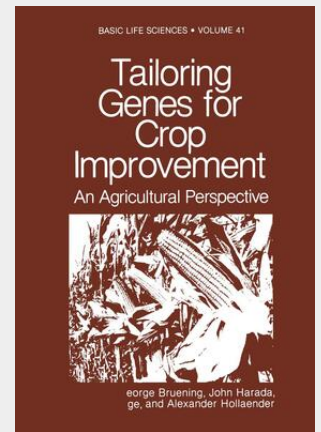


Tailoring Genes for Crop Improvement

An Agricultural Perspective

In August, 1982, a conference was held at the University of California, Davis, to discuss both molecular and traditional approaches to plant genetic analysis and plant breeding. Papers presented at the meeting were published in *Genetic Engineering of Plants: An Agricultural Perspective*. A second conference, entitled "Tailoring Genes for Crop Improvement," sponsored by the UC-Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the College's Biotechnology Program, was held at Davis in August, 1986, to discuss the notable advances that had been made during the intervening years in the technology for gene modification, transfer, and expression in plants. This volume contains papers that were presented at this meeting and provides readers with examples of how the new experimental strategies are being used to gain a clearer understanding of the biology of the plants we grow for food and fiber; it also discusses how molecular biology approaches are being used to introduce new genes into plants for plant breeding programs. We are grateful to the speakers for their excellent presentations for the conference and extend our sincere thanks to those who contributed manuscripts for this volume.

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