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Invertase is an important enzyme in the food industry. A xerophilic strain of *Aspergillus niger* produced high amounts of invertase, and it was possible to amplify the partial DNA sequence of the putative *inv* gene in two strains studied.

- 11-26** Mushroom prices and their effect on consumption: the case of Mexico. Y. MAYETT, D. MARTÍNEZ-CARRERA, M. SOBAL, P. MORALES AND M. BONILLA

Edible mushrooms show increasing importance as a food in many regions worldwide. The authors showed that the Mexican mushroom market expanded recently in terms of species cultivated, variety of products and presentations available at the point of sale. However, high mushroom prices restrict social consumption and further development of this emergent agri-food chain.

- 27-29** Mushrooms equal water conservation. R. H. KURTZMAN, JR.

Interesting theoretical discussion showing that mushroom cultivation can be a method of water conservation. In practice, it represents intensive biotechnological processes, in which water is efficiently used in comparison with other crops.

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