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My dear Roach,

Congratulations on the hand axe! and many thanks for your wife's papers, which I am sure will be useful.

The book I had in mind was by a man called Ibn el ^{Aslam}Awqam. It has been translated into French, under some title like; Le Livre d'Agriculture. Like so many late Islamic works which have survived, it is in the nature of an encyclopaedia or at least a complete treatise of agriculture in all aspects. The crops noticed show that horticulture was particularly important. It is largely a compilation of citations from earlier writers, though the author has evidently made a point of adding his own observations when he had anything relevant to say. Being in French, it probably has no index, but I should look for infections under some of the fruits, where flavour is important, and perhaps under some of the plants grown for condiments. There are two fat volumes in the Rothamsted Library.

Yours sincerely,