

George Washington Carver



Have you ever heard that George Washington Carver invented Peanut butter? That is not true. It's a myth. Here is the truth...

The ancient Incas of Peru were known to grind peanuts into a paste-like spread.

George Washington Carver (1864?–1943) was an agricultural chemist famous for improving the lives of poor farmers by discovering and teaching new farming methods.

Carver's fascination with the peanut began when he was convincing Southern farmers to adopt his method of crop rotation. Instead of growing [cotton](#) every year, which was depleting the soil of nutrients that plants need to grow strong, Carver urged farmers to alternate cotton with beans called [legumes](#), which provided nutrients to the soil.

The farmers who followed Carver's instructions were very happy with all the new increase they grew. They grew more peanuts but they had no way to sell all those.

Carver went into the laboratory to come up with products that would make peanuts marketable. Carver has to his credit the development of more than 300 different uses for peanuts, including dye, soap, coffee and ink, and his innovations provided the South with an important crop -- but peanut butter was not one of his ideas.