

Rehm, S. (ed.): **Multilingual Dictionary of Agronomic Plants**. - Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht - Boston - London 1994. 286 pp. US \$ 120.00.

This dictionary is based on the data bank of the Institute of Tropical Agronomy and Animal Health at the University of Göttingen, Germany. The Dictionary contains the names of nearly 2500 plant species, in some cases including subspecies and varieties. "Agronomic plants" comprise not only the agricultural and horticultural crops but also pasture plants, green manure, soil covers, trees used in agroforestry, and major weeds. Tropical plants from all parts of the world receive the same attention as those from temperate zone. List of plants is in alphabetical order according to their Latin names with synonyms and common names. The dictionary includes common names in five languages: English, French, German, Portuguese, and Spanish. It is a pity that none of Slavish languages is included. If a common name is used in a multilingual region, it is quoted under this region. Countries' names are also given if a vernacular is used only in this country.

The dictionary will serve not only to scientists in agriculture, botany or geography but also to people engaged in agricultural extensions, in trade with fruit, vegetables and raw materials, or professional translators.

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