

## **Lavender II**

### **Production Practices for Lavender Growers**

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**Goal of this session:** Learn how to maximize lavender blooms and harvest yields through ideal growing conditions and lavender care methods. Find out the many things lavender can be used for, how to harvest, and what to do with different cultivars of lavender.

#### **Key discussion points:**

- Growing conditions
  - Sunlight, soil type, weather conditions
- Planting
  - Steps, nutrients, and watering
- Pruning
  - Why, when, and how
- Winter Prep
  - What to use, and which plants to cover
- Harvest
  - Methods for bunches and oil distillation
- Drying
  - Methods, conditions
- Processing
- Distillation
- What to do with product
  - Uses of different cultivars
  - Reach out to other farmers and artisans

By the end of this session, listeners will have an understanding of the variety of uses of lavender plants, what they should do to care for lavender in different conditions, and what to look for with plant care and harvesting. This will give listeners more insight into what route they may want to try with different cultivars based on their own farm's conditions and personal preferences in products.