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## **RNA-directed DNA methylation prevents rapid and heritable reversal of transposon silencing under heat stress in *Zea mays***

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### **Sunrise over an Indiana corn field.**

Increases in temperature in fields like this one may cause changes in genome stability due to activation of highly mutagenic transposable elements.

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