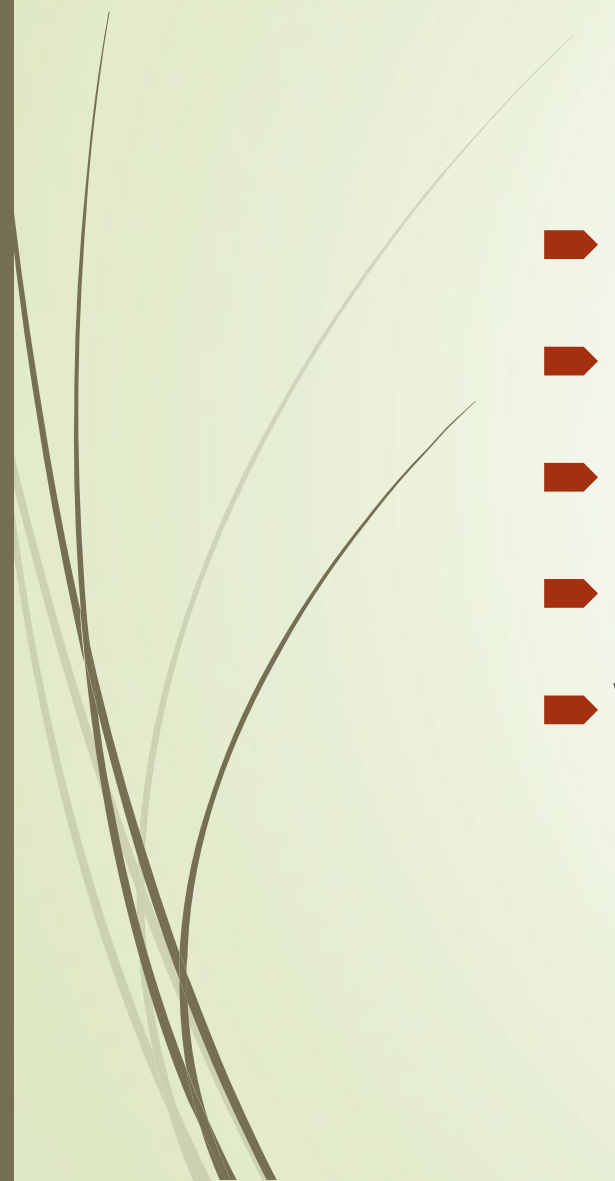


Superstar® - Specialty Plants

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- Satsuma Mandarin
 - 'Arctic Frost' Satsuma
 - 'Orange Frost' Satsuma
 - 'Basket of Fire' Pepper
 - 'NuMex Twilight' Ornamental Pepper
 - 'Purple Flash' Ornamental Pepper
 - Barbecue Skewers Rosemary



Superstar® - Specialty Plants

- Festival Strawberries
 - 'Celebrity' Tomato
 - 'Dwarf Cherry Surprise', 'BHN 968' Tomato
 - 'Tycoon' Tomato
 - Waterlilies
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Annual Plants - Bluebonnet



Tidal Wave Petunia



Larkspur



Perennial Plants - Blue Princess Verbena



Texas Gold Columbine



Flare Hibiscus



Henry and Augusta Duelberg



Henry and August Duelberg



Dwarf Mexican Petunia



John Fannick Phlox



Mexican Bush Sage



Cape Plumbago



Per-Annual Plants - Firebush



Pride of Barbados



Gold Star Esperanza



Woody Shrubs - Vitex



Blue Angel and White Angel Althea



Grandma's Yellow Rose



Belinda's Dream Rose



Trees – Basham's Party Pink Crapemyrtle



Shantung Maple



Chinese Pistache



Specialty Plants - NuMex Twilight Ornamental Pepper



Pepper



Green Magic Broccoli



Waterlily



Festival Strawberry



Yellow Butterfly Vine





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