

NOMENCLATURE**DRY BEANS**

The general term "dry beans" includes various species of the genus Phaseolus, used nearly exclusively for food purposes.

Phaseolus vulgaris: the kidney bean group, also called haricot, French, snap or common bean. Specific types of commercial significance within the species are:

- pea bean: (also navy, Michigan or small white) grown mainly in North America, East Africa (Ethiopia), and Eastern Europe. Favoured for canning purposes in Anglo-Saxon areas. Similarly shaped, but larger beans in Japan.
- white kidney/great northern: (also cannellini and Haricot), grown mainly in the Americas and the Mediterranean region, and the preferred white bean in continental Europe, Algeria, the Middle East and the Philippines.
- red kidney: production and consumption restricted largely to the Americas and East Africa.
- pinto: light brown spotted bean produced and consumed only in the Americas.
- cranberry: (also romano and borlotti), another spotted bean (white or light brown with red) popular in Italy, Spain and Latin America.
- black: (including the turtle soup bean), popular in Brazil, Venezuela, Central America and the Caribbean.
- pink: grown in the USA and Latin America.
- yellow-eye: (white with brown spot), grown and eaten only in the USA and Canada.
- brown: (with variations to yellows), grown mainly in Holland, Sweden and Angola, fairly popular throughout Scandinavia, in the Netherlands and in Surinam.

Vigna radiata: (also V.mungo) The mung bean group includes many varieties of different colors. It is the main bean produced in Asia east of Pakistan and is also grown in East Africa. It is used boiled with rice or vegetables. The two best known commercial varieties are the green mung and the black matpe.