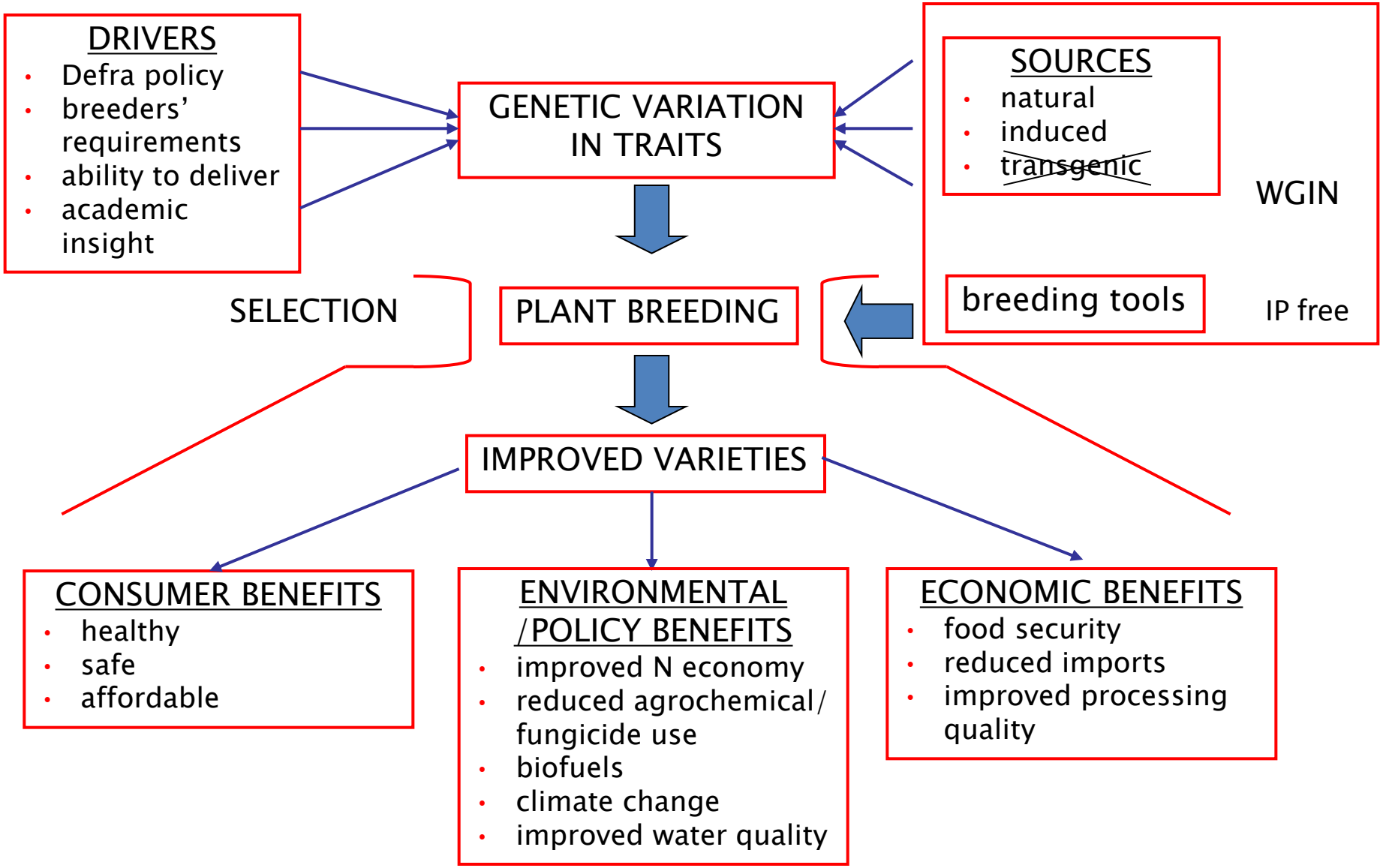WGIN in the wider context