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Biofortification strategies to increase grain zinc and iron concentrations in wheat

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- Dietary deficiency of essential micronutrients such as zinc (Zn) and iron (Fe) in human is very common
- Genetic and agronomic biofortification to improve Zn and Fe in wheat could greatly reduce micronutrient malnutrition.
- Wheat is the second most produced cereal crop, contributes 28% of the world's dietary energy in many parts of the world.
- Currently, CIMMYT is working to develop and disseminate high-yielding & high Zn wheat varieties.
- Agronomic biofortification through fertilizer approaches could complement the existing breeding approach.

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