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Book review

Verhoeven, W. B. L.: *Ziekten en beschadigingen van landbouwgewassen en hun bestrijding* (Diseases and pest of agricultural crops and their control). 6th edition by H. J. de Bruin & M. Heuver. Veenman, Wageningen, 1972. 263 pp. 237 figures. Paperback. Price Dfl. 9.25.

This book by Verhoeven, a plant pathologist of the Dutch Agricultural Advisory Service, has proved its value since it first appeared in 1954.

After a short introduction on dangers of pesticides, the book describes the various diseases and pests of agricultural crops in the Netherlands with life cycles, syndromes and ways of control. The disorders are grouped alphabetically under crops. The book is profusely illustrated with representative photographs helpful for diagnosis.

Changes made since the previous edition include the omission of some diseases and crops of decreasing importance, and the addition of some new ones. Some changes have been made in the advice on range of pesticides and the amounts to be applied.

The book is intended mainly as a practical guide for advisers and teachers in high schools and colleges, but contains valuable information for all students and other involved in plant pathology. Although the nomenclature of viruses and virus diseases is not completely up to date, the book is well prepared and presented. It certainly meets a need and is good value for money.

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