

RHUBARB COMES TO AMERICA

Ben Franklin is credited for bringing rhubarb seeds to the North American east coast in 1772



The red stalks did not catch on until the early 1800s, when it became a popular ingredient for pie.



In the late 1800's, rhubarb was brought to Alaska by the Russians and used as an effective counter-agent for scurvy

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