

FABA BEAN

Vicia faba major, broad bean, large faba bean

Vicia faba equina, horsebean, medium faba bean

Vicia faba minor, tick bean, small faba bean

This species is important in China, the Mediterranean region, parts of Latin America (broad beans), and in Europe (medium and small faba). They are used as food and feed.

VETCH

This group includes several species of the genus Vicia grown mainly for animal feed (as green fodder or as pulses) in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and the Mediterranean region.

DRY PEA

Pisum sativum: includes many varieties of dry peas important to Europe, the U.S.S.R., China, and India.

PIGEON PEA

Cajanus cajan: basically an Indian crop, with some importance in East Africa as well.

CHICK PEA

Cicer arietinum: known as Begal gram in India, and garbanzo in Spanish speaking countries, it is a major pulse in Asia west of Burma, the Mediterranean area, Ethiopia and Mexico. The small seeded types are preferred in Central Asia, while the Mediterranean peoples and Latin Americans prefer the large seeded garbanzos.

COW PEA

Vigna unguiculata: an important food crop in West and Central Africa, also grown in Asia, Brazil and the southern USA.