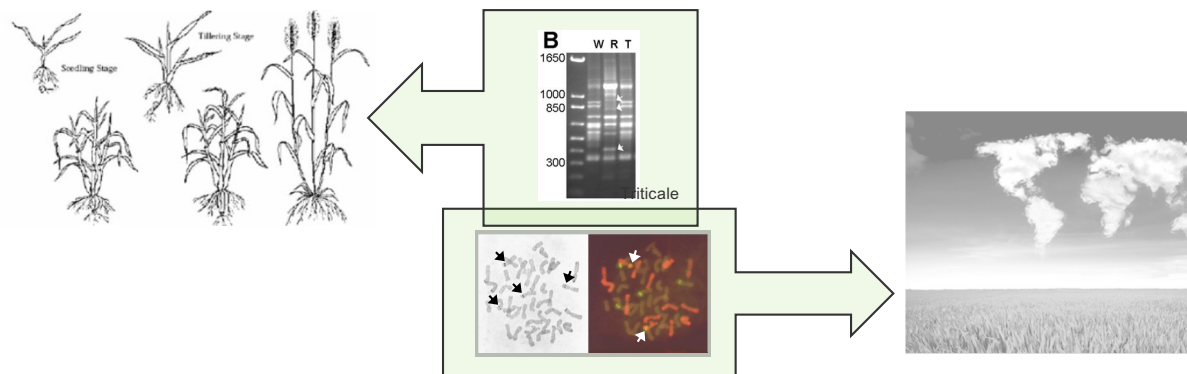


Tecnologia dos Cereais

Cereal Evolution and Genomics

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Understanding Cereal Genomics

Cereals economic and scientific importance

→ extensive history of research in **genetics, development, and evolution**

Relationships among morphologically diverse cereals from globally geographic environments

→ particularly attractive for comparative studies of **plant genome evolution**

Complete genome sequence of **rice** (2002)

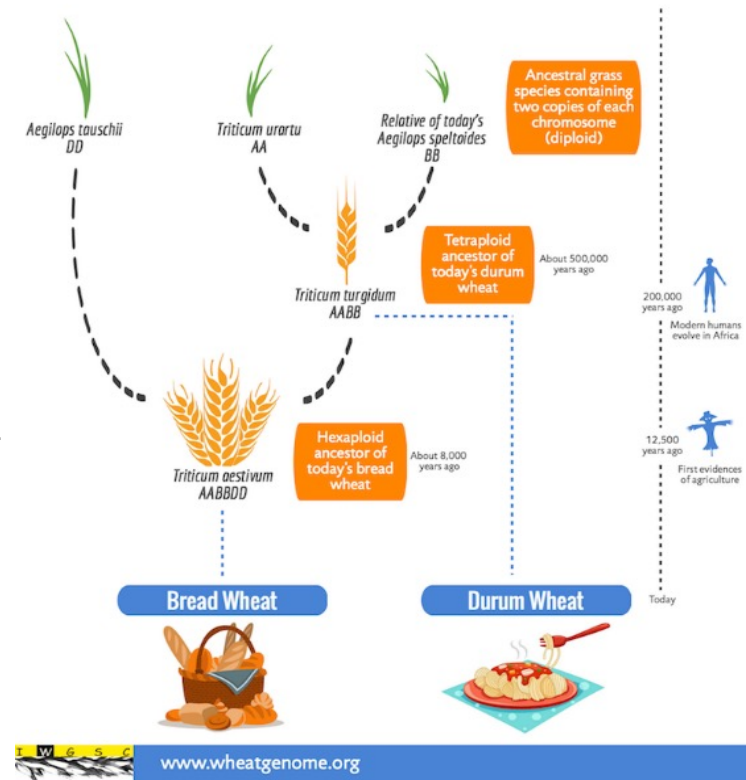
→ transition to high-throughput **genomics study** of many other cereals

... **wheat** sequenced 2018



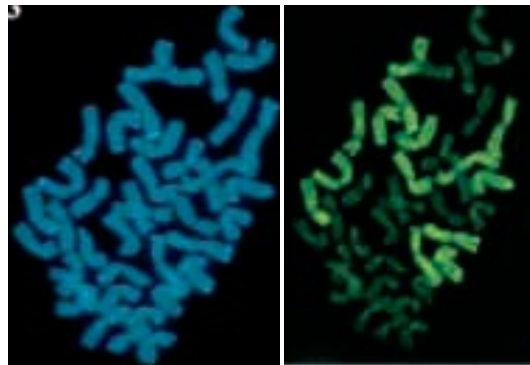
The Origin of Wheat

Today's bread wheat originates from three ancestral grass species and results from two consecutive hybridizations



International **Wheat** Genome
Sequencing Consortium IWGSC

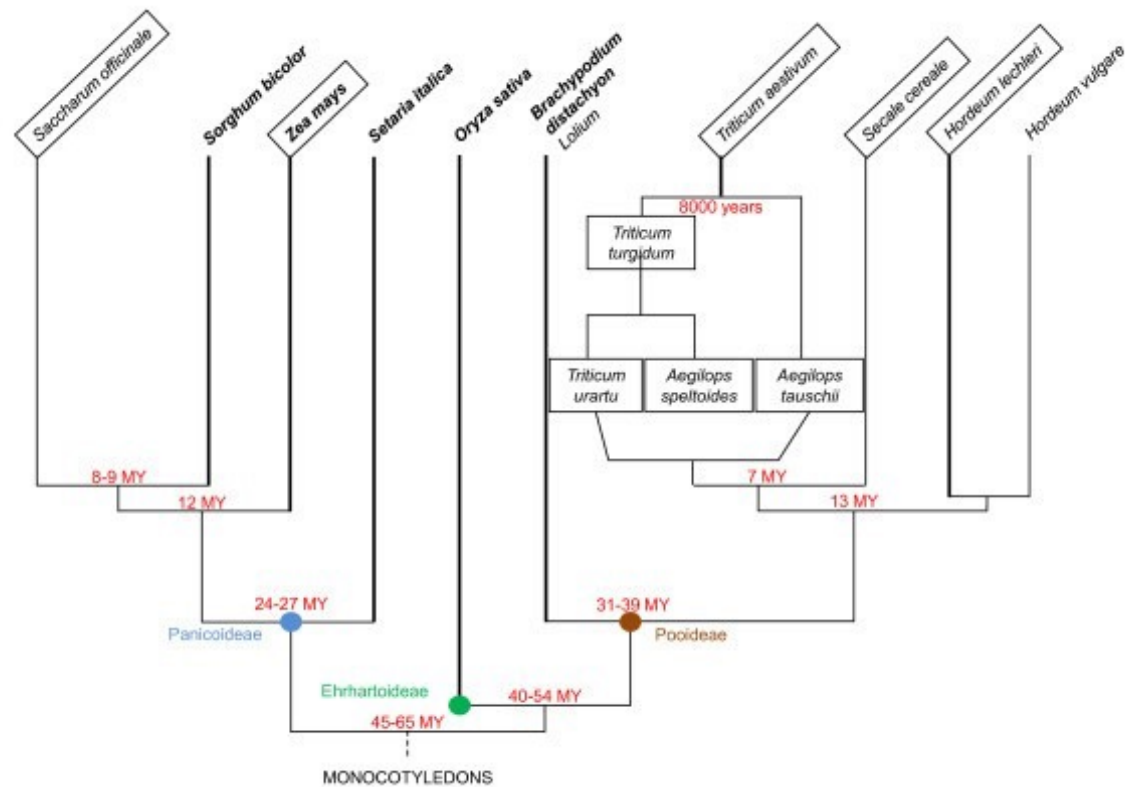
Importance of **cytogenetics** and **molecular biology** for cereal study



FISH of hexaploid triticale metaphase

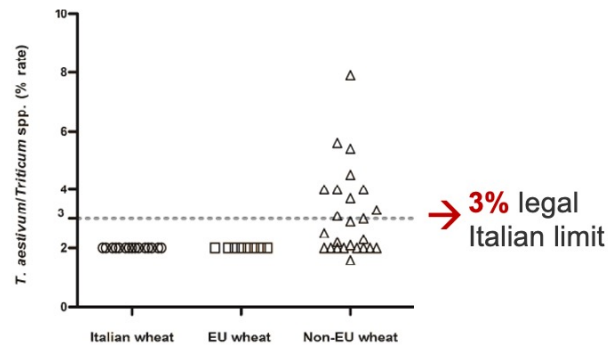
→ to understand the
evolution of cereal genomes

Design strategies for **Plant Breeding**



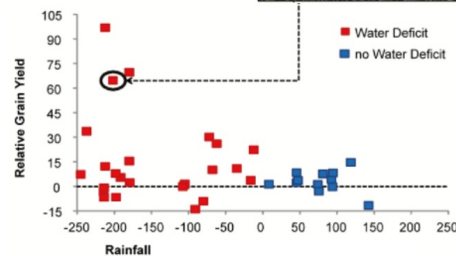
Poaceae phylogenomics based on a biosynthetic pathway

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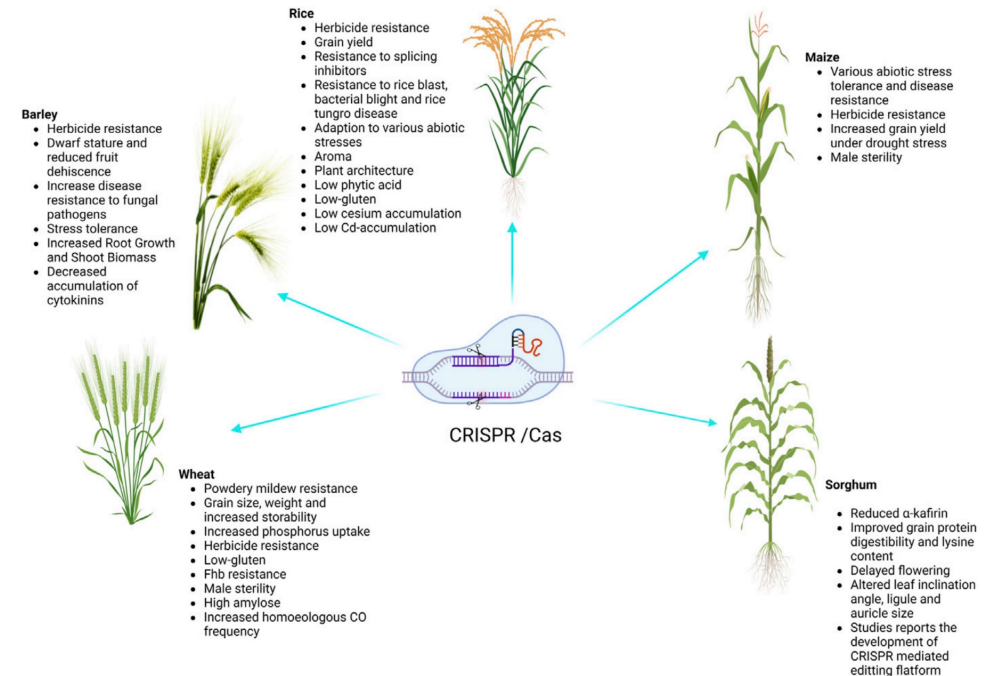


Quantification of *T. aestivum* in Italian, European Union (EU), and Non-EU semola

Italian pasta certification



OGM wheat drought tolerant



Successful applications of CRISPR/Cas9

Importance of Cereal Biotechnology

Polyploid plants - Gramineae

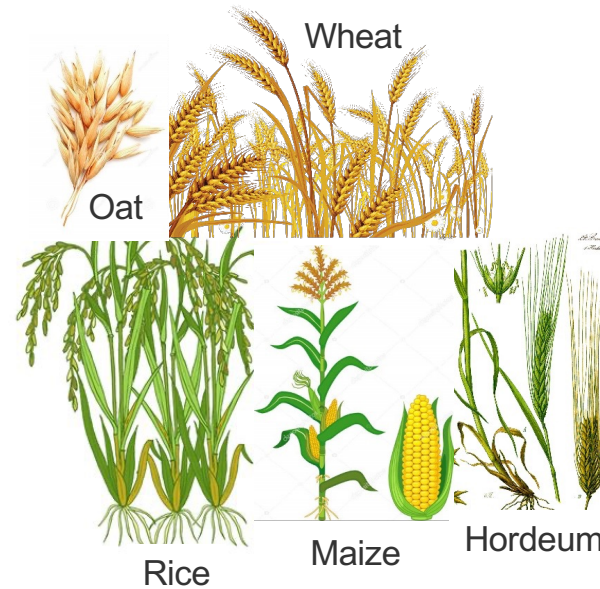
Many crop plants are polyploid

Potato, cotton, coffee, tobacco, banana...



A sample of agricultural products obtained from polyploid crops

Polyploidy is particularly frequent in **Poaceae** family (**Gramineae**)

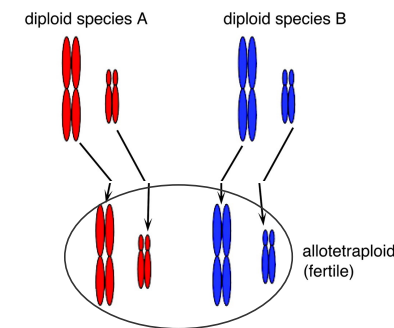
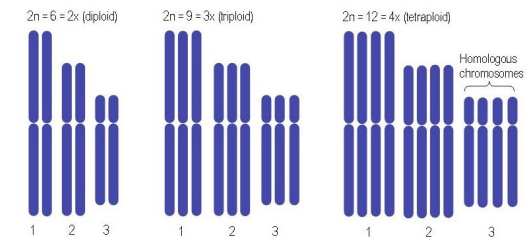


Polyploidy

- POLYPLOID - plants with multiple copies of a genome or with different genomes

- Autopolyploid ← **duplication** of one genome

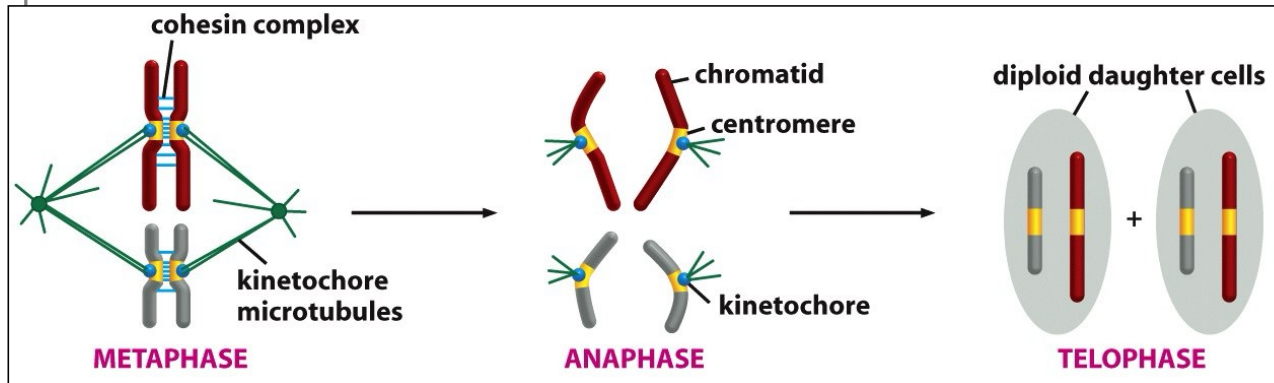
- Allopolyploid ← **combination** of 2 or more different genomes



How do polyploid plants arise??

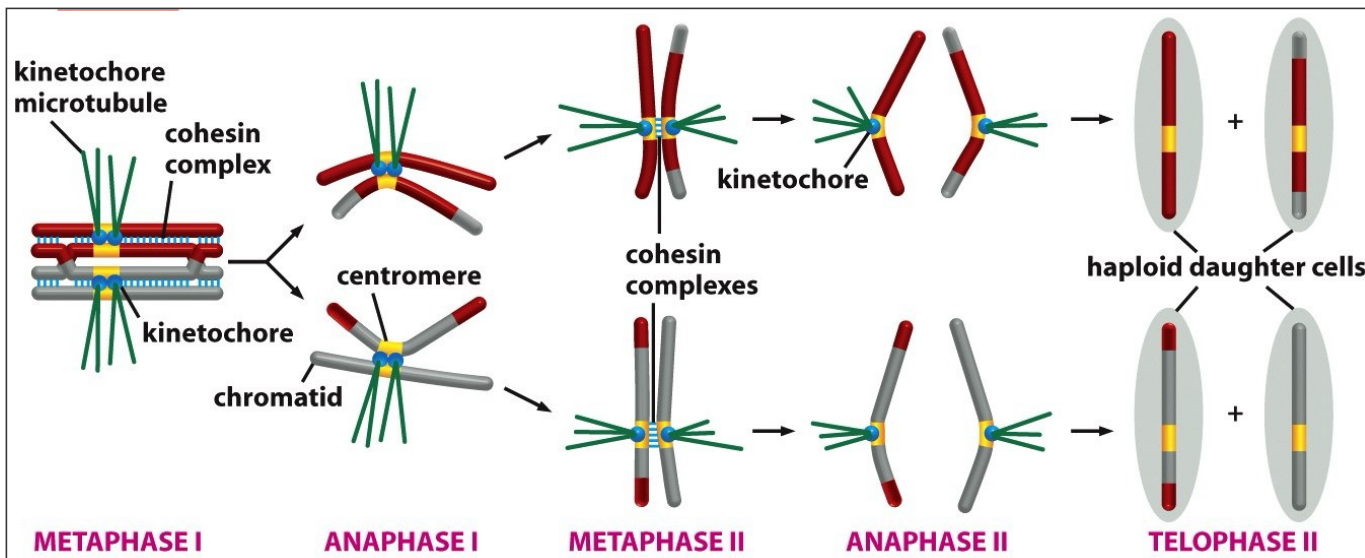
→ **Mitotic or Meiotic errors**

Rare events that occurred at least one time throughout the **evolutionary history**



MITOSE

1 duplicação - 1 divisão
→ 2 células diploides ($2n$)



MEIOSE

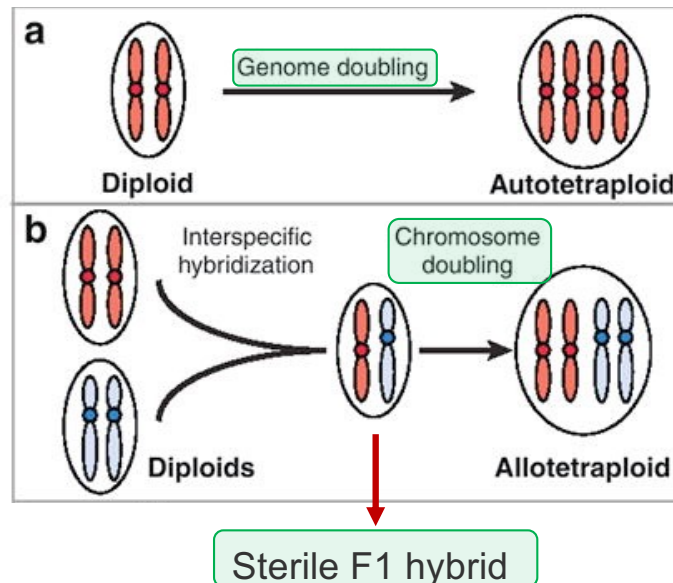
1 duplicação - 2 divisões
→ 4 células haploides (n)

Polyploidy origin - Mitotic anomalies

→ somatic chromosome doubling

Diploid species doubling → **autopolyploid**

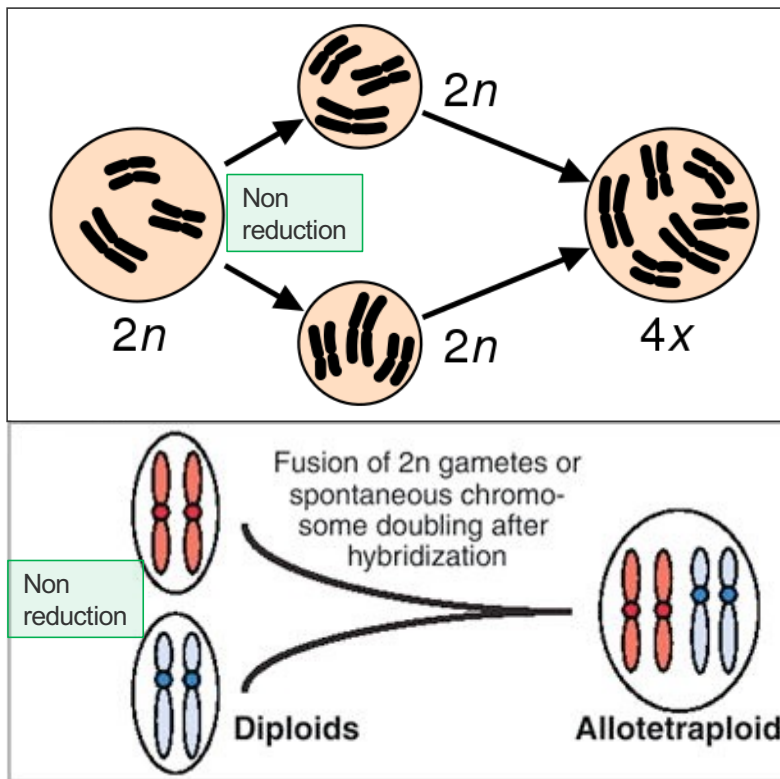
F1 hybrid doubling → **allopolyploid**



(a) Formation of an **autotetraploid** by chromosome doubling

(b) Formation of an **allotetraploid** by interspecific hybridization followed by chromosome doubling.

Polyploidy origin - **Meiotic** anomalies → Fusion of **diploid** gametes



Fusion of **unreduced gametes** from a diploid species.
→ **Autopolyploid**

Fusion of **unreduced gametes** in two different diploid species.
→ **Allopolyploid**

Formation of allopolyploids: main models

“Two-step” model

interspecific hybridization

chromosome doubling of the F₁ hybrid

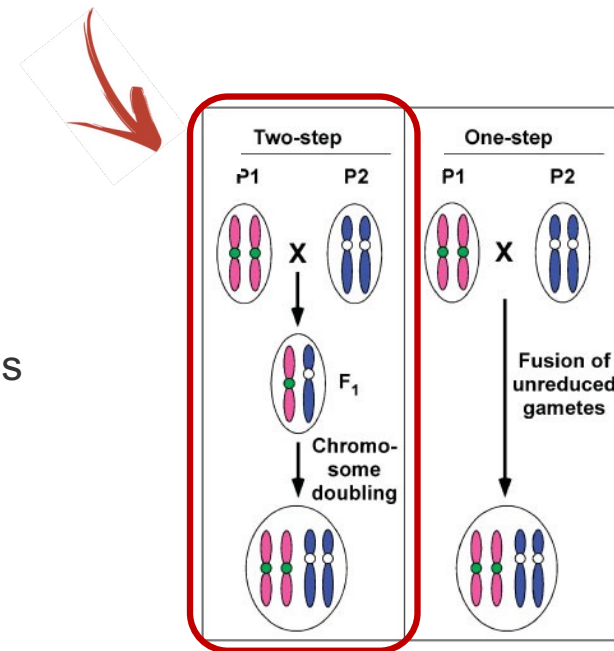
→ most common process

- in **Triticeae** evolution
- to produce **synthetic** polyploids
(chemical chromosome-doubling)

“One-step” model

fertilization of unreduced gametes from
different diploid species

Cereals



Atividade – visualização de vídeos em grupo

Grupos de 4/5 alunos

Cada grupo vê um **vídeo** (10 min)

Cada grupo discute o conteúdo do vídeo e elabora um pequeno **resumo** (10 min)

Cada grupo elege um porta-voz

No fim, **apresentação** do resumo sobre cada um dos vídeos (5 min)

VÍDEOS - <https://tinyurl.com/VideosAulaTecCereais>

1 - Mitosis vs. Meiosis: Side by Side Comparison 6'21''

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrKdz93WIVk&ab_channel=AmoebaSisters

2- Polyploidy leads to speciation (IB Biology) 4'48''

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odL631acMC0&ab_channel=AlexLee

3 - Sweet but dangerous? The strange story of polyploidy 4'11''

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldpt19_PSVQ&ab_channel=GatsbyPlantScienceEducationProgramme

4- Is GMO wheat the answer to food security? - Cristobal Uauy 5'03''

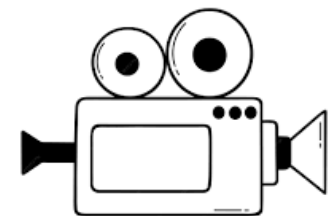
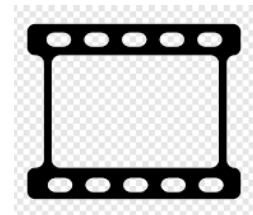
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5 - FISH - Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization 3'48''

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiRJoTi44TA&ab_channel=Henrik%27sLab

6 - Sanger Sequencing of DNA 3'39''

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI4CnG5Jp4s&ab_channel=LaUrsa



What **plants** do better than animals?

In terms of reproduction, plants have more options than animals:

→ **sexual** and **asexual**

- Hybridization
 - Vegetative reproduction
- ↓
- Polyploidy

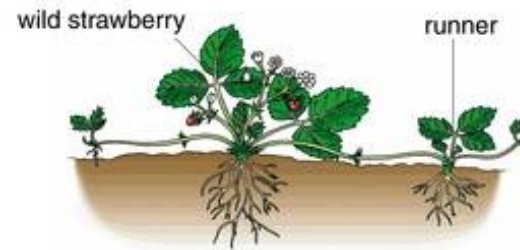
Species A X Species B



Sterile hybrid

Animals → Usually the end!
Plants → Vegetative reproduction
(Polyploidy)

Asexual reproduction



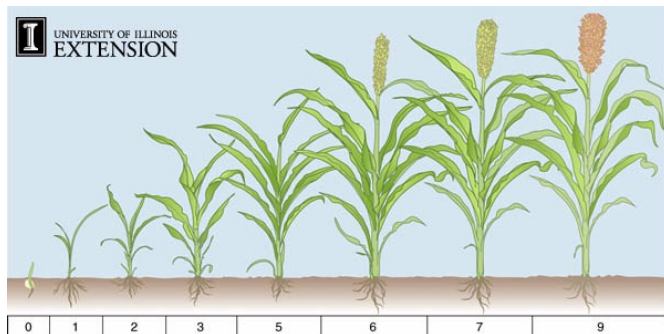
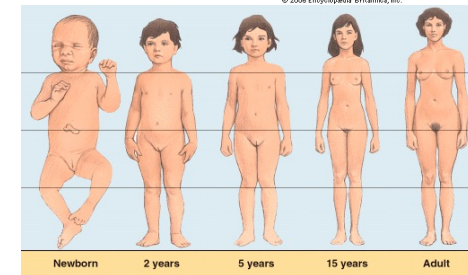
Why Polyploidy is less common in animals?

ANIMALS

Chromosomally determined **sex** (polyploidy interference)

More **complex development** - organ systems fine-tuned affected by different gene dosages

Reproductive isolation mechanisms (geographic, temporal, behavioral etc.) **prevent natural interbreeding** between species

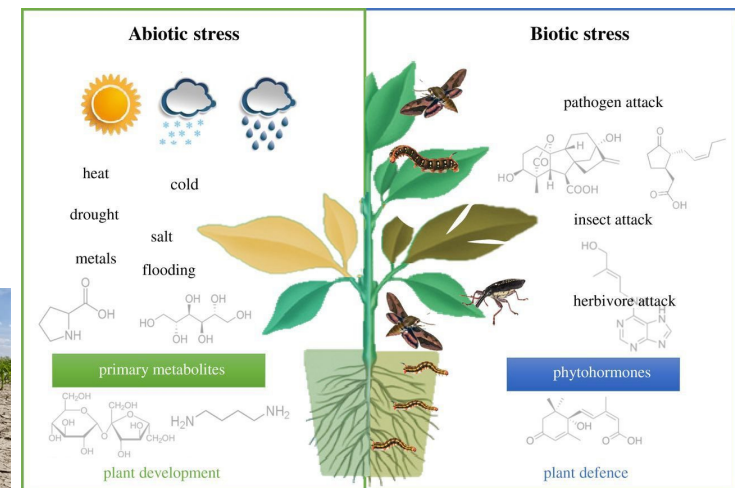


PLANTS

Meristematic tissue throughout their lives and self-fertile

Advantages of Polyploidy

- **Higher diversity**
- Duplicated gene copies free to mutate
 - **evolve** to assume **new functions**
- Increased **adaptability** to a higher ecological range
- Enhanced abiotic and biotic **stress tolerance**
- **Larger** cells and organs



Polyploidy → Larger cells and organs

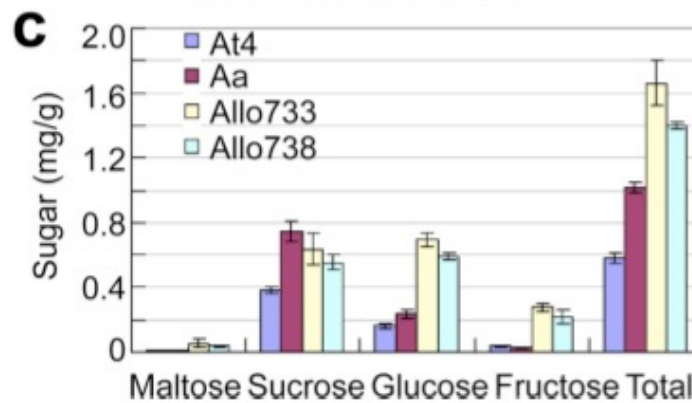
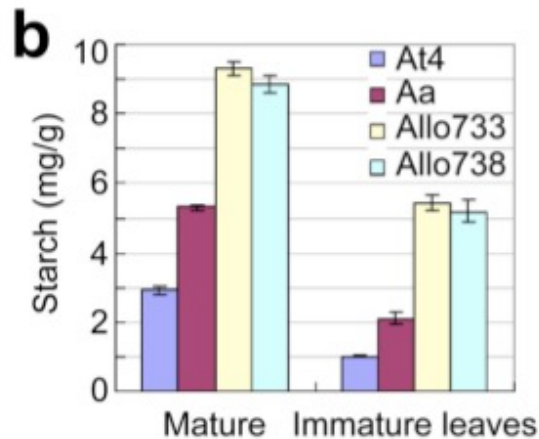
Diploid and **autotetraploid** cultivars of
Lolium perenne and *L. multiflorum* (Gramineae)

- **Autopolyploid longer leaves**, longer mature cells (20x)
(epidermal and mesophyl)
 - ← **higher cell elongation rate**,
not by a longer period of cell elongation
- No variation in cell division parameters
(cell production rate and cell cycle time)



Molecular basis for **polyploid vigor**

Allopolyploid → genes for **photosynthesis** and **starch** metabolism are **more active**



- Increased **photosynthesis**, higher amounts of **chlorophyll**
- higher **starch** accumulation
→ **growing larger** in comparison with their parents

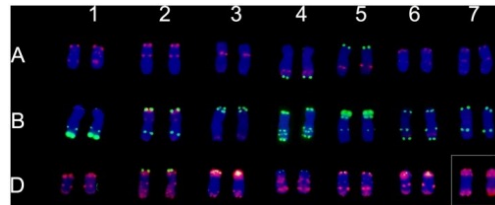


The hybrid *Arabidopsis* plant (center) is larger than its parents (top and bottom), an example of hybrid vigor

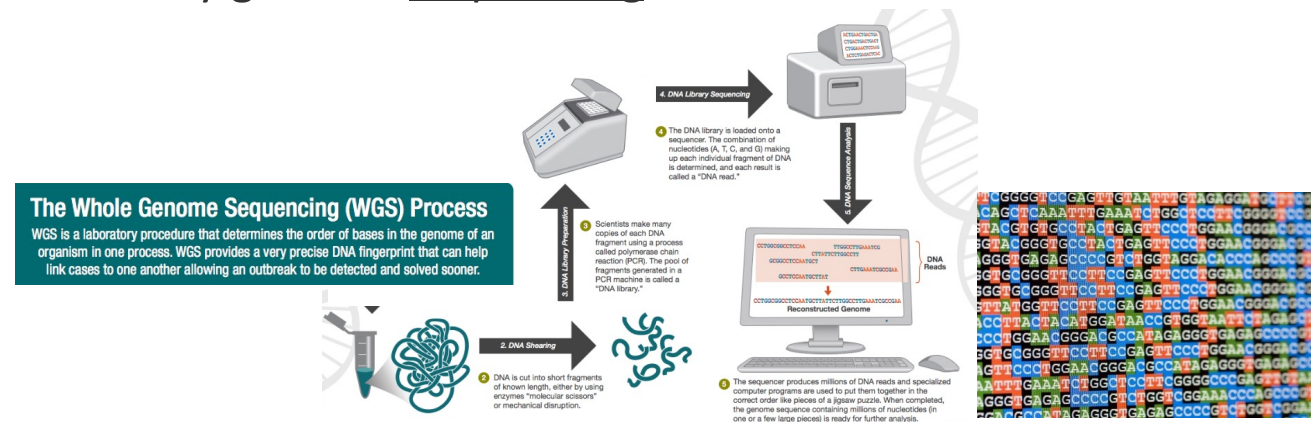
Polyploidy detection

- **Polyploid** species – detected by cytogenetics

Wheat FISH with pTa535 (red) and pSc119.2 (green), chromosomes counterstained with DAPI (blue).



- **Paleopolyploids** – detected by genome sequencing



Cereal genome **cytogenetics**

Metodologias citogenéticas

- Estabelecimento de **cariótipos**
 - Técnicas de **bandeamento**
→ Atividade
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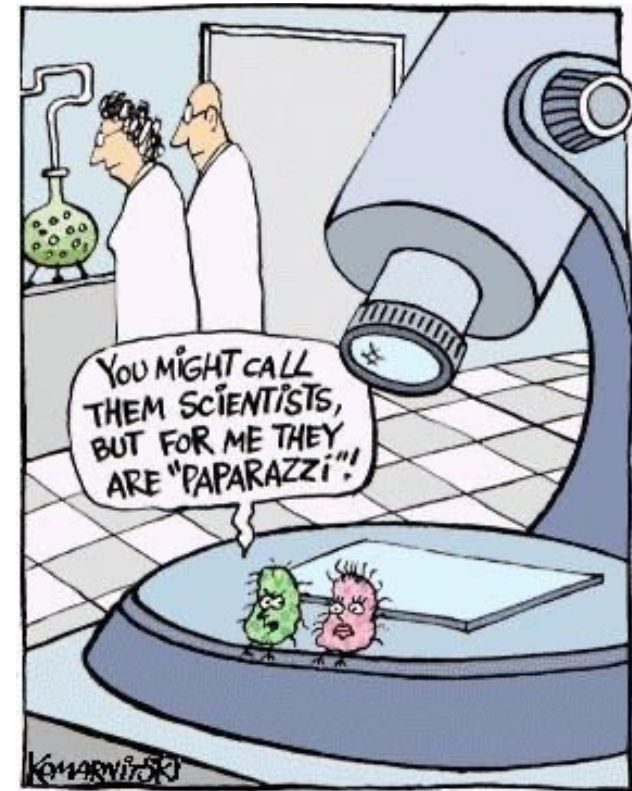
Cytogenetics

Cytogenetics = Cellular Genetics

- Branch of genetics that studies **cells** and especially **chromosomes**

Cytogenetic tools

- Conventional **karyotyping**
 - Chromosome banding
- **Molecular cytogenetics**
 - Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (**FISH**)

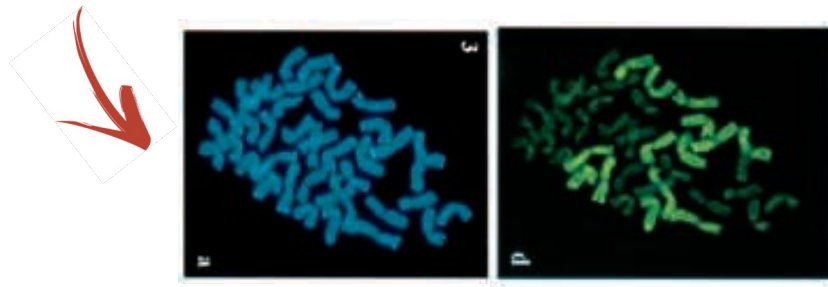


Estudo de cariótipos

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

- **bandeamento** para estabelecimento de cariótipos

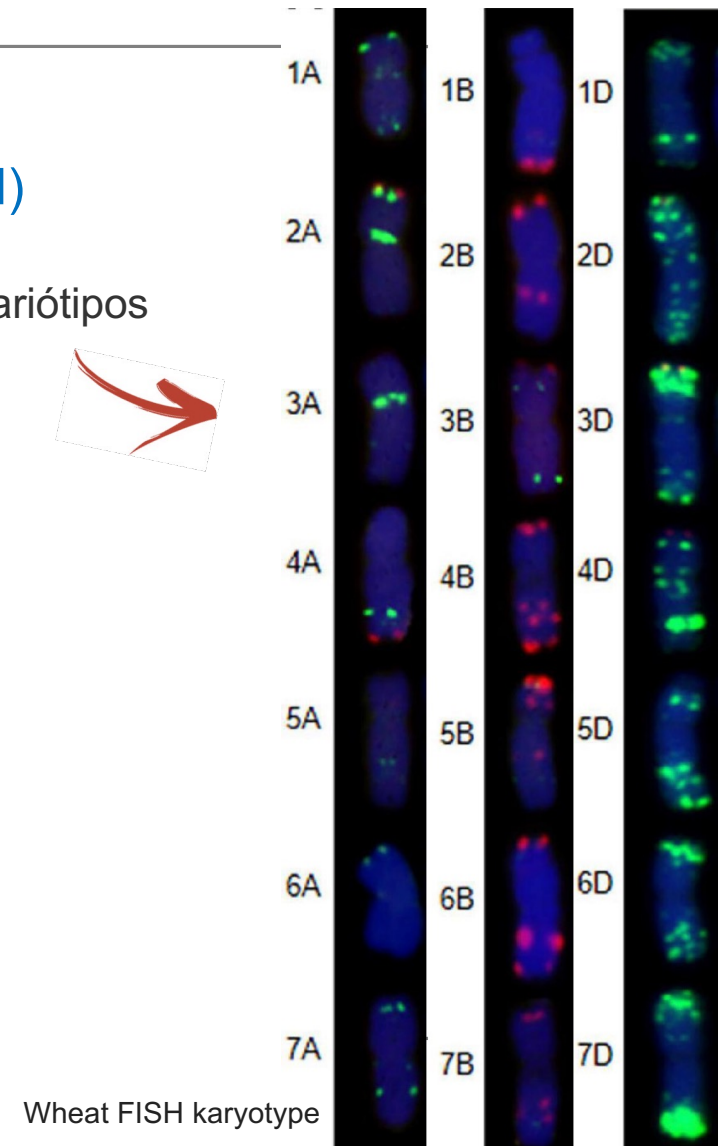
- Identificação de **genomas das espécies parentais** - GISH



Cromossomas de triticales

Verde - centeio

Azul – DNA corado com DAPI



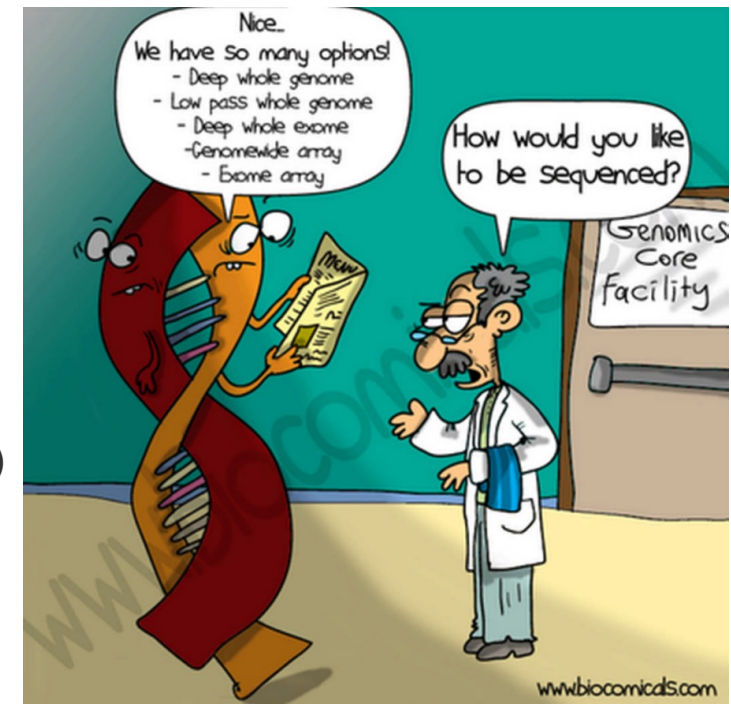
Wheat FISH karyotype

Sequencing

- “**Sequencing**” – **order of nucleotides** in the **DNA** molecules

Nucleotides order → amino acids order → protein structure and function

- Changes in the DNA (correlated with changes in proteins)

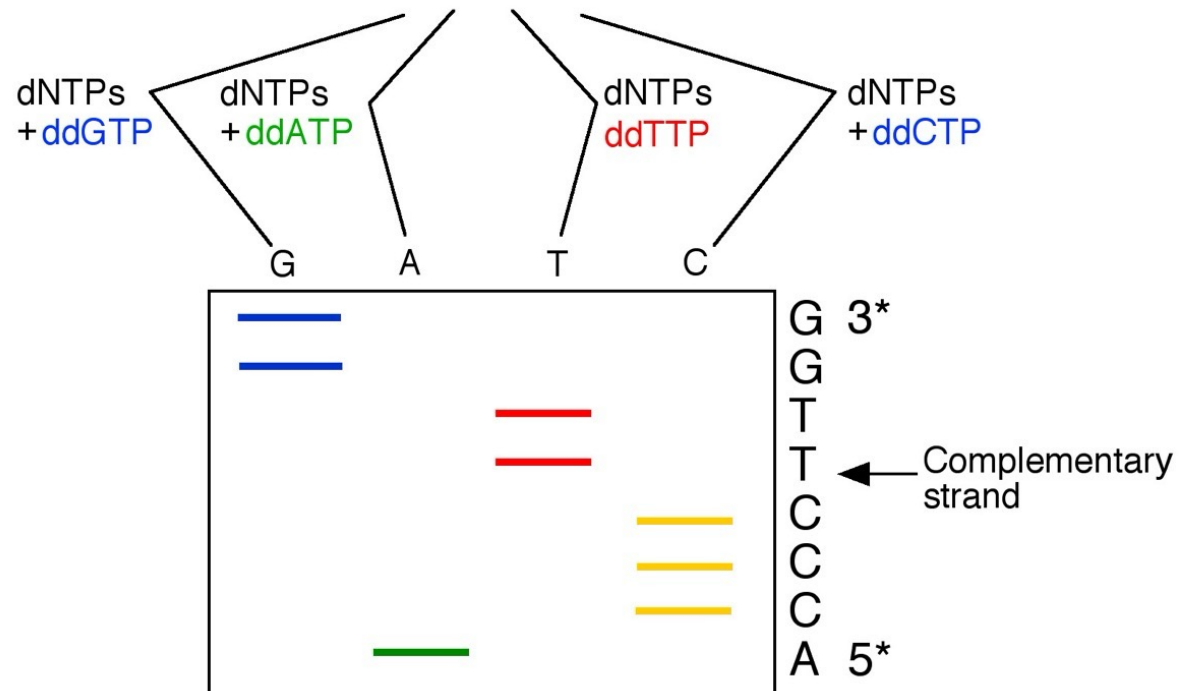


→ Allowed the **identification on paleopolyploid species**

The Sanger method

Sanger ddNTP Chain Termination Sequencing

Template 3' GCATTGGGAACC 5'
Prime 5' CGTA 3'



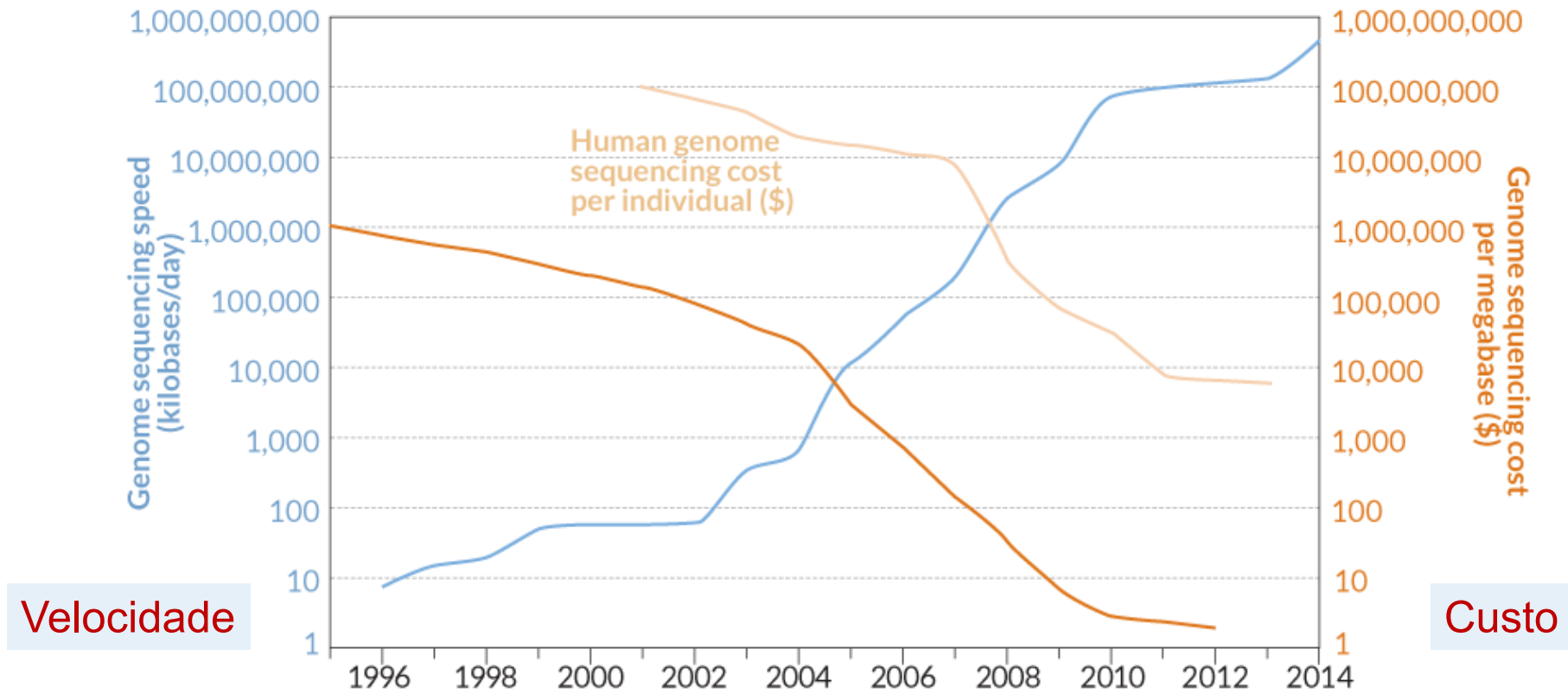
Sanger Sequencing



Sequencing methods

Sanger	Next-generation sequencing	Third generation technologies
One DNA molecule sequenced at a time Gel Sanger Capillary Sanger	DNA is broken into short pieces, amplified, and then sequenced. Illumina GA	Directly sequencing of single DNA molecules. DNA do not break down or amplify. PacBio SMRT Nanopore

Genome sequencing evolution



Improvements in genome sequencing technology over the past two decades has
→ Higher **speed** and lower **cost**

Poaceae species with sequenced genome

Species	Genome size	Year
<u>Oryza sativa (long grain rice) ssp indica</u>	430 Mbp	2002
<u>Oryza sativa (Short grain rice) ssp japonica</u>	430 Mbp	2002
<u>Sorghum bicolor genotype BTx623</u>	730 Mbp	2009
<u>Zea mays (maize) ssp mays B73</u>	2.3 Gbp	2009
<u>Brachypodium distachyon (purple false brome)</u>	355 Mbp	2010
<u>Hordeum vulgare (barley)</u>	5.3 Gbp	2012
<u>Triticum urartu</u>	4.94 Gbp	2013
<u>Aegilops tauschii (Tausch's goatgrass)</u>	4.36 Gbp	2017
<u>Triticum aestivum (bread wheat)</u>	14.5 Gbp	2018

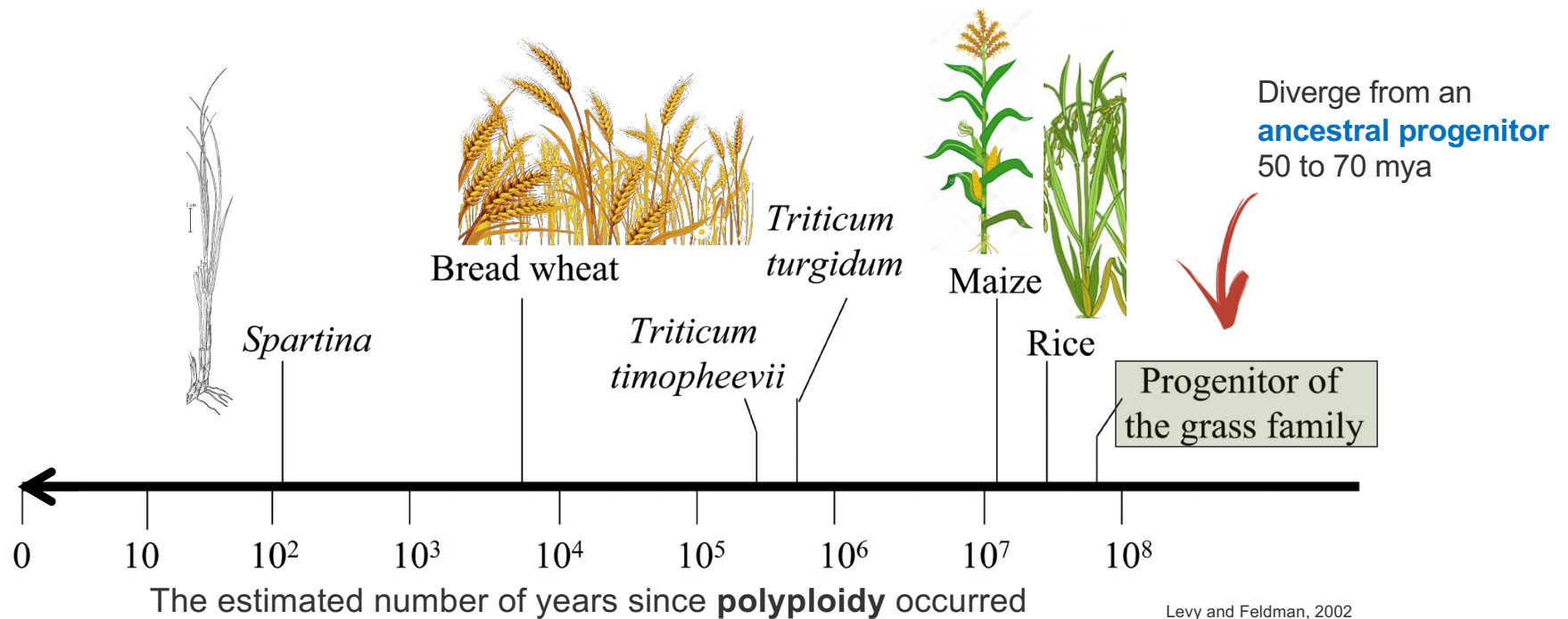
Gramineae polyploids

Poaceae (Gramineae) - 10,000 species, 600 to 700 genera

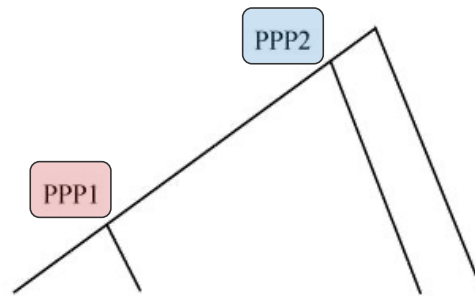
Common **ancestral** - 50 to 70 million years ago

Polyploidy in grasses is an ongoing process

Cereal species **selection** - domestication and improvement



Rice (*Oryza sativa*) – ancient polyploid



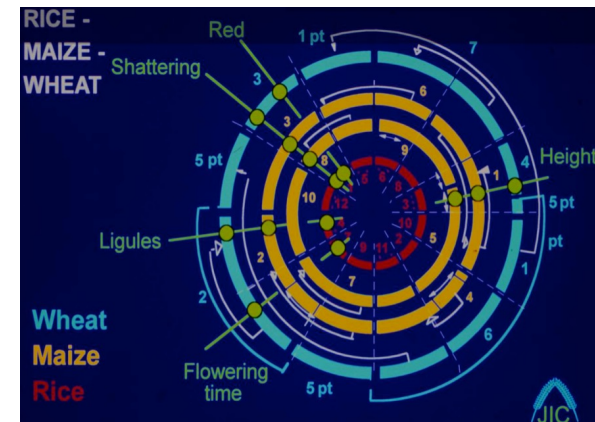
Rice genome analysis

PPP2 - older genome of **monocot** dicot ancestral

PPP1 - ancient genome duplication of all **cereals** ancestral

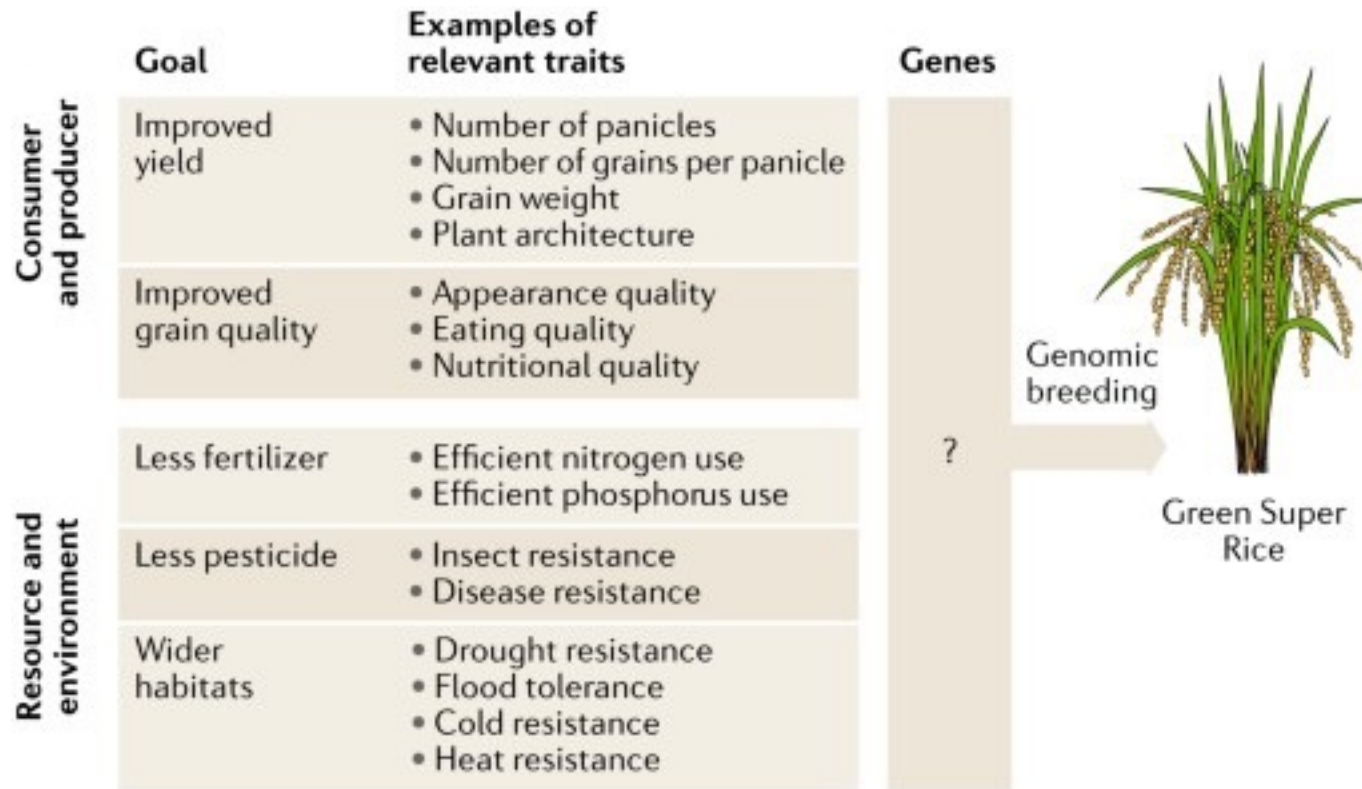
The **first** genome of a crop plant that was completely **sequenced** in **2002**

- Sequencing of two major **subspecies** - indica & japonica
- Model cereal crop - **small genome** size ($2n = 24$)
- High degree of **similarity with other cereals** genome
Ex: wheat, barley and maize



Zhang et al 2005

Rice – from ancient polyploid to breeding



→ **Genetic variation** among domesticated rice species and their **wild relatives** has been investigated to identifying traits that can be **exploited for breed**

Evolution of maize



Maize cobs uncovered by **archaeologists** show the evolution of modern maize over thousands of years of **selective breeding**.

Teosinte Plant



Teosinte head has two rows of rock-hard kernels

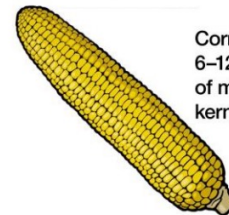


Teosinte Grain Head

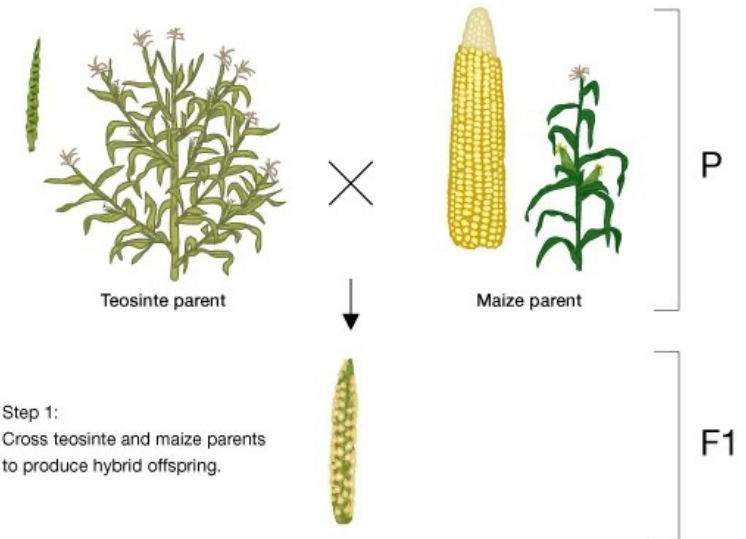
Corn Plant



Corn usually has one central stalk



Ear of Corn



George Beadle 1930s - **teosinte-maize hybrids** → chromosomes are highly compatible.

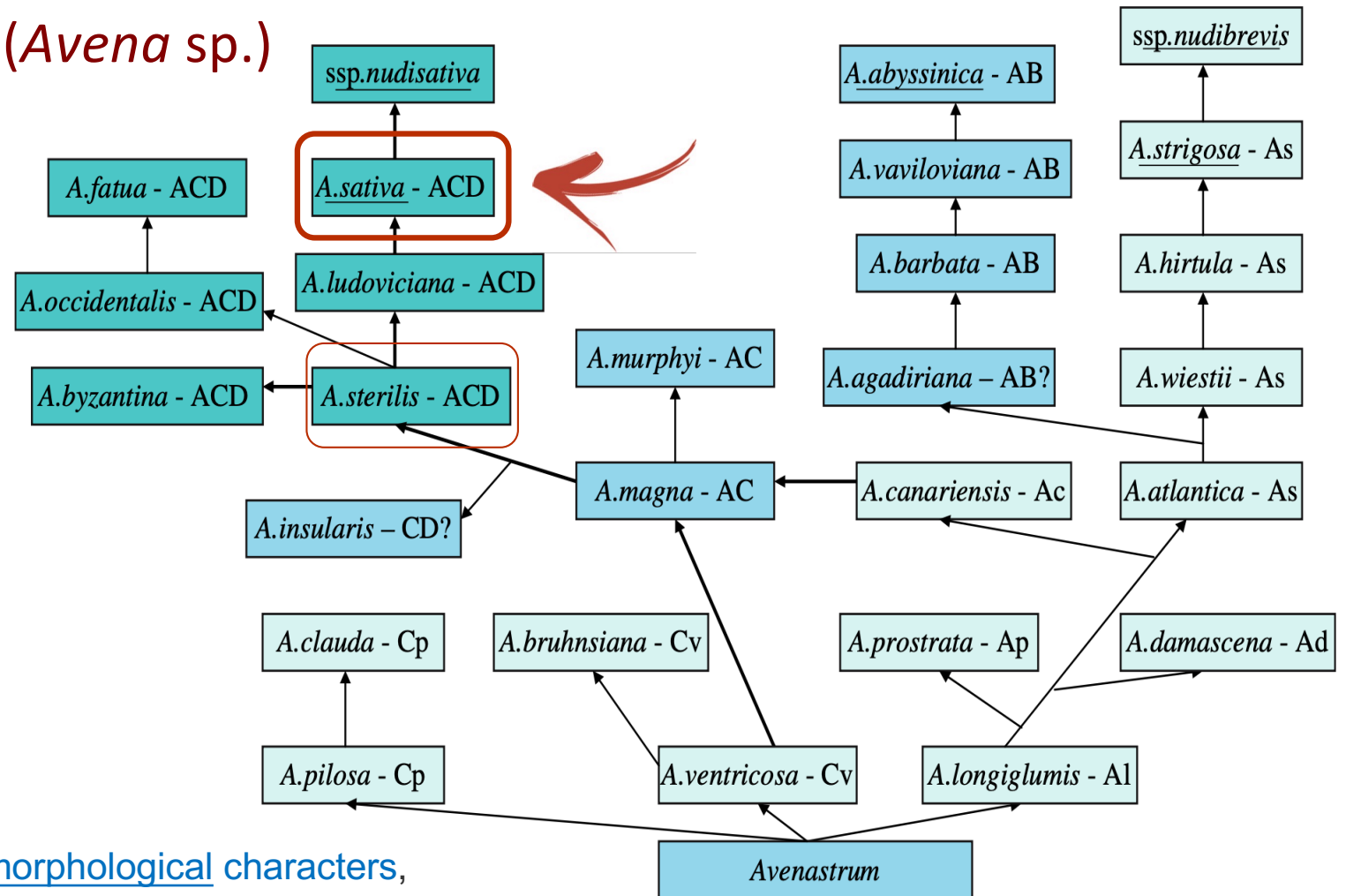
Calculated that only about **5 genes** were responsible for the notable differences between teosinte and a primitive strain of maize.

Popped Secret: The Mysterious Origin of Corn



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Oat evolution (*Avena* sp.)

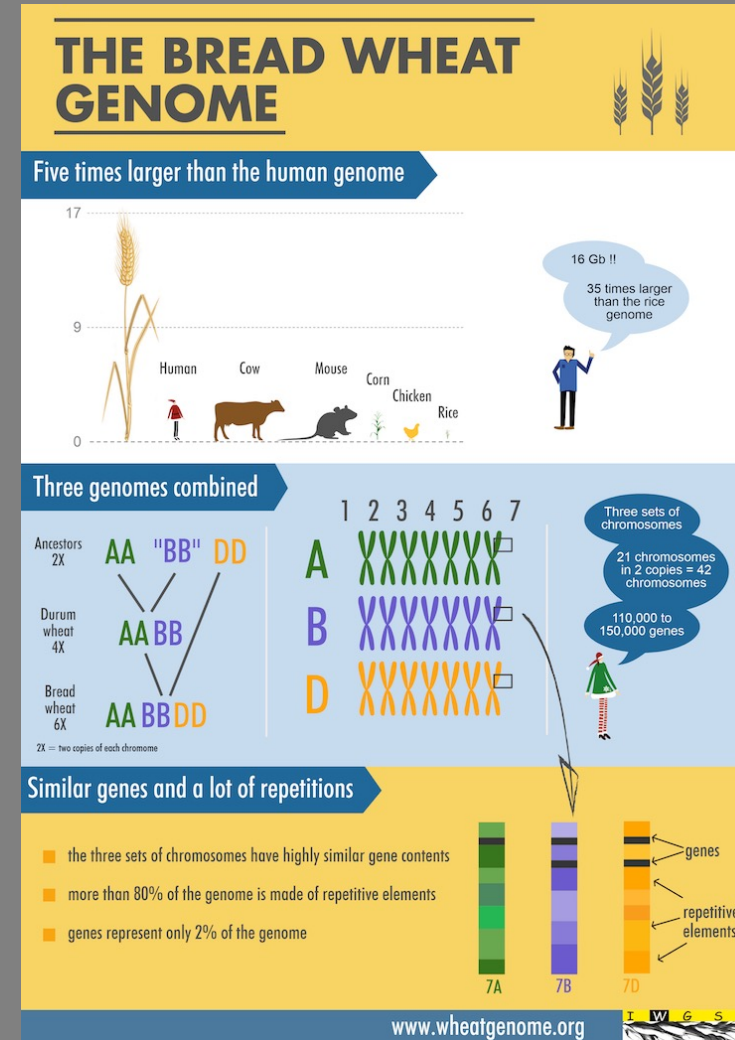
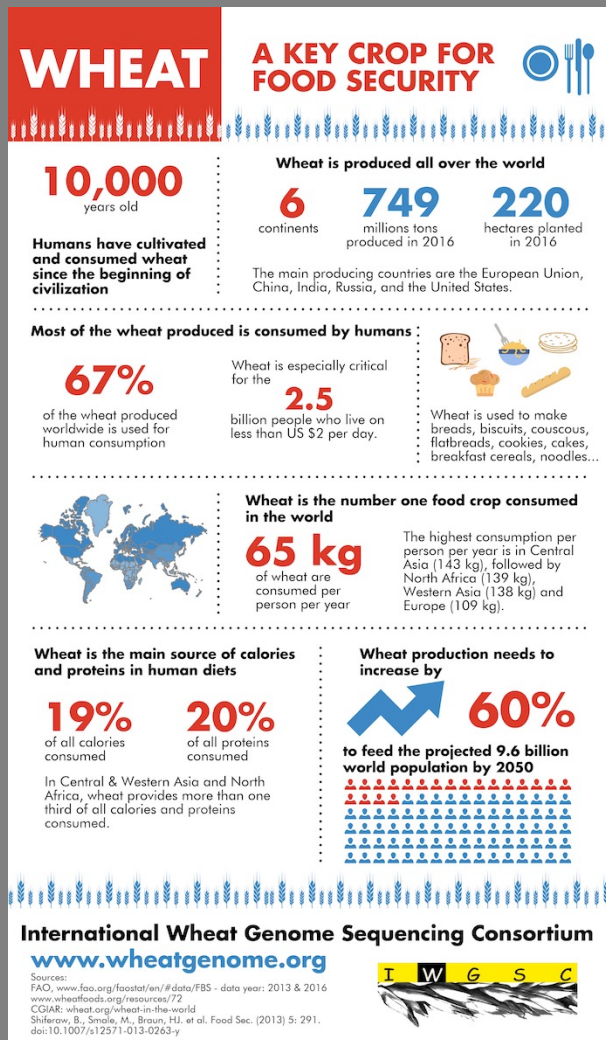


Study of major morphological characters, karyotype structure and molecular markers

International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium IWGSC

Production
must increase
60% until 2050

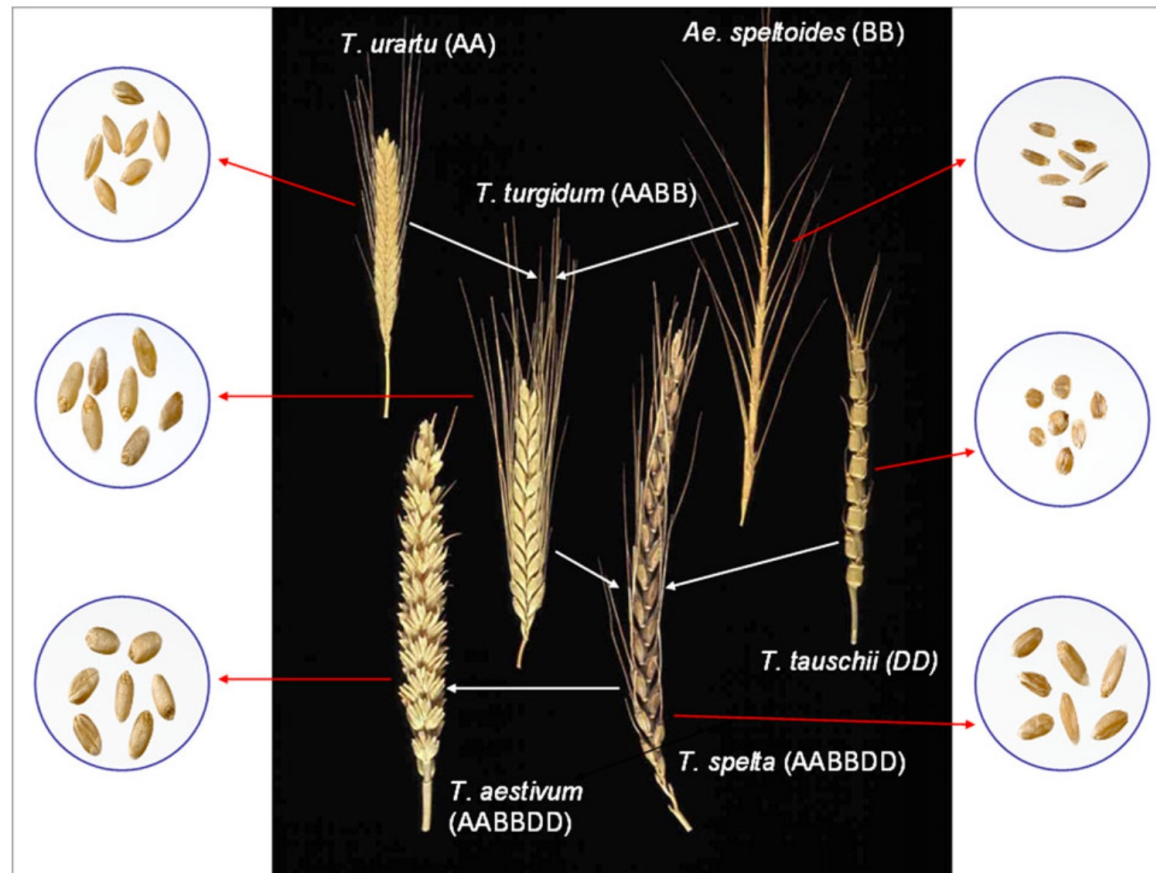
Human main
source of
calories and
protein



Wheat
genome
size 35x rice
genome

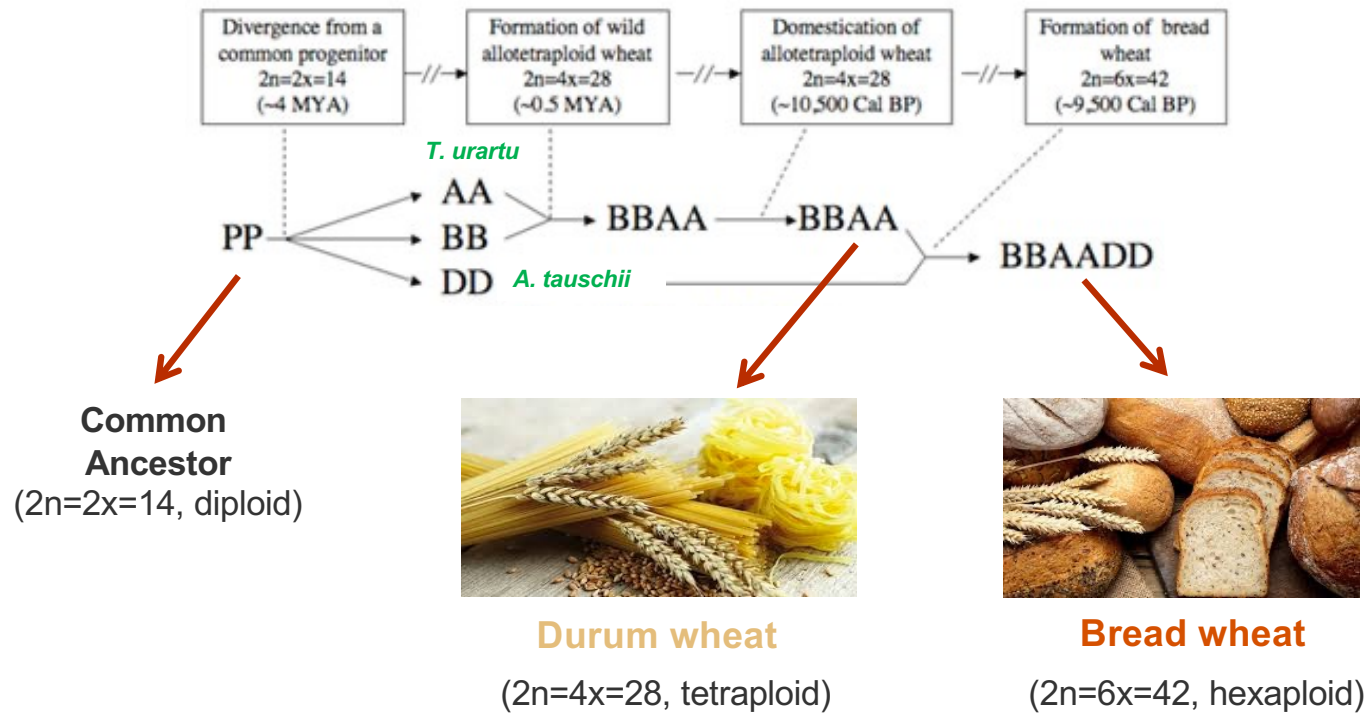
Complex
hexaploid
genome

Wheat and relative species - spikes and grains



Wheat evolution through polyploidization

Evolutionary history of wheat



Evolutionary History of Wheat

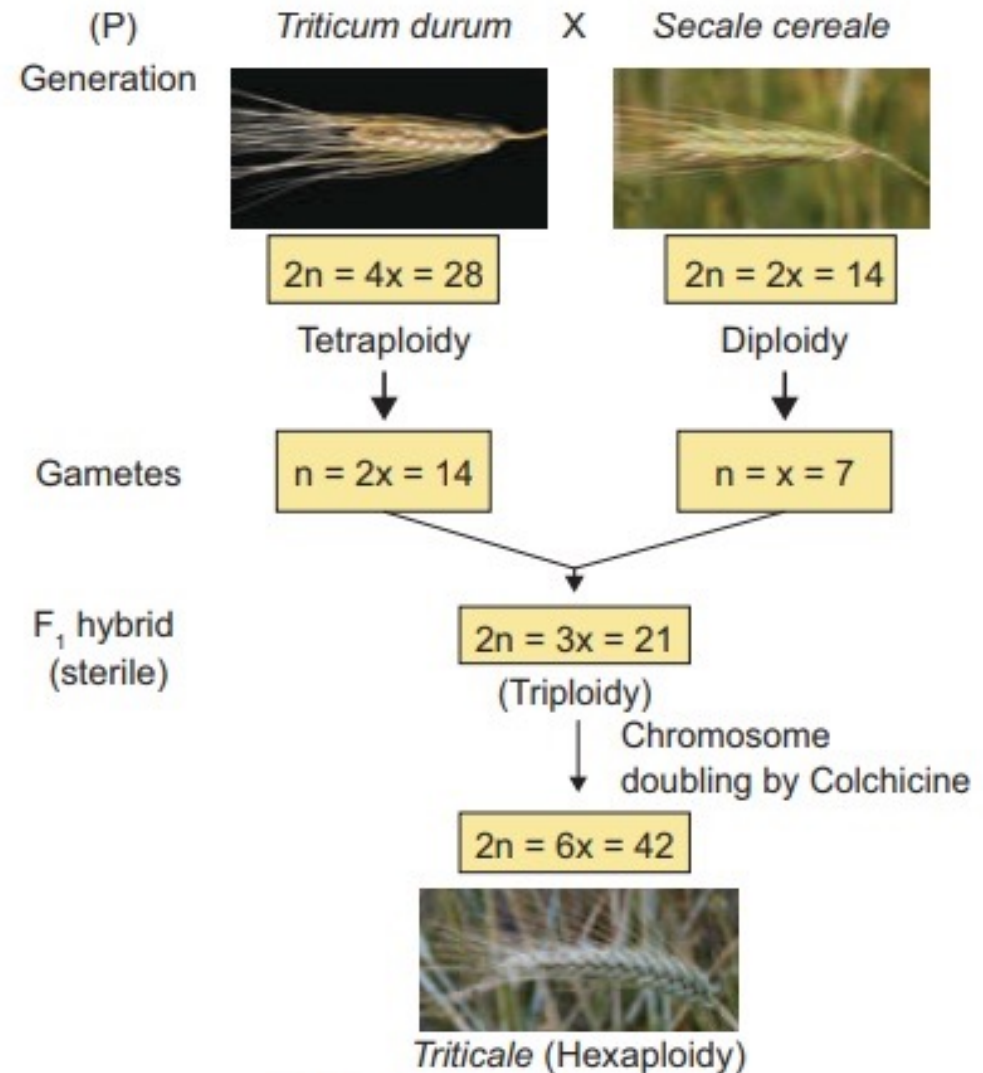


<https://colostate.pressbooks.pub/cropwildrelatives/chapter/wheat-breeding-with-crop-wild-relatives/>

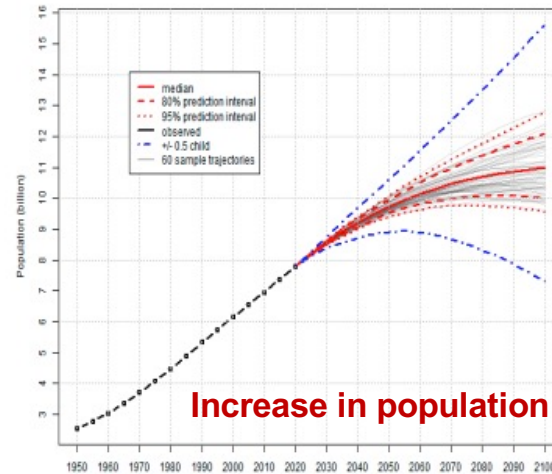
Synthetic allopolyploid: triticale



Seeds of wheat (left), triticale (centre) and rye (right)
(Source: A. Stephen Wilson 1875)

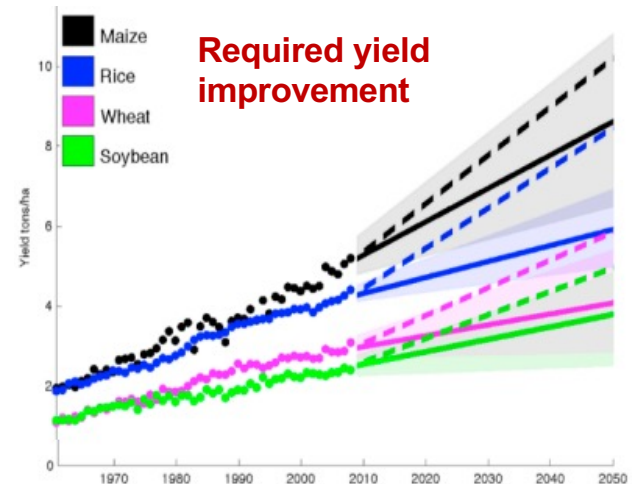
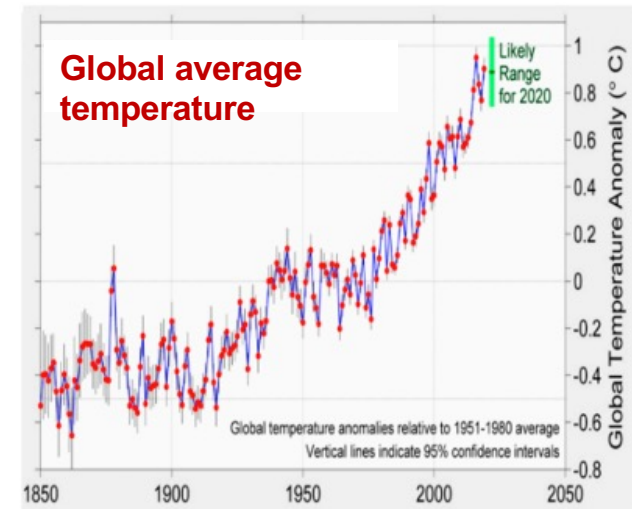


Future increase in food demand



The most sustainable path to achieve **food security** is by **increasing crop yields** instead of use more land.

Improved plants are being developed through the application of **advances in genetic technologies**.



Future of Cereal Genomics and Breeding

Genomic knowledge combined with traditional breeding methods to increase cereal crop production and resilience

- Commercial varieties
- **Wild relatives**
- **Old traditional varieties**

Landraces assume crucial importance as pools of **agrobiodiversity** of

- useful traits for wheat breeding
- pre-adapted to environmental stress conditions

Particularly considering the **genetically eroded commercial varieties**
← decades of homogenization through breeding



Colecção de variedades tradicionais de trigo mole e trigo duro



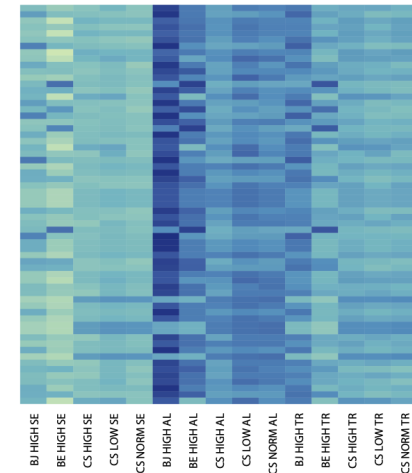
Vasconcelos, J. C. (1933). **Trigos portugueses ou de há muito cultivados no país.** Subsídios para o seu estudo botânico. *Bol. Agric.* 1, 2, 1–150.

Heat effect on wheat grain

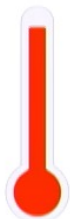
- level of peptides involved in celiac disease

Evaluation of expression level of 63 genes coding peptides with known immunoreactivity

high temperature → increased expression levels



Climate change does impact wheat allergen expression



High temperature

Increasing effect on the celiac disease associated gene expressions – gluten proteins

The heat is on: of cereals and genome

HELMHOLTZ

But wheat is not good for everyone



- Celiac disease
- Wheat sensitivities
- Wheat allergy
- Baker's asthma



HELMHOLTZ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6l1dU2-tdVU>



Screening new gene markers for gluten detection in foods

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Detection of gluten in foods

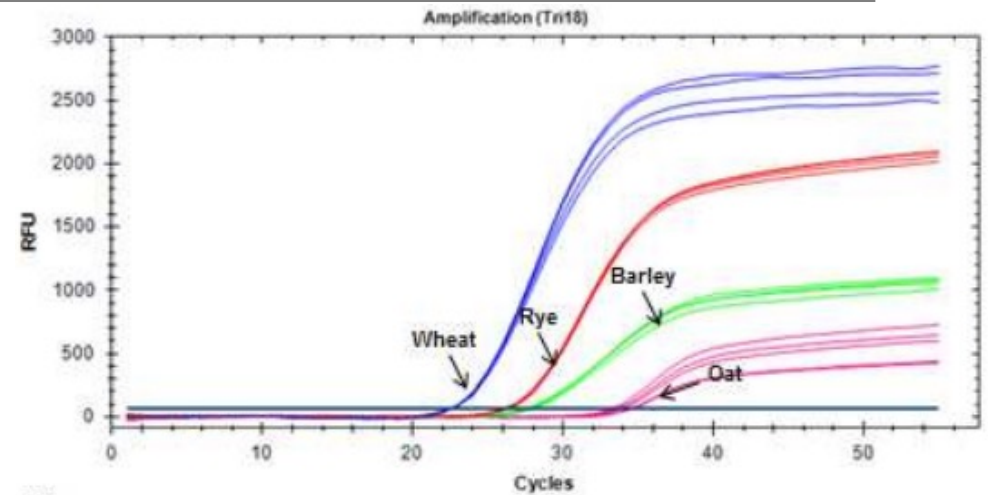
Quantitative real-time **PCR** methods targeting **α 2-gliadin** coding sequences

→ successfully detection wheat DNA.

Limit of detection: absolute 2 pg and relative 0.005% (50 mg/kg) of wheat in soybean (corresponding to 4.5 mg/kg of gluten).

This methodology reveals also high specificity for detecting other gluten-containing cereals, such as barley and rye.

→ This PCR systems can be used as tools to confirm the presence of **gluten-containing cereals** in foods, towards the safety of celiac patients



Amplification obtained by real-time PCR of α 2-gliadin in DNA from wheat and related cereals containing gluten (barley and rye) and oat.

Validation and application of a quantitative real-time PCR assay to detect common wheat adulteration of durum wheat for pasta production

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Quantification of *T. aestivum* in Italian, European Union (EU), and Non-EU semola

Italian pasta certification

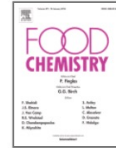
Manufactured using durum wheat semolina

Italian national legislation **excludes the use of bread wheat in pasta** permitting a maximum content of **3%**.

→ **protection of traditional pasta**

Molecular quantification method

- **DNA extraction** from semolina
- real-time **PCR** targeting **gluten genes** (gliadin and glutenin)
- allow a specific and sensitive detection



Untargeted DNA-based methods for the authentication of wheat species and related cereals in food products

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New food commodities

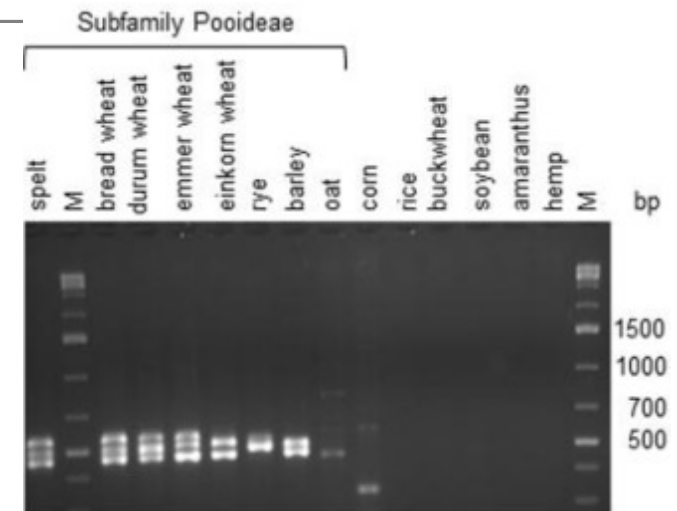
Pasta, bread and cookies, made with mixed flours containing **ancient wheat species** and **other cereals**

→ analytical methods to **food composition authenticity**

Tubulin-based polymorphism (TBP)

→ discriminate different cereal species

Sensitivity of 0.5–1% to detect possible adulterations.



PCR amplification (TBP) on different cereal species

What Is a GMO?

GMOs are the product of a specific type of plant breeding where precise changes are made to a plant's DNA to give it characteristics that cannot be achieved through traditional plant breeding methods.



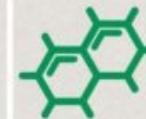
SELECTIVE BREEDING

Plant breeders look for, select and cross-breed the best performing plants in the field, similar to how farmers have naturally improved the crops they grow since farming began.



ADVANCED BREEDING

Breeders identify and tag desirable characteristics (traits) within a plant genome. They use this information to pick which plants to cross-breed and create better performing crops.

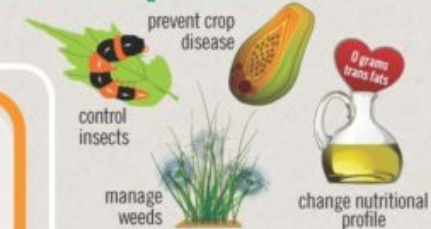


GM PLANT BREEDING

If a plant needs a trait that can't be achieved through advanced breeding, a gene can be turned off or moved, or a gene from another source can be inserted.



GMOs can help farmers ...



There are 10 GMO crops commercially available in the U.S. today:

Corn
(field and sweet)



Soybeans



Cotton



Canola



Alfalfa



Sugar Beets



Papaya



Squash



Potato



Apple

For more information, visit www.GMOAnswers.com

Video - Genetic Engineering & Our Food



Are GMOs Good or Bad?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TmcXYp8xu4>

Arroz dourado

Estima-se que um milhão de crianças morre todos os anos com **deficiência em vitamina A** na Ásia onde a base da alimentação é o arroz.

Nos **anos 80** um cientista Suíço teve a ideia de produzir um arroz capaz de sintetizar **beta-caroteno** (precursor da vitamina A).

Em **1999** foi anunciado a primeira planta de arroz com uma coloração amarelada nos grãos.

Mesmo com esta causa estes cientistas viram-se envolvidos em várias polémicas tanto éticas como morais → 20 anos para ser aprovado.

O primeiro País a autorizar a sua plantação foi o Bangladesh, posteriormente as Filipinas



OGM Wheat IND-ØØ412-7

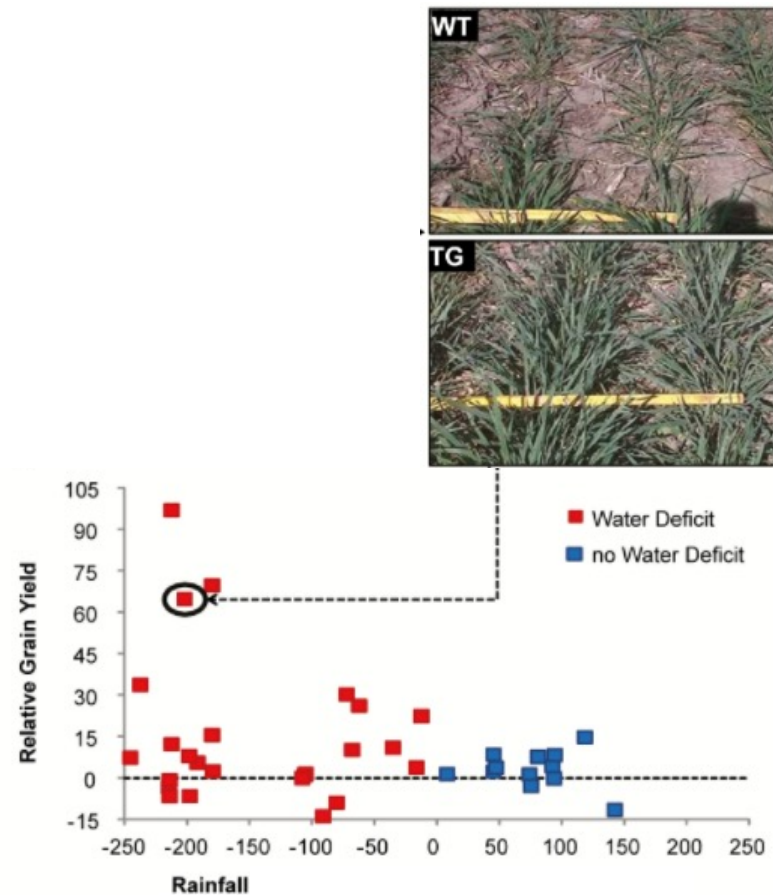
Drought tolerance

Drought is the major environmental stress affecting crop production.

HaHB4 (*Helianthus annuus* homeobox 4) gene from sunflower encodes for a transcription factor involved in tolerance to environmental stress.

HaHB4 was introduced in wheat IND-ØØ412-7 (**HB4 wheat**)

→ higher yield in environments with low productivity potential.



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Grain composition

Compositional analysis of IND-ØØ412-7 wheat

including 41 nutrients and 2 anti-nutrients for grain and 10 nutrients in forage

→IND-ØØ412-7 compositionally equivalent to non-transgenic wheat

Table 1 Proximates, starch, fiber, minerals and vitamins of grain from drought tolerant IND-ØØ412-7 wheat

Component ^a	IND-ØØ412-7 mean (SE) (range)	Cadenza mean (SE) (range)	Commercial references range ^b	Literature range ^c
Ash	2.37 (0.09) (1.37–2.90)	2.32 (0.07) (1.69–2.79)	1.91–2.09	1.2–3.0
Carbohydrates	65.4 (0.0) (62.5–70.2)	65.8 (0.48) (63.0–70.3)	65.4–67.5	65.4–78.0
Moisture	13.09 (0.12) (12.14–14.75)	12.99 (0.16) (11.83–14.63)	13.99–14.30	8.0–18.0
Protein	16.2 (0.4) (12.3–18.4)	15.9 (0.3) (13.1–18.7)	14.2–15.2	10.0–16.0
Total fat	2.3 (0.0) (1.8–2.6)	2.2 (0.1) (1.6–2.7)	2.1–2.3	1.5–2.0
Starch	63.7 (0.5) (60.8–68.6)	63.7 (0.4) (61.1–69.3)	63.6–66.0	59–72
Dietary fiber	13.8 (0.2) (12.0–15.5)	13.9 (0.2) (11.6–16.0)	14.0–15.3	11.0–14.6
Calcium	461 (12) (373–573)	458 (12) (374–548)	441–501	250–538 ^d
Iron	49 (2) (31–65)	50 (2) (30–76)	38–43	33–79 ^d
Phosphorus	4912 (167) (3194–6146)	4961 (160) (3466–6061)	3970–4534	3320–5160 ^d
Selenium	0.55 (0.03) (0.35–0.78)	0.55 (0.03) (0.37–0.82)	0.53–0.58	0.04–0.71 ^d
Zinc	42 (2)* (22–63)	46 (2) (28–56)	32–35	24–47 ^d
Thiamine	4.0 (0.1) (3.1–4.7)	4.1 (0.1) (3.2–5.0)	4.0–4.3	1.3–9.9
Riboflavin	0.43 (0.03) (0.25–0.81)	0.40 (0.02) (0.25–0.62)	0.48–0.66	0.6–3.1
Niacin	60.4 (2.2) (45.7–83.8)	58.8 (1.8) (46.7–80.8)	57.9–68.0	22.0–111.0
Pyridoxine	4.0 (0.1) (3.3–4.9)	4.1 (0.1) (3.3–4.8)	3.9–4.2	0.9–7.9
Folic acid	0.29 (0.01)* (0.17–0.38)	0.31 (0.01) (0.16–0.40)	0.27–0.33	0.2–0.9
α-Tocopherol	10.7 (0.4) (6.5–14.0)	10.6 (0.3) (7.7–13.7)	8.4–9.5	9–18