

Two useful trees abreast

■ Proceedings (in French and English) of an international seminar on the drying and improvement of shea (*karité*) and canarium (called *abel* in Cameroon, *alele* in Ivory Coast, *olemi* in Nigeria, *bediwunua* or *eyere* in Ghana and *mwafu* in Uganda), held from 1 to 3 December 1999 in Ngaoundéré, Cameroon.

International workshop on drying and improvement of shea and canarium

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A wild vegetable on your farm

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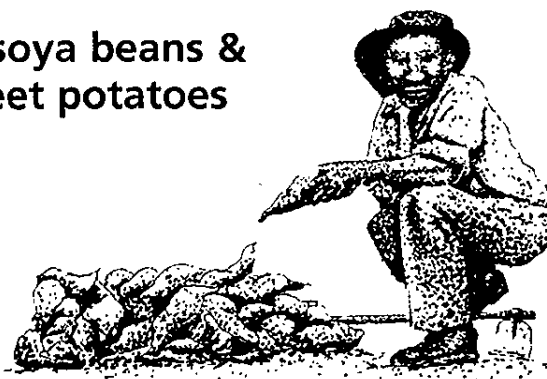
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Integrate for quality

■ The quality of fruits and vegetables is determined and perceived differently by various stakeholders, all the way from production to consumer. This scientific publication describes the various stages and argues that they should be integrated for improved quality.

Fruit & Vegetable Quality: An integrated view
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Of soya beans & sweet potatoes



Is a harvest of 23 or more tonnes of sweet potatoes per hectare just a dream for you? Pius Ngeze hopes that his manual *Learn how to grow sweet*

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cial Programme for Developing Countries of the International Union of Forestry Research Organisations (IUFPRO), with many examples related to forestry issues, researchers from other disciplines could make good use of it.

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Ground Up takes off



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ry and typology, the different types of sweet potatoes, the soils and climates they favour, the nutrients they need, the diseases they loathe and much more.

After harvesting your sweet potatoes, start reading Ngeze's *Learn how to grow soya beans*, a similar kind of booklet on quite a different crop. Both guides are practical, well-structured and illustrated manuals, suitable for farmers, extension workers and students.

Learn how to grow sweet potatoes
P B Ngeze, Acacia Stantex
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The Pink Mealybug. Protocols for the Protection of Agricultural Production and Trade
By R D Gautam, R N Pilgrim & V E Stewart, CARDI & CTA, 2000. 60 pp.
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CTA number 1018. 5 credit points