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Paper in a book: Rinderer, T E 1986 Selection. In *Bee Genetics and Breeding* Rinderer, T E ed. Academic Press, NY, 305-322.

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