

Luther Burbank: American Hero, Plant Breeder and Horticulturist



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Early Life and Education

Luther Burbank was born on March 7, 1849, in Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was the son of a farmer, and he grew up working on the family farm. Burbank developed a love of nature at an early age, and he spent much of his time exploring the woods and fields around his home.

Burbank's formal education was limited. He attended public school for only a few years, and he never went to college. However, he was an avid reader, and he taught himself about botany, horticulture, and other scientific subjects.

Career

Burbank began his career as a plant breeder in 1875. He moved to California in 1877, and he established a plant breeding nursery in Santa Rosa. Burbank's nursery was a success, and he soon became known as one of the leading plant breeders in the world.

Burbank's work focused on developing new varieties of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. He was particularly interested in creating varieties that were resistant to pests and diseases, and that could be grown in a wide range of

climates. Burbank's work had a profound impact on American agriculture. He developed new varieties of fruits and vegetables that were more productive, more flavorful, and more nutritious. He also developed new varieties of flowers that were more beautiful and more resistant to pests and diseases.

Burbank's work was not limited to the United States. He also sent his plants to other countries, and his work had a global impact. Burbank's plants were grown in Europe, Asia, and Africa, and they helped to improve the food supply in many countries.

Legacy

Luther Burbank died on April 11, 1926. He was 77 years old. Burbank's legacy is immense. He is considered one of the greatest plant breeders of all time, and his work has had a profound impact on American agriculture and the world. Burbank's plants are still grown today, and they continue to provide food and beauty to people all over the world.

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