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Message from the Guest Editors

Global food security faces multiple challenges. By 2050, demand for wheat is predicted to increase by 50 percent from today's levels. Meanwhile, the crop is at risk from new and more aggressive pests as well as diseases, diminishing water resources, limited available land, and unstable weather conditions, particularly heat. The unprecedented recent developments in next-generation DNA sequencing technologies and high-density genotyping-based trait mapping, such as QTL discovery, fine mapping, pooled sequencing (QTLseq, BSRseq, MutMap, etc.), genome-wide association studies, and systems genetics tools allow for the discovery of superior haplotypes to enhance the nutritional content of a wide array of crops. Therefore, this Special Issue of *Genes* is focused on wheat genomics, genetics, and breeding, with the goal of contributing to food and nutrition security; climate adaption and mitigation; and the development of climate-resilient, nutritious, disease- and pest-tolerant, diverse, and high-yielding wheat varieties. We believe that the whole wheat community will find this compilation helpful.



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