

At this time of year when many gardeners are looking forward to nicer days ahead spent outside tending their plants. Many use this time to plan what plants they are going to buy, and research what varieties performed the best last year. Every year, K-State Research and Extension compiles all of their horticulture research results on their website for easy access.

If you have had trouble finding a listing of plants recommended for Kansas, visit our web page devoted to this topic. We have links to a wide variety of plants including annual flowers, perennial flowers (including breakouts for iris and daylilies), fruit, vegetables, turfgrass, low-maintenance roses and tree recommendations that are broken out by areas of the state. We also list recommended low water use plants. You can find this page at <http://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/recommended-plants/>. We also have images of hundreds of the following: - Varieties of iris, daylilies, roses and peonies found in the University Gardens Collection Gardens at <http://www.k-state.edu/gardens/gardens/collections/>. Annual flowers recommended for Kansas at http://www.prairiestarflowers.com/Prairie_Star_nav.html. Perennial flowers at http://www.prairiestarflowers.com/Prairie_Bloom_nav.html.

If you find something that you would like more information on, you can always call the Extension office at 620-793-1910 or come by the office at 1800 12th Street in Great Bend and we will be happy to help you. Through K-State and your local office, we can help you have a beautiful and productive garden this year using research and knowledge to give you a head start.

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