STRAIT
SORGHUM TRAIT

STRAIT KIN

A Collaborative Innovation Network for Sorghum Traits

FROM SEED BANK TO SEED BAG

PUBLIC SECTOR

Research → **Development**

Trait identification | Mapping population | Trait field phenotyping | Identify causal genetics

Optimize community discovery genomic resources

Breeder marker development for basic science discovery

Introgression into compatible elite lines

Genetic marker for breeding

Marker efficacy testing

PRIVATE SECTOR

→ **Delivery**

Commercialize sorghum traits

Critical feedback to public programs on impact

STRAIT KIN will advance sorghum trait technology with programming to

CONNECT
Annual exchange to evaluate public discoveries and developments and hear needs from private partners.

CATALYZE
Evaluate candidate markers for efficacy as a tool to develop sorghum traits for private partners.

CHARACTERIZE
Develop designer donor lines that optimize connection and catalyzation of sorghum traits across public and private R&D capacities.

How do you join the STRAIT KIN family?

- Set up a testing agreement with Sarah.
- Set up a phone call with the STRAIT KIN to participate in the 2023-24 winter testing.
- Tell us what key traits your customers need.
- Join the Center for Sorghum Improvement Seminar listserv.

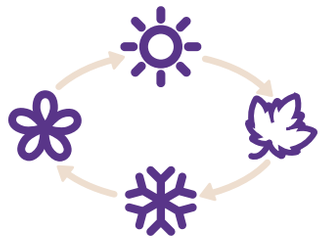
What is in the pipeline for 2023-24 traits?

- **Biotic traits:** sorghum aphid resistance and striga resistance
- **Abiotic traits:** early-season chilling tolerance and post-flowering drought tolerance (staygreen)
- **Ideotype:** stable plant height, maturity, and grain tannins

TIMELINE

Late Summer
Seed industry tour with public sector researchers

Spring
Deploy markers for commercial use



Fall
Meet to identify markers of interest and devise testing protocols

Winter
Sorghum marker testing for partners programs

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