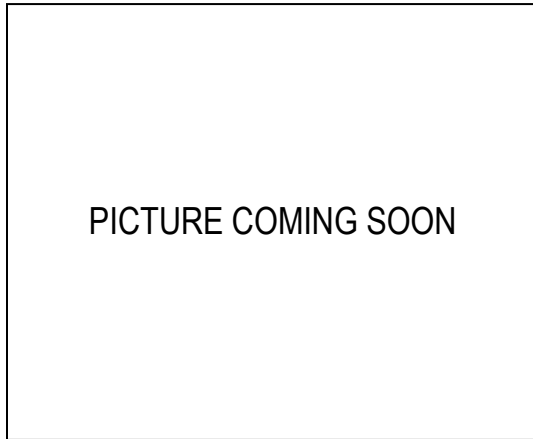


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2009 Promising Plant Profile

Anethum graveolens 'Hercules'



Common Name: Hercules Dill

Family: Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

Genus: *Anethum*

Specific Epithet: *graveolens*

Cultivar: 'Hercules'

Life cycle: annual

Zone: seeds and young plants can withstand minor frost

Flower color/Bloom time: small yellow flowers in flat-topped umbels

Growth/Habit/Form: up to 60" in height

Light requirements: full sun

Propagation: seeds, self sows

Pests/Diseases: *Fusarium* root rot, aphids

Use: culinary, medicinal

GRAS status: Dill seed and dill oil both have GRAS status. Dill seed is GRAS at 1,200 to 8,200 ppm and dill oil is GRAS at 1 to 750 ppm. (Info. from [The Big Book of Herbs](#), please see reference section)

Description/Cultivation: 'Hercules' is a tetraploid strain of dill that can be slow to flower, making it a good source for fresh dill weed. The abundant, aromatic foliage of this cultivar maintains its color longer than most dill varieties. The plant can reach heights of up to 5' in ideal growing conditions. Direct seeding works best because dill can be difficult to transplant. The seeds take 40-55 days to reach maturity. Dill has hollow stems which can be easily damaged by wind, rain, and hail. Staking may be necessary to help minimize the damage. Keep weeds down by mulching around the plants. Do not plant dill near fennel because the plants may hybridize.

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