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Greetings from the fields!

We have been asked more than once “So how do you end up with Lavender in Colorado County?” There are a few who believe that lavender will not make it in Weimar America – and all of our lavender will not, but most of it will! Twenty years ago, I would have been with the doubters – but just like I am not the same as I was 20 years ago, neither is lavender. It still has the same beautiful blooms and fragrant smell, but there are now over 70 varieties, and some have been bred to survive and even flourish in areas, like Weimar, where in years past they did not.

Although we actually started putting plants in the ground for our lavender farm in October of 2018, they were not the first lavender plants that we purchased. In 2017, we purchased 10 different plants that represented 6 different varieties, from 4 different growers, in 3 different states. Most of them grew well for 3 or 4 months and then just kind of withered away. We were beginning to doubt the dream. Then we met a lavender producer that was helpful and encouraging. He told us that lavender doesn’t acclimate well to a new area. Hmmmm? We purchased lavender from Washington, Massachusetts, Virginia and Southern California. The only ones still thriving were the plants from California – the plants that started out in a climate that is much like ours here in Weimar. It was an aaah haa moment! All of our plants are currently purchased from a farm that is west of San Antonio, and we are expecting a much better outcome. Although we can still expect a 10% loss our first year, after they are established that number goes way down. So when purchasing plants, especially lavender, take a good look at where they come from. They have a better chance of surviving if they spend their energy putting down roots, and not adjusting to a new climate. Praying that all of your plants, and ours too, thrive in the place you call home.

Blessings,

Purple Cactus Lavender Farm

**Be Joyful!**

**Romans 12:12**