

Plant Breeding Basics

Stella Kantartzi, Plant Breeder at Southern Illinois University, discusses her role as a public sector plant breeder as opposed to private sector breeders. Private sector breeders try to release as many commercial lines as they can every year while Kantartzi is focused on improving the methodology in the greenhouse. "We have some very promising lines and we test new field designs so we can reduce the time it takes for a new line to be released to the farmers," she said.



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