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This book is about the breeding of field crops, notably those of temperate climates (although rice and cotton are included). This is the second volume of two. It deals with specific crop types (the first volume is on general aspects of plant breeding). Aspects treated by crop are: systematics, biology, genetics, breeding aims, hybridization techniques and selection methods. Among breeding aims, some attention is paid to resistance to pests and diseases, about 30 of the 424 pages of text deal with resistance, of which 10 to potato pests and diseases. This book has the same format and typography as the one reviewed on page 113-114 of this issue.

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