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The photograph from a farmer's field in Haiti shows an agroforestry practice of growing greater yam (*Dioscorea alata*), an edible tuber crop, by trailing it on to *Leucaena leucocephala*, a nitrogen-fixing tropical tree legume, which can be pruned repeatedly for its nitrogen-rich foliage that can be used as an excellent animal fodder or as a green manure to provide nutrients to the accompanying crops. Photo by Dr. P.K.R. Nair, Department of Forestry, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.