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The Evolution of Crops and Domestication Syndrome

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Dear Colleagues,

One of the most debated topics on the origin of the domestication of plants concerns the timing of the appearance of the characteristics of domestication syndrome. One of the factors that differentiates domesticated plants from their wild ancestors is domestication syndrome, including symptoms such as increased seed size, loss of dormancy, and the inability to disperse seeds. It is still debated whether these characteristics were brought about by the first farmers through conscious or unconscious crop selection.

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