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Gene Regulation in Flower and Fruit Development

Message from the Guest Editors

Flowers and fruits, as key structures in plant reproduction and propagation, have been a major focus in breeding, production, and basic biology research. Well-developed flowers represent the basis for the formation of rounded flowers, and the proper development of flowers directly affects the quality of fruits. From a flower blooming to the fruit ripening, each stage is regulated by a complex network of genes. These genes not only determine the morphological characteristics of the flower and fruit but also influence the quality and nutritional value of the fruit, such as its pigments, sugars, organic acids, and vitamins. These components determine the appearance, flavor, and nutritional value of fruits, which directly affect market competitiveness and consumer satisfaction. A deeper understanding of gene regulatory mechanisms would allow for valuable insights into plant reproductive development and offer new strategies for agricultural breeding and fruit quality improvement.

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