


Talking Biotech: History lesson on tomatoes and biotech solution to breeding

This episode is an introduction to tomatoes, popular fruits that provide great variation to the eye and palate, as well as the foundation of many recipes. Surprisingly, tomatoes are fragile fruits and the plants can be difficult to grow. They are under constant attack from pests and pathogens, and new varieties must deliver profits for growers and beautiful, flavorful fruits for industry and the consumer.

Dr. Sam Hutton, an assistant professor at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center outside of Tampa, FL., and a traditional breeder, talks about the origins of tomato, it's domestication, and the current breeding priorities.

 The second part of the podcast is Dr. Diana Horvath from Two Blades Foundation and she discusses how the adoption of the BS2 tomato could increase yields for farmers, decrease production costs, and require fewer pesticides.

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