

Current and Future Issues in Lettuce Breeding

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I. INTRODUCTION

Lettuce is virtually synonymous with salad. No other vegetable, leafy or otherwise, occurs as frequently as lettuce in the salads of the world. Especially in the United States, it has become a staple crop, comparable to tomatoes, potatoes, onions, cabbage, and beans.

Lettuce is grown commercially in many countries, particularly in the temperate zones, and is grown in home gardens nearly everywhere. The