

SCOPE FOR BETTER UTILIZATION OF RAPESEED IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Out of the 2 million tonnes of rapeseed and mustard grown in India more than 90% is used for obtaining oil for edible purpose. Since a pungent oil is liked by consumers in India especially in the Eastern region, a number of small scale units where the operation conditions are conducive to obtain pungent oil are in existence. The cake obtained from these mills contains as much as 15% residual oil. At present it is not recovered and the cake is used as such for cattle feed or for manurial purpose. As part of our programme to produce edible grade protein concentrate some of the factors which have a bearing on oil and meal quality were studied with a view to utilize the meal in poultry feed without adversely affecting the quality of oil.