

Special Issue

Physiology and Molecular Biology of Flowering, Fruit Setting, Fruit Quality

Message from the Guest Editors

Flowering and fruit set are very delicate and of fundamental importance for obtaining abundant production in fruit trees and many other horticultural crops, such as fruiting vegetables or ornamental plants. Fruit quality, including internal quality and external quality, is extremely important in determining purchase and consumption decisions by consumers, which eventually determines how beneficial the fruits will be for growers. Therefore, physiology and molecular biology of flowering and fruit setting and the formation and regulation of fruit quality are important research fields in horticultural sciences. Recent advances in the establishment of high-quality reference genomes, large-scale genome re-sequencing and transcriptome databases in many of horticultural crops have made it more likely than ever to gain deep insight into the molecular regulation of flowering and fruit setting, and fruit quality. This Special Issue aims to cover different aspects of flowering, fruit set, and fruit quality, including but not limited to flower induction and development, flowering phenology, pollination and compatibility, parthenocarp, and fruit traits.

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