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Tagetes

Compositae

[*Asteraceae*]

Tagetes honours a divinity in Etruscan mythology, Tages who was a grandson of Jupiter and was said to have introduced the Etruscans to the art of soothsaying.

Research during the last half of the 20th Century was carried out on the mechanisms controlling the eelworm and its interplay with the French (*Tagetes patula*), African (*Tagetes erecta*) and Inca marigolds (*Tagetes minuta*), as well as the effect of the latter's own root secretions on other plants. As a result Dutch growers have had considerable success by interplanting these species of marigold with potatoes (*Solanum tuberosum*), roses (*Rosa*) and tulips (*Tulipa*).