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GROWING RYE

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Rye growing is not much in honour in Quebec, much less than it was in the days of our pioneer ancestors. However, like in many other crops, considerable progress has been made.

Uses and importance

To-day rye still holds the most important place in the food of certain European countries. The Balkan peoples, particularly strong and vigorous, live almost exclusively on rye bread.

Rye, whole or ground, also constitutes an excellent concentrated feed for farm animals: horses, swine, sheep, milch cows; but is rather re-animating and laxative. It moreover has a bitter taste which is rather disagreeable. For these reasons it is better to use rye mixed with other seeds in the proportion of 25 to 40%. An equal mixture of oats, rye and barley makes an excellent and economical feed for fattening swine.

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