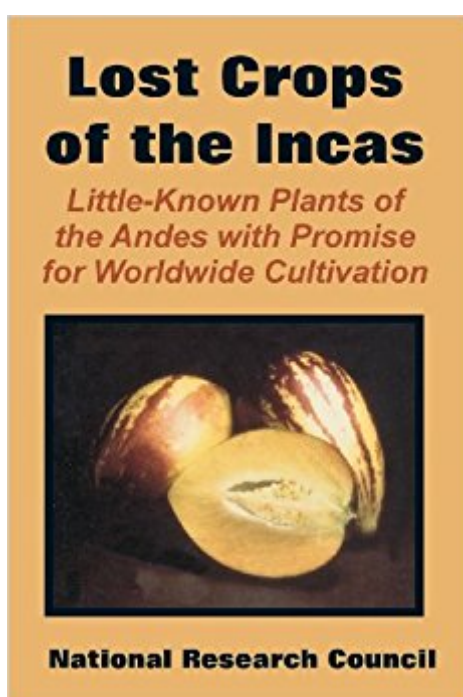


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# The Lost Crops Of The Incas: Little-Known Plants Of The Andes With Promise For Worldwide Cultivation



## Synopsis

In an age when society often believes "newer" is better, what happens when something "new" on the market is actually almost five centuries old? That is exactly the case with dozens of tasty, fascinating fruits, vegetables, and tubers that were once grown by the Incas at a time when their empire extended throughout the Andes in South America and that have now been "found" by researchers. This fascinating, readable volume is filled with enticing, detailed information about more than thirty different Incan crops that promise to become important contributors to the world's food supply. The New York Times Book Review calls *Lost Crops of the Incas* a book that will "... inspire those with an interest in agriculture and an entrepreneurial spirit to experiment with these obscure plants of the Inca Empire."

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I first read this book several years ago, and only later found myself living in the high Andes on my own farm in Ecuador. At my altitude (2,750 to 3,000 meters) over 75% of the plants mentioned in this book can be cultivated. In my opinion, this book is irreplaceable. I have found no other book like it. It is packed with useful information that you can use to grow these plants if you live in "The Land of the Incas." In fact, it's loaded with information that even the locals here no longer know. I

understand why this book is so expensive and/or no longer in print. It serves a small audience. But if you live in a tropical highland biome (even the big island of Hawaii) where these plants will thrive, you will not find another practical book like it --- no matter how hard you look. I know. I've tried.

The book is a little dry, but you'd expect that from something by the National Research Council. The information within is concise, well-organized and extremely impressive. Have you ever heard of Tarwi before? No? Well it could be the next big bean to replace soy. It just needs a little R & D.

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