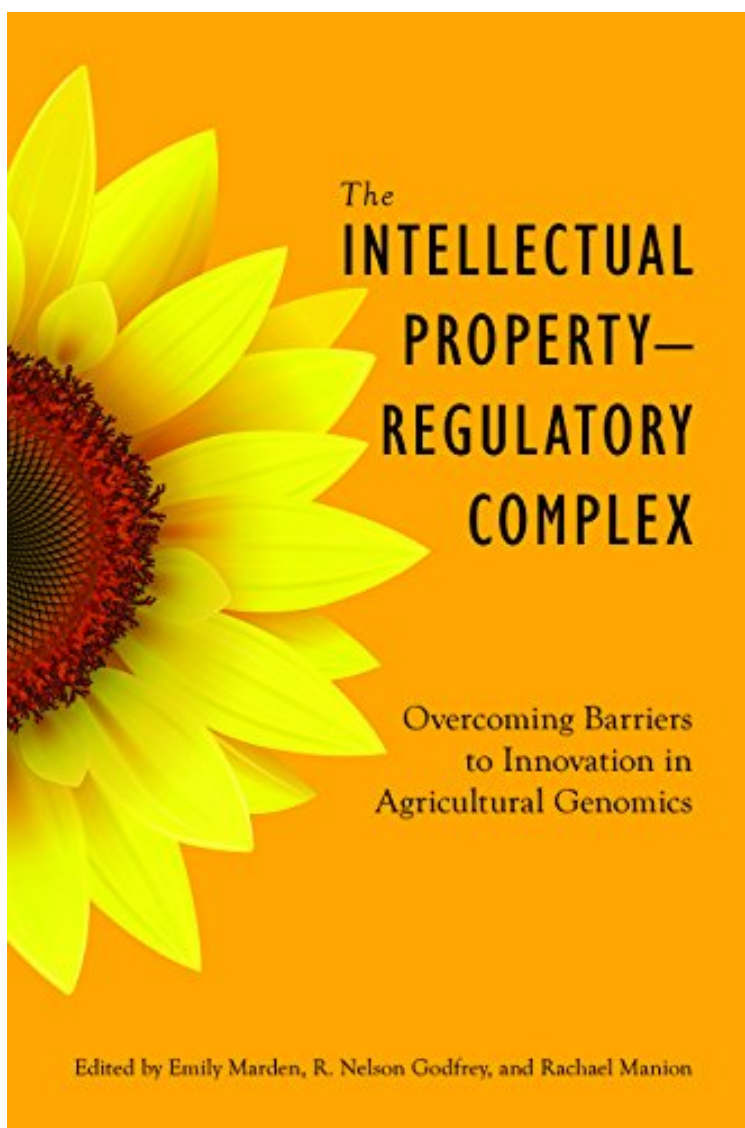


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Advances in agricultural genomics could help address pressing global issues such as world hunger. However, overlapping and inconsistent intellectual property and biosafety regimes—collectively referred to as the “Intellectual Property–Regulatory Complex”—create significant, and often conflicting, barriers to developing and commercializing new agricultural biotechnology. The authors of this collection explore how this Complex impacts innovation in ways that cannot be appreciated when individual regimes are examined in isolation. They then propose solutions that would meet the objectives of the current intellectual property and biosafety regimes while enabling innovation in the field of agricultural genomics.

Advances in agricultural genomics could help address pressing issues, such as world hunger, by improving crop yield. However, overlap and conflict in the laws governing intellectual property and biosafety regimes—known collectively as the “Intellectual Property–Regulatory Complex”—have created significant barriers to innovation. In this collection, leading legal, policy, and economics experts analyze the impact of the Complex on agricultural genomics. They reveal how it affects scientific advancement in ways that are underappreciated when intellectual property and biosafety regimes are examined in isolation, and identify inconsistencies, overlap, and conflict in multiple regimes that collectively impede research, development, and product distribution. They then propose solutions that would facilitate greater efficiency in meeting the aims of the current intellectual property and biosafety regimes that make up the Complex while enabling growth and innovation in this vitally important field. By treating intellectual property law and regional regulatory regimes as part of a whole system rather than as institutions to be treated separately, this book offers an original analytical approach to understanding the inadequate dissemination of socially beneficial agricultural gene technologies in both the developed and developing worlds. (Graham Martin Dutfield, author of *Intellectual Property Rights and the Life Science Industries: Past, Present and Future*, 2nd ed.) By introducing readers to the Intellectual Property–Regulatory Complex, the essays in this book masterfully explain why it has proven so difficult to translate agricultural genomics research into socially beneficial projects. (Dianne Nicol, co-author of *The Innovation Pool in Biotechnology: The Role of Patents in Facilitating Innovation*)

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