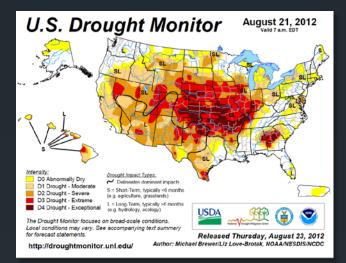
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GLOBAL CHALLENGE

- Food Security
- Global Change
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- Food Safety









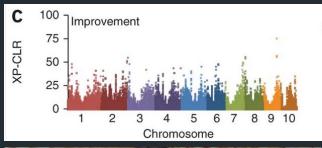
ADVANCES

- Foundations
- Tools
- Applications
- Management
- Technology Transfer



FOUNDATIONS

- Germplasm Diversity
- Information Systems
- Cyberinfrastructure



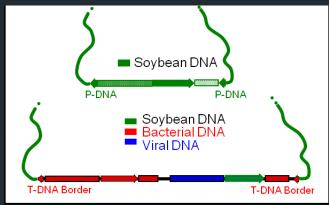


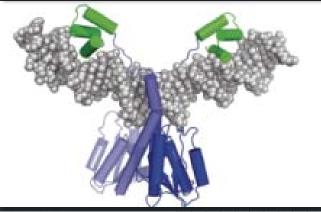


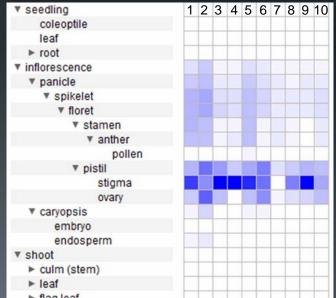


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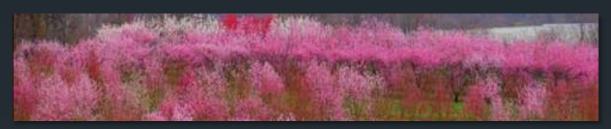
- Plant DNA based vectors (intragenic/cisgenic)
- Recombinase Toolbox
- Promoter Toolbox







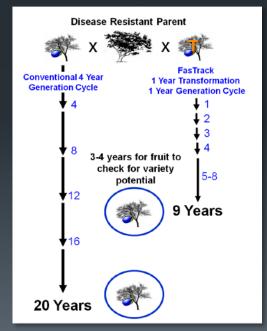




APPLICATIONS

- Standard breeding 15-20 years
- FASTRACK breeding 9 years
- Transgene free product









MANAGEMENT

- BRAG Biotechnology Risk Assessment Grants Program http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/biotechnologyriskassessment.c fm
- GE alfalfa
 Broaden the understanding of pollen flow biology and how it might influence the movement of transgenes into conventional and organic fields
 - Bt corn

 Determine the best method for measuring Bt resistance, and test for cross resistance to other Bt toxins. Evaluate the potential for resistance to spread, for the independent evolution of resistance, measure the inheritance of resistance to understand how effective refuges may be at delaying resistance.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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