Considerable progress has been made in the genetic analysis of the soybean. The behavior in inheritance of more than a score of characters has been worked out. Most of these are so-called qualitative characters, such as seed color or flower color, that are probably of indifferent value so far as productivity or performance is concerned. Nevertheless, a knowledge of the mode of inheritance of these characters is of distinct aid to the breeder.

Numerous types of soybeans exist differing in obvious characters of the seed and plant; and the more one works with this crop the more types are discovered. It would seem that with such abundant genetic material available, more should be known at the present time about the genetics of the soybean. Probably the difficulty in making...