

Georgia: Vitex agnuscastus Plantations Produce
Pepper Substitute

Saplings of the Vitex agnuscastus tree have been planted in the Georgian village of Tamisi on plots belonging to the experimental state farm of the Scientific Research Institute of the Georgian SSR Food Industry.

The fruit and leaves of this tree contain aromatic substances, similar to black pepper in composition. It has been decided to use these substances to replace natural pepper which is always in short supply and is purchased abroad. The method for manufacturing this product has already been patented. The pepper substitute has already been tested in the USSR, Poland and the GDR and has been well received.

This plant is relatively rarely found in nature and this has prevented industrial exploitation up to now. It took years of persistent research before the first plantation could be established. The plantation will eliminate the shortage of black pepper, and will expand the range of use of Soviet-made spices.

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