

quality of the diet than it does on total calorie intake.

3. Adequate calorie production per person can be maintained on much less productive area than is done at present in certain world areas. Thus, the population can increase from a food supply standpoint but this will necessitate a shift in the diet. Table 3 indicates that a shift in the basic diet of the average North American from what we now enjoy to that of the average Oriental would allow roughly nine times our present population in the United States or about 1.8 billion people providing this population increase did not decrease our basic producing land area or, in other words, the United States could feed one-half the present world population a subsistence diet with present production. An adequate diet quality can be maintained if items of high production efficiency such as milk or soybeans are used as a primary protein supply.

4. Luxury foods are produced to utilize excess calorie production in calorie rich areas of the world such as the United States. The United States is the only country in the history of the world that has had enough basic productivity to divert major amounts of cereal grains to fatten livestock in sufficient quantity to provide substantial levels for consumption by the common working class of people.

5. Developing areas of the world need to place emphasis on the production of efficient converters of sunlight to calories that are consumable by man.

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Table 1. Comparative Productive Capability of Agricultural Crops 1

POTATOES			
Cal. = 450 bags/A	X 100 lb/bag	X 3 potatoes/lb	X 90 cal/potato
A			A
= 1.2 X 10 ⁷ cal/A			
RICE			
Cal. = 185 cal.	X 3 gm cooked	X 454 gm	X 3500 lb
A	168 gm cooked	1 gm dry	lb
= 5.25 X 10 ⁶ cal/A			

SWEET CORN							
Cal. = 70 cal.	X 1.5 ear	X 25,000 stalks					= 2.63 X 10 ⁶ cal/A
A	ear	stalk	A				
CABBAGE							
Cal. = 35 cal.	X 454 gm	X 40,000 lb					= 6.4 X 10 ⁶ cal/A
A	100 gm raw	lb	A				
SUGAR BEETS							
Cal. = 770 cal.	X 0.14 gm sugar	X 454 gm beets	X 2000 lb	X 17T			= 8.4 X 10 ⁶
A	200 gm sugar	1 gm beets	lb	T	A		
MILK PRODUCED FROM CORN SILAGE							
Cal. = 160 cal.	X 3.5% milk	X 16 cup	X 6 gal.	X cow x day	X 25 lb TDN		
A	cup	gal.	cow x day	25 lb TDN			
.21 lb. TDN	X 2000 lb corn silage	X 20T					= 5.17 X 10 ⁶
lb. corn silage	T	A					
BEEF PRODUCED FROM CORN SILAGE							
Cal. = 250 cal.	X 454 gm	X 0.5 lb meat	X 620 lb carcass	X			
A	85 gm	lb	lb carcass	1000 lb steer			
lb steer	X 0.21 lb TDN	X 2000 lb corn silage	X 20T				= 4.16 X 10 ⁵ cal/A
8.3 lb TDN	lb corn silage	T	A				

Table 2. Calorie intake by peoples of Far East and North America

	Calories/	Calories/	Total protein	Animal protein
	Capita/	Capita/	g/capita/day	g/capita/day
	Day	Year		
Far East	2070	7.62 x 10 ⁵	56	8
North America	3120	1.14 x 10 ⁶	93	66

Table 3. Productive Area Requirement Per Person

Oriental 7.6 x 10 ⁵ calories/year					
Diet	%	Yearly	Calorie	Acres required	
Component	Composition	Consumption/person	production/A	per person	
Rice	50	3.8 x 10 ² cal.	5.2 x 10 ⁶	.073	
Cabbage	30	2.3 x 10 ² cal.	6.4 x 10 ⁶	.036	
Milk	20	1.5 x 10 ² cal.	5.2 x 10 ⁶	.029	
				.138A	
North American 1.14 x 10 ⁶ calories/year					
Beef	40	4.5 x 10 ⁵ cal.	4.2 x 10 ⁵	1.07	
Potatoes	30	3.4 x 10 ⁵ cal.	1.2 x 10 ⁷	.03	
Sweet Corn	30	3.4 x 10 ⁵ cal.	2.6 x 10 ⁶	.13	
				1.23A	

MUTANTS OF MAIZE TEACHING EXAMPLES¹

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The maize plant (*Zea mays* L.) is of American origin and an important food, feed, and industrial crop. Many fundamental principles of genetics have been established or substantiated with maize. While some of these characters are useful only as genetic markers, other mutants form the basis for improvement of the crop. Examples of useful mutants include the endosperm mutant for high lysine content, the cytoplasmic male-sterility and restorer system for hybrid seed production, and the high amylose and waxy mutants forming the basis of new industrial products from maize starch.

Neuffer, Jones, and Zuber (1968) authored the book *Mutants of Maize*,³ in which pictures of the mutants were shown in color for various seed and plant characters. The purpose of this paper is to point out the possible use of selected mutants as well as the book in the classroom and/or laboratory of courses in the biological sciences.

The following mutants are suggested to demonstrate selected genetic principles.⁴ Each character is listed with descriptive name, gene symbol, numerical order of gene position on the linkage map beginning with the end of the short arm of each chromosome, and chromosome location. For example, the glossy gene is located 36 units from the end of the short arm on Chromosome 7.

1. 3:1 ratio
 - A. GLOSSY - *gl*₁ - 36 - Chromosome 7.
 - B. VESTIGIAL GLUMES - *Vg* - 85 - Chromosome 1.
 - C. SUGARY ENDOSPERM - *su*₁ - 71 - Chromosome 4.
2. 9:3:3:1 ratio
 - ANTHOCYANINLESS - *a*₁ - 111 - Chromosome 3, and
 - SHRUNKEN ENDOSPERM - *sh*₁ - 29 - Chromosome 9.
3. 9:7 ratio
 - ANTHOCYANINLESS - *a*₁ - 111 - Chromosome 3,

ALEURONE COLOR - C - 26 - Chromosome 9, and
ALEURONE AND PLANT COLOR - *R*^r - 57 - Chromosome 10.

4. Linkage
 - SHRUNKEN - *sh*₂ - 111.2 - Chromosome 3, and
 - ANTHOCYANINLESS - *a*₁ - 111 - Chromosome 3.
5. Xenia
 - YELLOW ENDOSPERM - *Y*₁ - 17 - Chromosome 6.
6. Dosage effect
 - A. COLORED ALEURONE - *R*₂ - 49 - Chromosome 2.
 - B. COLORLESS ALEURONE - *c*₂ - 123 - Chromosome 4.
7. Pericarp effect
 - PERICARP AND COB COLOR - P - 26 - Chromosome 1.

Summary

Maize mutants which may be useful in demonstrating certain genetic principles are suggested.

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- 4 Germ plasm quantities of seed of these mutants are available from Dr. R. J. Lambert, Department of Agronomy, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 61803. The necessary stocks to maintain the mutant will also be provided, if one does not wish to grow his own plant materials, ears may be purchased from any of several leading biological supply houses.