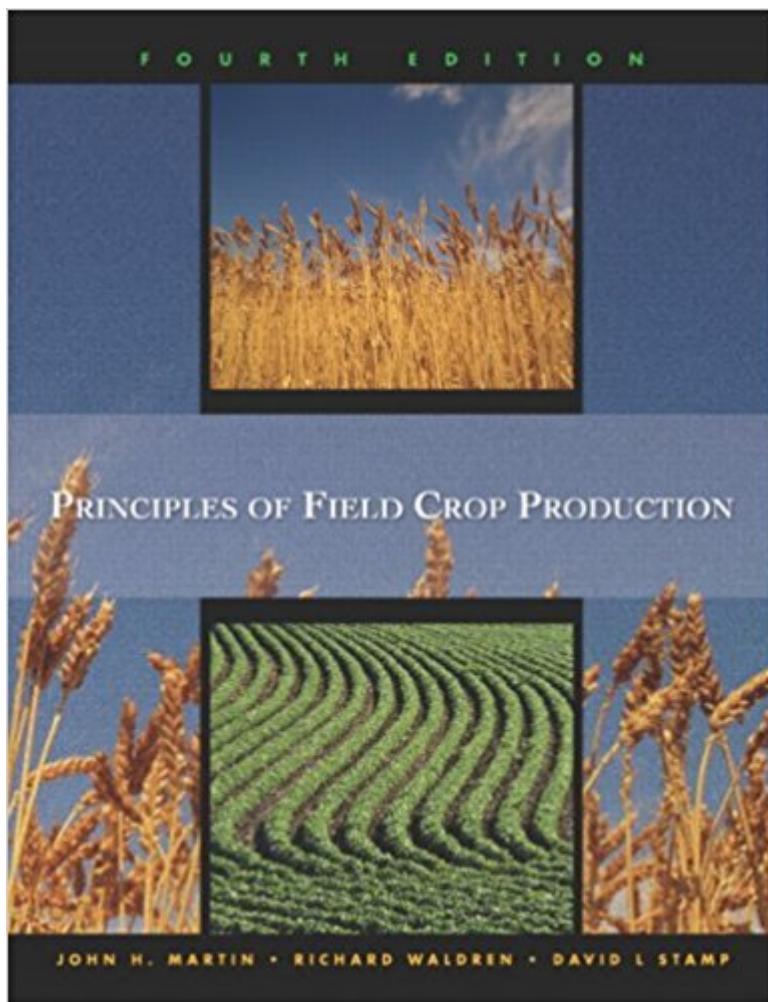


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Synopsis

Known for its comprehensive coverage, Principles of Field Crop Production introduces students to over fifty species of crops and the most current principles and practices used in crop production today. Learn the botanical characteristics, economic importance, history and adaptation of various species and how science and technology are impacting their production. This fourth edition maintains its historical perspective while discussing current topics such as: how plants grow and respond to their environment, biotechnology and crop improvement, and the latest developments in equipment and production techniques.

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Extensive progress has been made in the science and practice of field crop production since the Third Edition was published in 1976. Advances in the knowledge of how plants grow and respond to their environment, a better understanding of plant processes at the molecular level, and the ability to directly manipulate chromosomal material using biotechnology are but a few examples. Additionally, improvements in the equipment used in field crop production have allowed producers to more efficiently manage soil resources, provide accurate supplies of soil nutrients, and more efficiently harvest crops. Although the information in the book has been extensively updated, some of the older, more traditional information has been retained for historical purposes to show how crop production has progressed over the 50 plus years this book has been in print. "Principles of Field Crop Production" has long been one of the most comprehensive books on this topic in the world. The Fourth Edition is completely updated and discusses the advances in science and technology

that are used today. It also reflects the changing emphasis of crop production in the US and the world. Provides comprehensive information on the management and use of all economically important field crops. Provides general information on crop production practices. Provides a historical perspective of crop production as well as current technology. An excellent resource for persons who are involved in providing support and services to crop producers, as well as producers themselves. Also valuable as a reference book for agronomists, soil scientists, farmers, and ranchers.

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A couple of years ago while trying to educate myself about agriculture I bought a used copy of the 1976 3rd edition for about \$10. I recently began a consulting project where I needed more recent information and thus decided to buy the 'revised' 2006 edition of this book for the princely sum of \$160. First, the book comes as a print-on-demand book with horrible (and I mean horrible) printing quality. The photos are barely legible and the regular text is grainy and clearly substandard. This for a \$160 book? More importantly, the book has barely been updated since its 1976 edition. There are almost no new references, many of the ancient 1976 graphics are reproduced without change, there is no mention of climate change and barely any mention of GMOs. Pearson-Prentice Hall should be absolutely ashamed of themselves. I pity the poor students who have no choice but to buy this shoddy product. My copy is going back, and my bank account will be \$160 richer. Students: buy a copy of the 1976 book and save yourselves major \$\$.

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