

Special Issue

Collection, Evaluation and Utilization of Watermelon and Melon Germplasm Resources

Message from the Guest Editors

Watermelon and melon are economically important cucurbit crops, widely cultivated around the world because of their juicy, sweet, and nutritious fruit. Collections, evaluation and creation of germplasm resources are foundation of the plant breeding. Establishing a system for stress resistance evaluation, screening resistant and high-quality germplasm resources, and developing functional molecular markers can serve as solid bases for the development of novel plant resources or varieties with high levels of resistance and better fruit quality and potential yield. This Special Issue will include research on the collection, evaluation, and utilization of watermelon and melon germplasm resources, such as high resistance (salt, drought, cold, disease), excellent nutrition and cultivation quality (superior nutrients, optimal plant-type), and other innovative germplasms, and underlying functional molecular marker development. Here, we invite you to submit exciting research developments to us.

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