# Special Issue

# Analysis of Complex Traits and Molecular Selection in Perennial Crops

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The global agricultural systems are largely reliant on the yearly planting of annual crops, such as wheat (Triticum), maize (Zea mays), rice (Oryza sativa), and soybean (Glycine max). The use of these systems has been a boon in providing food security to the global population, yet it has also resulted in ecological consequences such as climate change, soil erosion, wildlife habitat destruction, and other pollutants. To ensure sustainability, one of the optimal approaches is to mimic the functioning of the natural ecosystem. The most remarkable feature of natural ecosystems is the prevalence of perennial species, thus, shifting from annual to perennial crops could be a revolutionary solution to reduce the need for external inputs such as energy, fertilizers, and pesticides. The objective of this collection is to bring together the most recent advancements in the genetic and molecular mechanisms of complex traits in perennial crops, encompassing both woody and herbaceous crops. Additionally, we are interested in molecular selection and breeding practices for these perennial crops.

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