

Onion genome fully deciphered

Wageningen researchers have sequenced the DNA of the onion genome. This will help plant breeders develop new varieties more quickly, for example with resistance to drought, and meet the growing global demand for onions. According to the plant breeding researcher Richard Finkers, figuring out the genetic makeup was quite a challenge. 'The onion genome is large, about 16 times bigger than the tomato genome and five times bigger than that of humans.'

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