Sweet Genovese Basil
*Ocimum basilicum*

Don’t rush the season with this pick-and-
come-again warm-weather-loving annual.

**Culture:** Direct sow well after danger of
frost or start indoors 4 weeks before last
frost. Lightly cover seed and firm gently.
Keep evenly moist. Thin when plants have
3–4 true leaves. Prefers full sun and well-
drained, rich soil.

**Harvest:** Begin harvesting approximately
10 weeks after sowing. Pinch off the flower
buds as they develop to promote bushier
growth. Responds well to being cut back.
Harvest whole plants when frost threatens.
Dry the leaves for cooking, or make pesto
and freeze dinner-size portions.

**Seed Savers:** To save seeds for home
planting, isolate from other basil varieties of
the same species by at least ⅛ mile.