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Genetic Breeding for Soybean Improvement

Message from the Guest Editors

Never before in human history has the subject of food security been as salient as it is today. Breeding for strategic crops such as soybean plays important roles in increasing food security and lifting the living standard in the near future. The rapid advancement in genetic breeding has brought great opportunities for soybean breeders to select superior genotypes in a cost-effective and timely manner. In combination with the rapid advancement in biotechnology and molecular techniques such as genome-wide association studies (GWASs), genomic selection (GS), quantitative trait loci (QTLs), haplotype-based selection, molecular design, and genome editing, soybean cultivar development methods have been moving from pedigree and conventional selection strategies to marker-assisted and genome-based selection methods. This Special Issue aims to provide comprehensive insight into the recent efforts that have been made to accelerate soybean breeding, focusing on conventional and modern soybean breeding approaches, data-driven breeding, and multi-trait breeding strategies.

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