

Dear Collaborator:

We ask that everyone who receives seeds from ECHO give us feedback on the species performance by filling out a harvest report. Letting us know how the plants did for you will help us in making recommendations to other workers in our network.

The harvest report forms are available in English, French, and Spanish. Most questions can be answered easily and quickly as they are multiple choice: just put the (bolded) first letter of your response in the appropriate column for each plant. A few are designed to draw out any potential problems of the plant in your area.

If there is considerable potential for use of the plant, any descriptions in words of your experiences or color pictures will be most welcome (folks like to see people with the plant). ECHO and its network of supporters realize that plant introductions often take years. We do not expect many glowing reports. Just tell it the way it is. Your time and cooperation in filling out the report and keeping records of the data will be vital in helping us and other farmers around the world. We appreciate your time and thank you very much for your help.

Please keep us informed, if in a few years, AFTER you return the report form, the plant turns out to be useful. No new introduction is a success after one harvest, but ECHO almost never hears back from people after this original report is returned. It is a great encouragement to learn of situations where our efforts have helped you in a big way.

This report can be returned to us by fax (1-239-543-5317), email (gju@echonet.org), or mail (17391 Durrance Rd., N. Ft. Myers, FL, 33917)

Sincerely yours,

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