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Breeding of Horticultural Crops

Return to Resistance: Breeding crops to reduce pesticide dependence

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Horticultural Plant Breeding is a complete and comprehensive resource on the development of new cultivars or clones of horticultural crops. It covers the basic theories that underpin plant breeding and applies Mendelian, quantitative and population inheritance in smaller populations where the individual has high value. Specific traditional breeding methods are also covered, with an emphasis on how these methods are adapted for horticultural species. In addition, the integration of biotechnologies with traditional breeding methodologies are included, with an emphasis on specific applications for fruits, vegetables and ornamental species. It is an ideal resource for professionals, academics, and undergraduate and graduate students. Sections cover historical perspectives and context, genetics as a critical foundation of plant breeding, and treatments of the various components of breeding programs, such as germplasm, breeding objectives, population engineering, mating systems, artificial selection systems, post-breeding activities, established breeding methods applicable to inbreeding and outcrossing situations, and examples of A to Z breeding in a broad spectrum of horticultural crop species. Provides a complete

and comprehensive resource for those involved in the development of new cultivars or clones of horticultural crops Guides readers to the most appropriate breeding strategy and likely balance of traditional and biotechnology tools that will best achieve a cost-effective outcome Includes access to 20 narrated slide sets to facilitate additional understanding

Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed Production of Field Crops

Breeding of crop plants to make them more adapted to human agricultural systems has been on-going during domestication the last 10 000 years. However, only recently with the invention of the Mendelian principles of genetics and the subsequent development of quantitative genetics during the twentieth century has such genetic crop improvement become based on a general theory. During the last 50 years plant breeding has entered a molecular era based on molecular tools to analyse DNA, RNA and proteins and associate such molecular results with plant phenotype. These marker trait associations develop fast to enable more efficient breeding. However, they still leave a major part of breeding to be performed through selection of phenotypes using quantitative genetic tools. The ten chapters of this book illustrate this development.

Dictionary of Plant Breeding

Quality Improvement in Field Crops

Molecular Plant Breeding

Based on twenty years of global research, this is the first comprehensive reference on crop genetic diversity as it is maintained on farmland around the world. Showcasing the findings of seven experts representing the field of ecology, crop breeding, genetics, anthropology, economics, and policy, this invaluable resource places farmer-managed crop biodiversity squarely in the center of the science needed to feed the world and restore health to our productive landscapes. It will prove to be an essential tool in the training of agricultural and environmental scientists seeking the solutions necessary to ensure healthy, resilient ecosystems for future generations.--

Plant Omics and Crop Breeding

When humankind began to save seed to plant for the next season, they did so hoping to secure a food supply for the future. With that came the inevitable question: Will it be enough? Scientists today are still asking that question. Our dependence on domesticated cultivated varieties has never been greater, even as increasing populations strain our resource base. This book provides a fascinating snapshot-in-time account of the productivity status of all major U.S. field crops. Each crop has a different story to tell. Plant breeding, biotechnology, and agronomy have shaped these stories. It is imperative that we

learn from them to ensure continued productivity. The solution is long-term stewardship and the most effective use of our critical resources—water, soil, genetic resources, and human intellect.

Horticultural Plant Breeding

This book presents state-of-the-art, authoritative chapters on contemporary issues in the broad areas of quantitative genetics, genomics and plant breeding. Section 1 (Chapters 2 to 12) emphasizes the application of genomics, and genome and epigenome editing techniques, in plant breeding; bioinformatics; quantitative trait loci mapping; and the latest approaches of examining and exploiting genotype-environment interactions. Section 2 (Chapters 13 to 20) represents the intersection of breeding, genetics and genomics. This section describes the use of cutting-edge molecular breeding and quantitative genetics techniques in wheat, rice, maize, root and tuber crops and pearl millet. Overall, the book focuses on using genomic information to help evaluate traits that can combat biotic/abiotic stresses, genome-wide association mapping, high-throughput genotyping/phenotyping, biofortification, use of big data, orphan crops, and gene editing techniques. The examples featured are taken from across crop science research and cover a wide geographical base.

Breeding Field Crops

This text contains a detailed course in productive plant husbandry. It includes information and exercises on plant propagation, plant breeding, soils, field crops, gardening, fruit growing, forestry, insects, plant diseases, and farm management. Although old, the information contained herein is timeless, and will be of considerable value to the novice agriculturalist or farmer. The chapters of this volume include: 'Plant Life', 'Flowers Seed Production', 'Principles of Breeding', 'Application of Principles to Farm Crops', 'Farm and Garden Seed', 'Propagation of Plants by Division', 'Soils and Their Uses', 'Water in Soils', 'Conservation and Improvement of Soils', 'Drainage and Irrigation', etcetera. We are proud to republish this vintage book, now complete with a new and specially commissioned introduction on farming."

Broadening the Genetic Base of Crop Production

The book has been designed with the main consideration to serve a dual purpose of being a text and reference. Keeping this thing in mind the entire book has been divided into three major parts. The first part deals with the principles and methods of breeding adopted in horticultural crops propagated both sexually and asexually. The second part deals with the achievements in breeding of perennial horticultural crops. The third part covers achievements made in breeding of annual horticultural crops.

Principles of Cultivar Development: Theory and technique

Successful release of new and better crop varieties increasingly requires genomics and molecular biology. This volume presents basic information on plant molecular marker techniques from marker location up to gene cloning. The text includes a description of technical approaches in genome analysis such as

comparison of marker systems, positional cloning, and array techniques in 19 crop plants. A special section focuses on converting this knowledge into general and specific breeding strategies, particularly in relation to biotic stress. Theory and practice of marker assisted selection for QTL, gene pyramiding and the future of MAS are summarized and discussed for maize, wheat, and soybean. Furthermore, approaches in silviculture on the examples of Fagus, Populus, Eucalyptus, Picea and Abies are presented. The volume ends with a comprehensive review of the patents relevant for using molecular markers and marker assisted selection.

Crop Breeding for Drought Resistance

As ancient as agriculture itself, plant breeding is one of civilization's oldest activities. Today, world food production is more dependent than ever on the successful cultivation of only a handful of major crops, while continuing advances in agriculture rely on successfully breeding new varieties that are well-adapted to their human-influenced ecological circumstances. Plant breeding involves elements of both natural and cultural selection—a process which operates on individual plants and on plant populations. This book offers the most recent detailed knowledge of plant reproduction and their environmental interaction, which can help guide new breeding programs and help insure continuing progress in providing more food for growing populations produced with better care of the environment.

Quantitative Genetics, Genomics and Plant Breeding, 2nd Edition

This book provides comprehensive information on the latest tools and techniques of molecular genetics and their applications in crop improvement. It thoroughly discusses advanced techniques used in molecular markers, QTL mapping, marker-assisted breeding, and molecular cytogenetics.

Molecular Marker Systems in Plant Breeding and Crop Improvement

Next Generation Plant Breeding

Long recognized as the standard work in its field, this fifth edition of Breeding Field Crops deals with worldwide advances in plant breeding science and practice in recent years. Building on the foundations of earlier editions, this thoroughly revised volume includes expanded coverage on the role increased knowledge of genetics plays in the development of new crop cultivars, and fully explores exciting new developments in molecular biology. Breeding Field Crops, Fifth Edition, thoroughly covers the field of plant breeding. The latest edition of this venerable text provides a broad overview of the science of plant breeding, and provides students and breeders with essential fundamental information along with a review of current breakthroughs and technologies. This book will be a valuable source of information for anyone involved in the science of plant breeding for years to come.

Plant Breeding

The Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding was established in 1941 in recognition of the growing contribution of improved crop varieties to the country's agriculture. Scientific plant breeding had started in India soon after the rediscovery of Mendel's laws of heredity. The Indian Agricultural Research Institute set up in 1905 and a number of Agricultural Colleges in different parts of the country carried out some of the earliest work mostly in the form of pure-line selections. In subsequent years, hybridization programmes in crops like wheat, rice, oilseeds, grain legumes, sugarcane and cotton yielded a large number of improved cultivars with significantly higher yields. A turning point came in the 1960s with the development of hybrids in several crops including inter-specific hybrids in cotton. And when new germplasm with dwarfing genes became available in wheat and rice from CIMMYT and IRRI, respectively, Indian plant breeders quickly incorporated these genes into the genetic background of the country's widely grown varieties with excellent grain quality and other desirable traits. This was to mark the beginning of modern agriculture in India as more and more varieties were developed, characterized by a high harvest index and response to modern farm inputs like the inorganic fertilizers. India's green revolution which has led to major surpluses of food grains and other commodities like sugar and cotton has been made possible by the work of one of the largest groups of plant breeders working in a coordinated network.

Quality Breeding in Field Crops

Tree species are indispensable to human needs. Due to their long life cycle and environmental sensitivity, breeding trees for sustainable production is a formidable challenge in order to meet the demands of growing human population and industries. Fruit crops such as apple, cocoa, mango, citrus, litchi, pear, dates, and coconut or industrial crops including rubber and tea, improving yield under the optimal, sub-optimal and marginal areas call for a unified worldwide effort. While the uniqueness of coconut as 'kalpavriksha' (Sanskrit - meaning tree of life) makes its presence in every continent from Far East to South America, tree crops such as cocoa, oil palm, rubber, apple, peach and walnut prove their environmental sensitivity towards tropical, subtropical and temperate climates. Date palm is quintessential for desert climate. Thus, from soft drinks to breweries to oil to tires, the value addition offers a spectrum of products to human kind, enriched with nutritional, environmental, financial, and trade related attributes. This volume is a compilation of information on breeding of temperate tree species and provides first hand comprehensive knowledge to research, teach, and make policies.

Plant Breeding from Laboratories to Fields

Plants have been successfully selectively bred for thousands of years, culminating in incredible yields, quality, resistance and so on that we see in our modern day crops and ornamental plants. In recent years the techniques used have been rapidly advanced and refined to include molecular, cell and genetic techniques. An Introduction to Plant Breeding provides comprehensive coverage of the whole area of plant breeding. Covering modes of reproduction in plants, breeding objectives and schemes, genetics, predictions, selection, alternative techniques and practical considerations. Each chapter is carefully laid out in a student friendly way and includes questions for the reader. The book is essential reading for all those studying, teaching and researching plant breeding.

Breeding Field Crops

This book gives a detailed overview of production processes and yield formation in field crops and permanent grasslands. Yield formation is discussed by the authors as a dynamic process, involving many factors at each stage. Knowledge of the optimum levels of individual yield components makes it possible to control this dynamic process. It is intended that this approach will help to point out gaps in the understanding of the production processes and indicate the direction for further research on this subject. The authors report on various aspects which are involved in yield formation, such as uptake of nutrients, root growth, water use, photosynthesis, transport, distribution and accumulation of photosynthates, etc. A separate chapter discusses the production process as seen from a genetic standpoint. It includes an analysis of phenotype and genotype with respect to production potential, also the heredity, variability of yield potential and new cultivation methods are mentioned. The main part of the book deals with the theory and practice of yield formation in cereals, maize, legumes, sugarbeet, potatoes, clovers and perennial grass stands.

Plant Biotechnology

While preparing the first edition of this textbook I attended an extension short course on writing agricultural publications. The message I remember was "select your audience and write to it." There has never been any doubt about the audience for which this textbook was written, the introductory course in crop breeding. In addition, it has become a widely used reference for the graduate plant-breeding student and the practicing plant breeder. In its preparation, particular attention has been given to advances in plant-breeding theory and their utility in plant-breeding practice. The blend of the theoretical with the practical has set this book apart from other plant-breeding textbooks. The basic structure and the objectives of the earlier editions remain unchanged. These objectives are (1) to review essential features of plant reproduction, Mendelian genetic principles, and related genetic developments applicable in plant-breeding practice; (2) to describe and evaluate established and new plant-breeding procedures and techniques, and (3) to discuss plant breeding objectives with emphasis on the importance of proper choice of objective for achieving success in variety development. Because plant-breeding activities are normally organized around specific crops, there are chapters describing breeding procedures and objectives for the major crop plants; the crops were chosen for their economic importance or diversity in breeding systems. These chapters provide a broad overview of the kinds of problems with which the breeder must cope.

Breeding Plantation Tree Crops: Temperate Species

Covering traditional and emerging breeding procedures, this book explores the scientific bases and details of breeding plants. It puts a special emphasis on the further refinements possible in the light of the latest developments in molecular biology. Specific breeding methods in self and cross-pollinated crops, their genetic basis and scope of further refinements, concepts and techniques of tissue culture, molecular biology and production of transgenic plants, commonly used experimental designs in plant breeding, seed production, and implications of plant breeder's rights are other highlights.

Yield Gains in Major U.S. Field Crops

Breeding Crops with Resistance to Diseases and Pests

Principles of Plant Breeding

In modern days, crop improvement is a multidisciplinary division of agriculture. In this book, entitled, Breeding, Biotechnology and Seed Production of Field Crops, emphasis has been given on principles, methods and practices in plant breeding, biotechnology in crop improvement and seed production of field crops. The book has been written for all sections of learners, educators and staff-members of seed industries. Particular importance has been underlined for postgraduate students who specialize in plant breeding and seed science. Each chapter of the book has been designed as per the recommended syllabus of Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the postgraduate students of various Agricultural Universities in our country. This book has been divided into two major parts- i) Principles of crop breeding and ii) Methods and practices of crop improvement and seed production of individual field crop. The book contains total of 18 chapters. First three chapters are related to shed light on the basic-principles and remaining chapters deal with methods and practices of individual crop for improvement and seed production. We hope that the book will be ready to lend a hand to the advanced undergraduate students doing plant breeding in elective, postgraduate students who opted plant breeding, teachers, researchers and staff-members of private seed companies of this field of specialization.

Breeding Asian Field Crops

'Breeding crops with resistance to diseases and pests' is the most up-to-date textbook on this topic targeted towards students in Plant Sciences. This book describes the most basic elements in plant pathogen interactions and defence strategies in plants. The scientific background is explained as far as it is relevant for breeders to make sensible choices in designing and running their breeding work. A major part of the book presents the options plant breeders have to consider such as what strategy to follow, what aspects to evaluate or measure, and whether it is best to apply mixtures of pathotypes or to test pathotypes one by one. Professionals, notably in the field of Plant Breeding, may also use it as a manual for disease resistance breeding. The book should be of interest to anyone interested in plant defence strategies and the enhancement of resistance in modern cultivars. In order to enliven and illustrate the text, background reading, interesting examples and exceptions, concrete cases of application and further reading are given. Supplementary reading is readily distinguished from the main text by a different typography, so it is clear what material is most relevant and what is meant as examples supporting the main story lines. Most sections are followed by exercises so that students can test whether they understood the material that was presented.

Genetic Improvement of Field Crops

In recent years, all over the world, the attention paid to local and traditional productions is growing, especially in the agro-food sector. Maybe, it is not only due to the impact of globalization and the social and economic changes but also due to the increased consideration to health and nutritional aspects of food. Hence, for economic, social, historical, and nutritional reasons, this trend has led to the rediscovery and reuse of landraces of many different crops,

responding to requests for more and more demanding market. This volume collects examples of local crops and old landraces of different areas of the planet that testify the extreme importance of the relation existing among a land, the local productions, the historical traditions, the conservation of biodiversity, the health benefits, the environmental impact and the local economies, also including the significance to dedicate resources to scientific researches in local crops.

Rediscovery of Landraces as a Resource for the Future

Commercial crop production in the 1990s involves a series of complicated decisions. The range of pressures which now impact on the modern farmer has increased significantly in recent times. Farmers no longer can rely on the production of commodities but must focus on products, the quality of which must meet market requirements. Economic pressures necessitate an increase in productivity if farmers are to survive financially. At the same time, the community demands that farmers maintain the natural resource base of the land of which they are custodians and that they minimise the inputs of chemicals. Principles of Field Crop Production concentrates on the principles associated with farming and addresses the issues of raising productivity and environmental management. This book also endeavours to put crop production in a broader perspective by addressing issues such as the socioeconomic aspects and crop improvement issues relevant to the scope of the book. This new edition updates information on numerous crops, and provides new insights into farming systems and modern breeding methods such as genetic engineering. This new edition continues to fill an important niche for both tertiary and senior secondary students of agronomy and their teachers. It is also an important reference book for research workers and for others involved or interested in agriculture.

Principles and Procedures of Plant Breeding

Due to the advent of state-of-the-art technologies in the field of biotechnology, much progress has been achieved since the last decade. OMICS technologies are being extensively used to address various issues pertaining to agriculture. Recent advances in genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics techniques have revolutionized the understanding of genetic response of plants to various biotic and abiotic stresses. Strategic application of this revolutionary technology will eventually lead towards attaining sustainability in agriculture. This new book, Plant OMICS and Crop Breeding, addresses this important issue.

Breeding Field Crops

Development of superior crops that have consistent performance in quality and in quantity has not received the same emphasis in the field of genetics and breeding as merited. Specialty trait requires special focus to propagate. Yet basic germplasm and breeding methodologies optimized to improve crops are often applied in the development of improved specialty types. However, because of the standards required for specialty traits, methods of development and improvement are usually more complex than those for common commodity crops. The same standards of performance are desired, but the genetics of the specialty traits often impose breeding criteria distinct from those of non-specialty possessing crops. Specifically, quality improvement programs have

unique characteristics that require careful handling and monitoring during their development for specific needs. Adding value either via alternative products from the large volumes of grain produced or development of specialty types is of interest to producers and processors. This work assimilates the most topical results about quality improvement with contemporary plant breeding approaches. The objective of this book is to provide a summary of the germplasm, methods of development, and specific problems involved for quality breeding. In total, fourteen chapters, written by leading scientists involved in crop improvement research, provide comprehensive coverage of the major factors impacting specialty crop improvement.

Crop Genetic Diversity in the Field and on the Farm

Outlining successful breeding techniques to augment the yields of the world's major crops, this reference analyzes the physiological and genetic basis for past and potential future increases in crop yields.;Covering crops with wide differences in morphology, photosynthetic rates, and nitrogen metabolisms, Genetic Improvement of Field Crops: investigates the changes produced by breeders in the physiological attributes affecting wheat grain yield and nitrogen content during the last century; discusses those crop characteristics of oats that have already been altered or might be manipulated through breeding to further increase yield potential; describes several genetic factors responsible for both yield potential and stress resistance in barley; offers insights into the relationship between increases in the yield potential and stress tolerance of corn; examines the evolution of sunflower crop yields and yield stability and estimates the contribution of improved cultivars; evaluates the effects of breeding on tuber characteristics related to the crop growth and yield of the potato; elucidates the possibilities for simultaneous improvement of yield and fiber strength in cotton; and identifies the features to be considered in the development of high yielding varieties of rice for different agricultural systems.;Providing nearly 1600 key literature citations allowing further in-depth study of particular topics, Genetic Improvement of Field Crops is for plant physiologists and breeders, crop and agricultural scientists, agronomists, biochemists, geneticists, biotechnologists, microbiologists, and upper-level undergraduate and graduate students in these disciplines.

An Introduction to Plant Breeding

Learn to identify, modify, and manipulate the genes controlling key quality traits in field crops! This informative book provides state-of-the-art information on improving nutritional quality as well as yield volume in field crops such as wheat, maize, rice, barley, oats, lentils, pigeon peas, soybeans, cool season legumes, and crops whose seeds are used to make oils. With contributions from leading authorities in the field, this book will bring you up to date on the uses of agronomic management, conventional plant breeding, and modern biotechnologies in improving the quality of important food, feed, and fiber products. Quality Improvement in Field Crops examines: factors that impact the end-use quality of wheat and ways to improve wheat's quality for milling and baking agronomic practices that impact the quality of maize ways to improve the nutritional value of rice and legumes techniques for using molecular markers to improve the quality of lentil crops breeding methods that can improve the quality of the oils derived from oilseed crops protein quality/sulfur metabolism in soybeans and much more! This book is dedicated to the World Food Laureate (the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for food scientists), Dr. G. S. Khush--the father of the Green Revolution in rice farming--in recognition of his tremendous contributions to global food and nutritional security for the world's population.

Breeding of Field Crops

Recent advances in plant genomics and molecular biology have revolutionized our understanding of plant genetics, providing new opportunities for more efficient and controllable plant breeding. Successful techniques require a solid understanding of the underlying molecular biology as well as experience in applied plant breeding. Bridging the gap between developments in biotechnology and its applications in plant improvement, *Molecular Plant Breeding* provides an integrative overview of issues from basic theories to their applications to crop improvement including molecular marker technology, gene mapping, genetic transformation, quantitative genetics, and breeding methodology.

Molecular Techniques in Crop Improvement

This book focuses on the previously neglected interface between the conservation of plant genetic resources and their utilization. Only through utilization can the potential value of conserved genetic resources be realized. However, as this book shows, much conserved germplasm has to be subjected to long term pre-breeding and genetic enhancement before it can be used in plant breeding programs. The authors explore the rationale and approaches for such pre-breeding efforts as the basis for broadening the genetic bases of crop production. Examples from a range of major food crops are presented and issues are analyzed by leading authorities from around the world.

Principles of Plant Genetics and Breeding

Following the green revolution and transgenic crop development, another revolutionary progress has been experienced in plant breeding in the last decade with the application of marker-assisted selection (MAS), next-generation sequencing (NGS), and gene editing techniques together with omic technologies, including genomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and phenomics. Thus, this book is structured into two sections: "Marker-Assisted Breeding" and "RNA-seq and Gene Editing in Plants," which aim to provide a reference for students, instructors, and scientists on recent innovative advances in plant-breeding programs to cultivate crops for tomorrow.

Productive Plant Husbandry - Including Plant Propagation, Plant Breeding, Soils, Field Crops, Gardening, Fruit Growing, Forestry, Insects, Plant Diseases and Farm Management

The plant breeder and his work; Reproduction in crop plants; Genetics and plant breeding: gene recombination; Genetics and plant breeding: variations in chromosome number; Genetics and plant breeding: mutation; Fertility regulating mechanisms and their manipulation; Plant introduction, acclimatization and germ plasm conservation; Methods of breeding: self-pollinated crops; Methods of breeding: cross-pollinated crops, asexually propagated crops; Techniques in breeding field crops; Breeding wheat and triticale breeding wheat; Breeding rice; Breeding barley and oats breeding barley; Breeding soybeans; Breeding corn; Breeding sorghum and millet breeding sorghum; Breeding cotton; Breeding sugar beets; Breeding forage crops; Seed production practices.

Yield Formation in the Main Field Crops

Breeding Oilseed Crops for Sustainable Production: Opportunities and Constraints presents key insights into accelerating the breeding of sustainable and superior varieties. The book explores the genetic engineering/biotechnology that has played a vital role in transforming economically important traits from distant/wild species to cultivated varieties, enhancing the quality and quantity of oil and seed yield production. Integrated nutrient management, efficient water management, and forecasting models for pests diseases outbreaks and integrated pest and pest management have also added new dimensions in breeding for sustainable production. With the rise in demand, the scientific community has responded positively by directing a greater amount of research towards sustainable production both for edible and industrial uses. Covering the latest information on various major world oil crops including rapeseed mustard, sunflower, groundnut, sesame, oilpalm, cotton, linseed/flax, castor and olive, this book brings the latest advances together in a single volume for researchers and advanced level students. Describes various methods and systems to achieve sustainable production in all major oilseed crops Addresses breeding, biology and utilization aspects simultaneously including those species whose information is not available elsewhere Includes information on modern biotechnological and molecular techniques and production technologies Relevant for international government, industrial and academic programs in research and development

Breeding Oilseed Crops for Sustainable Production

Written in easy to follow language, the book presents cutting-edge agriculturally relevant plant biotechnologies and applications in a manner that is accessible to all. This book introduces the scope and method of plant biotechnologies and molecular breeding within the context of environmental analysis and assessment, a diminishing supply of productive arable land, scarce water resources and climate change. Authors who have studied how agro ecosystems have changed during the first decade and a half of commercial deployment review effects and stress needs that must be considered to make these tools sustainable.

Principles and Plant Breeding Methods of Field Crops in India

To respond to the increasing need to feed the world's population as well as an ever greater demand for a balanced and healthy diet there is a continuing need to produce improved new cultivars or varieties of plants, particularly crop plants. The strategies used to produce these are increasingly based on our knowledge of relevant science, particularly genetics, but involves a multidisciplinary understanding that optimizes the approaches taken. Principles of Plant Genetics and Breeding, 2nd Edition introduces both classical and molecular tools for plant breeding. Topics such as biotechnology in plant breeding, intellectual property, risks, emerging concepts (decentralized breeding, organic breeding), and more are addressed in the new, updated edition of this text. Industry highlight boxes are included throughout the text to contextualize the information given through the professional experiences of plant breeders. The final chapters provide a useful reference on breeding the largest and most common crops. Up-to-date edition of this bestselling book incorporating the most recent technologies in the field Combines both theory and practice in modern plant breeding Updated industry highlights help to illustrate the concepts outlined in the text Self assessment questions at the end of each chapter aid student learning Accompanying website with artwork from the book available

to instructors

Principles of Field Crop Production

One of the oldest scientific traditions, plant breeding began in Neolithic times with methods as simple as saving the seeds of desirable plants and sowing them later. It was not until the re-encounter with Mendel's discoveries thousands of years later, the genetic basis of breeding was understood. Developments following have provided further insight into how genes acting alone or in concert with other genes and the environment, result in a particular phenotype. From Abaxial to Zymogram, the third edition of Dictionary of Plant Breeding contains clear and useful definitions of the terms associated with plant breeding and related scientific/technological disciplines. It defines jargon; provides helpful tables, examples, and breeding schemes; and includes a list of crop plants with salient details. Packed with data and organized to make that data easy to access, this revised and expanded reference provides comprehensive coverage of the latest discoveries in cytogenetics, molecular genetics, marker-assisted selection, experimental gene transfer, CRISPR technology, seed sciences, crop physiology, and genetically modified crops. Features Provides a comprehensive list of technical terms used in plant breeding Explores the historical development of crop improvement Discusses applications of molecular genetics and biotechnology Includes numerous figures, drawings, tables, and schemes supplementing the glossary A complex subject, plant breeding draws from many scientific and technological disciplines, often making it difficult to know the precise meanings of many terms and to accurately interpret specific concepts. As in the previous editions, this dictionary unifies concepts by including the specific terms of plant breeding and terms that are adjusted from other disciplines. Drawing on Rolf Schlegel's 50 years of experience, the book provides an encyclopedic list of commonly used technical terms that reflect the latest developments in the field.

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