



## **JAMES GIOVANNONI**

### **Genetic Regulation of Tomato Fruit Ripening and Quality Traits**

Changes in hormones, gene expression and the epigenome operate synergistically to confer the transition from photosynthetic unpalatable tissues to a soft, sweet and flavorful fleshy fruit. We explore the regulators of this unique process of plant development, how they interact and their conservation among species.

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**LECTURE**

**SERIES**

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