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Collection of 'Ancient Sicilian wheats'

The so called 'ancient Sicilian wheat' are landraces of durum and soft wheat grown in Sicily before the wide national breeding plane started 100 years ago by Nazareno Strampelli (1886-1942) who developed the basis of the modern wheat varieties. Here are exposed the spikes of some of the 50 old landraces and local populations of durum wheat (*Triticum durum* Desf.), soft wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) and *T. turgidum* L. saved by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment which represents an extraordinary scientific and cultural heritage.



Collections of Sicilian grain legumes landraces

The Agronomic and Field crops Section of the Department saves a rich collection of 96 genotypes of faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) belonging to the three botanical varieties, *minor*, *equina* and *major*, collected in different Sicilian localities. Recently, to the landraces of faba bean those of chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.), beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.), lentil (*Lens culinaris* Medik.) and (*Lathyrus sativus* L.). Today the collection of landraces counts 129 accessions.