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CottonGen 2023: New Data and New Functionality to enable Cotton Research Discovery and Crop Improvement

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ABSTRACT

CottonGen is the long-established cotton community's genomics, genetics, and breeding database resource. It provides a comprehensive collection of integrated data, analysis tools, a Breeding Information Management System, and links to external resources of interest to cotton researchers. CottonGen hosts 72 whole genome assembly and annotation datasets obtained from 7 tetraploid species (AD1-AD7) and 23 diploid species (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, K, and kirkii); Other data include 3,138,642 genes/transcripts, 118 genetic maps; 691,693 markers; 11,904 QTL/GWAS; 20,455 germplasm; 31 million SNP and 14,284 SSR genotype measurements; 566,599 phenotype measurements (mainly from RBTN and NCGC projects), 45,155 images (mainly of NCGC); and synteny data for 72 genomes with links to genes, mRNA, orthologs and function. Analysis and visualization tools in CottonGen include the genome browser JBrowse, Synteny Viewer, MapViewer, Gene Expression Heatmap, CottonCyc, BLAST+, BIMS (the Breeding Information Management System) and MegaSearch, a powerful search engine with recently added new features and functions. All the data are integrated within CottonGen and can easily be queried through various CottonGen search features.



