
Book Reviews

Commissie voor de Samenstelling van de Rassenlijst voor Groentgewassen (Commission for the Composition of the Cultivar List of Agricultural Crops): 57e Beschrijvende Rassenlijst voor Landbouwgewassen 1982 (57th Descriptive Cultivar List of Agricultural Crops 1982). Maastricht: Leiter-Nypels 1982. 337 pp., 125 tabs. Soft bound f 8.75.

The Dutch cultivar list of agricultural crops appears annually under the responsibility of the Commission for the Composition of the Cultivar List of Agricultural Crops, which is located at Wageningen, The Netherlands.

The book lists cultivars and lines of crops which are considered to have some merit or importance for cultivation in The Netherlands. For each crop the varieties are divided into classes pertaining to use and/or importance. Within these classes the varieties are described in order of suitability for practical use under the average environmental conditions in The Netherlands.

Information is given about the genetical origin, year of introduction, licensees, resistance or susceptibility to diseases, and properties related to quality. The descriptions are supported by many tables listing average yield figures, qualitative properties, sowing dates and quantities, fertilization, etc.

It is also indicated whether the particular variety or cultivar is listed in the common cultivar list of the European Economic Community or in lists of other European countries. Thus, this Dutch list will only be of limited use outside The Netherlands.

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Commissie voor de Samenstelling van de Rassenlijst voor Groentgewassen (Commission for the Composition of the Cultivar list for Vegetables) 31e Beschrijvende Rassenlijst voor Groentgewassen 1982. Vollegrondsgroenten. (31st Descriptive Cultivar List of Vegetables 1982) (Vegetables Grown in the Field). Maastricht: Leiter-Nypels 1982. 240 pp., 90 tabs. Soft bound f 13.25.

The descriptive list of vegetable cultivars is prepared annually under the responsibility of the Commission for the Composition of the Cultivar List of Vegetables which is located at Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Each year many vegetable cultivars are tested by several institutions with regard to their usefulness under the environmental conditions prevailing in The Netherlands. Not all the available cultivars are listed but only those considered to have some merit and new cultivars are included only when it has been experimentally established that they represent a valuable addition to the vegetable cultivars currently in use.

The short description of each cultivar contains information about visual quality, earliness, resistance or susceptibility to diseases, productivity and the prospects for marketing. If applicable, information on keeping-quality, taste, suitability for mechanical harvesting etc. is also included. The descriptions are supported by many tables.

The book lists some useful addresses of licensees, institutions either responsible for the maintenance of the cultivars or involved in the testing.

This list may be of some use outside The Netherlands for regions with similar climatic conditions, although the Dutch language will be a drawback.

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