

Bolloso Napoletano Basil

This basil variety is known for its robust flavor and large (6-inch) ruffled leaves. It can grow up to 3 feet tall, has increased pest resistance, and is slower to flower. These seeds are certified organic, and are an heirloom variety introduced before 1940. This variety is particularly well-suited to the Mid-Atlantic and Southern U.S. regions. This seed variety comes from small farms within the Southern Exposure Seed Exchange “Seed Grower Network.”



To use: Basil thrives in sunny, warm, and well-drained conditions; ensure 6–8 hours of sunlight per day for optimal growth. Basil can be directly sowed or started indoors and transplanted later. Ensure the soil is warm and past the danger of frost before planting outside or transplanting. Sowing depth: ¼ inch. Water after planting and keep soil consistently moist (but not waterlogged) during germination and early growth periods. To harvest, cut leaves just above a pair of healthy leaves to encourage bushy growth and ensure a prolonged harvest period. Harvest leaves frequently to increase production. To collect seeds, let the plant mature, flower, and turn to seedheads. Cut the dry flowers/seedheads and collect seeds. Store in a cool, dark place until ready for planting.

Seed Source: Southern Exposure Seed Exchange