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The disease sections are preceded by a helpful introduction to the taxonomy of the various Brassica species and the genetic relationships of this extraordinarily diverse group of plant types. Brassicas are widely cultivated throughout the world as leaf or root vegetable crops, for vegetable oil production, as fodder crops for livestock feeding, or as condiments and spices. They are increasingly important economic crops, and knowledge of their diseases is critical as is evidenced by the disease problems associated with the large increase in global production of both vegetable and oilseed brassicas.

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