

Use of plant products for safe and economic storage of food grains

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ABSTRACT : Keeping in mind the importance and high demand of cereals for consumption, their proper storage must not be neglected. The post – harvest losses of food grains and oilseeds are estimated to be 10 to 20 per cent in India. The post-harvest damage caused during storage is mainly due to infestation by storage pest causes huge quality losses in food grains combined with economic losses. This damage may be due to direct feeding of grains by insects and pests or by microbiological agents like fungi and bacteria. Some of the methods practiced by rural house-holds from ancient times and use of some plant products for safe and economic storage of food grains along with detailed procedure are being discussed here in this article.

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