

Highly Cited Articles from
Plant Physiology Journals

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Recently we listed the most important botany journals¹. To supplement this information we have compiled a list of highly cited botanical articles. We will publish it in two parts of roughly equal length. In this issue we've listed articles published in five plant physiology journals. In the next issue we will list articles published in other journals.

In compiling previous lists of highly cited articles, we scanned the *Science Citation Index*® (*SCI*®) data base for all highly cited articles published in journals identified with a particular specialty. We were aware that many articles had been published in other journals—especially multidisciplinary journals like *Nature*, *Science*, etc.

We have now developed a procedure for identifying such articles. It will be described in the next issue when we publish the list of 101 botanical articles from such journals.

In the listing that follows there are 90 articles from plant physiology journals. *Plant Physiology* accounts for 42; *Annual Review of Plant Physiology* for 28; *Planta* for 9; *Physiologia Plantarum* for 8; and *Zeitschrift fuer Pflanzenphysiologie* for 2.

One article (item 31) by Evans *et al.* was published in a *Proceedings*

of the Annual Meeting of Plant Physiologists, 1964. Considering the frequency of citation of this paper, it is amazing how difficult it was to obtain complete bibliographical information about it. We have not yet been successful in obtaining a copy, even after consulting many excellent libraries in the Philadelphia area, as well as the National Agricultural Library. You could help if a copy is available in your reprint file.

The listing of articles is chronological. Within each year the articles are alphabetical by first author. Arnon's 1949 paper on copper enzymes in chloroplasts is the oldest. It also happens, by a wide margin, to be the most cited. Only seven papers were published in the 1950s. All but two of the remaining 83 were published in the 60s. One might have expected botany to turn up a much older group of citation superstars. However, the list provides a general idea of botanical research emphasis during the past decade. The chloroplast, plant hormones, enzymes, and microstructure seem to predominate.

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