

Härkäpapu

Broad bean

Bondböna

Vicia faba

Overview

The faba bean is an annual legume. The racemes hold several flowers that are generally white with a large black spot on each wing petal and often violet veins on the standard petal. The faba bean usually flowers at the beginning of July. Each pod holds 3 – 4 large seeds. The colour and size of the seeds depends on the cultivar. During the growing season, a hectare of faba bean can fix 50 – 100 kg of nitrogen.

Use

Faba bean has been grown in Finland since the 7th century. It is used for human food, animal feed and green manuring. The protein content of the dry seed is around 30%, depending on cultivar. In 2020, faba bean was grown on 18,000 ha in Finland (about 1 % of the arable area).



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