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In the more interesting second half of the text the authors discuss statistical techniques that address soil heterogeneity, competition, and mechanical errors. These topics are very important and are rarely found in applied statistics texts. The final chapter on presentation of results addresses a significant topic, for many a good experiment goes unappreciated due to poor presentation. The authors, however, would have benefited from much of the current literature in the area of statistical graphics.

In summary, I am not pleased with the extreme cookbook approach used in this text. It encourages the blind application of statistical procedures that is already a common problem. Much of the statistical material is incomplete and ignores the impact of computers in recent years. Another unnecessary irritant is the complete lack of references.

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Perspectives for Peas and Lupins as Protein Crops. R. Thompson and R. Casey (eds.). Martinus Nijhoff, P.O. Box 269, 2501 AX The Hague, The Netherlands. 1983. 380 pp. \$54.50.

The Proceedings of an International Symposium on Protein Production from Legumes in Europe held in Sorrento, Italy, in 1981, this volume is a welcome updating of many new avenues of research into protein sources from the plant kingdom. The contents are organized in order of their presentation in the symposium: 1) Opening (Economic Perspectives for Peas and Lupins in the EC); 2) Genetic, Breeding and Agronomic Aspects; 3) Protein Quality Aspects; 4) Nutritional and Technological Aspects. The 37 contributions by 61 participants are naturally not all of equal excellence, yet the overall quality of the presentations, insofar as new material well presented is concerned, must be highly rated. The principal goal of the symposium was "to explore the potential of peas and lupins as major components in the protein budget of the CEE"; it has amply fulfilled this goal. Whether or not practical results will come about does not in any way detract from the wealth of information offered in this volume.

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