



Weikai Yan receives the 2026 Plant Breeding and Genetics Award

Dr. Weikai Yan, oat breeder at the Ottawa Research and Development Centre of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, has received the 2026 Plant Breeding and Genetics Award sponsored by Seed World Canada and Seeds Canada.

Two recent articles in Seed World discuss why Weikai was chosen to receive this award and provide some insight into his approach as a breeder:

1. [A Lifetime in Plant Breeding: Dr. Weikai Yan Honoured for Four Decades of Scientific Leadership](#)
2. [Award-Winning Plant Breeder Weikai Yan Says AI Won't Replace Human Breeders](#)

Weikai was previously featured by Seed World in 2024, as [one of the most-cited plant breeders in the world](#). He received the [Award for Distinguished Service to Oat Improvement](#) at the American Oat Workers' Conference that same year.

Congratulations, Weikai!