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of thousands of seeds in an effort to outline the ancient centers of

agricultural diversity and guard against widespread hunger. Now, another remarkable scientist-and vivid storyteller-has retraced his footsteps. In Where Our Food Comes Fr