

## About the cover



Fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum*) is grown as a medicinal and food plant in the Mediterranean region and several other Middle Eastern countries. Primary cultivation of the plant occurs mainly in lands subject to limited, random precipitation, incorrect irrigation practices, and soils with high salt levels. In this issue, Behairy and collaborators study the effect of the antioxidant ascorbic acid on seed germination, seedling growth, and enzyme activity of fenugreek under salt-stress conditions.