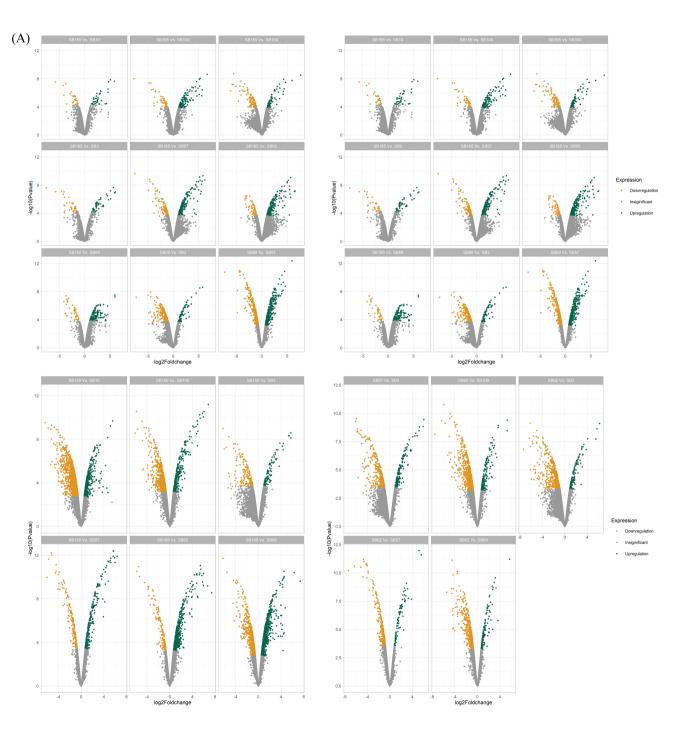


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Figure S1: mRNA based differential expression of overlapping genes at 124 different drought and related perturbations in various samples of *Triticum aestivum* as retrieved from Genevestigator tool



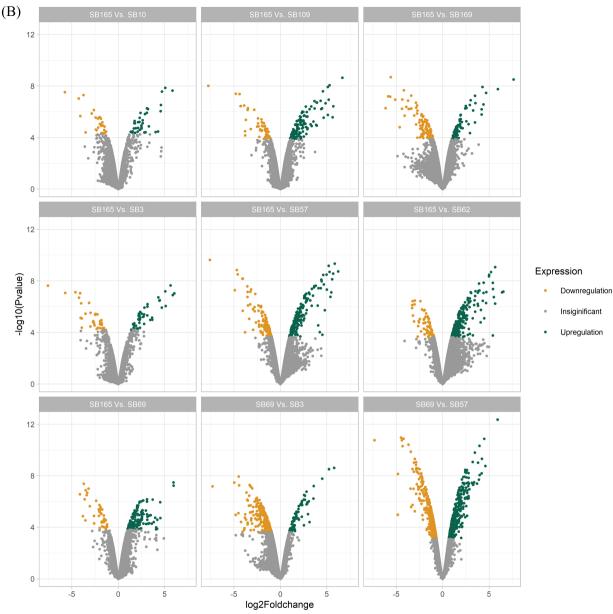


Figure S2: The volcano plots showing differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in the tissue of (A) peduncle of eight lines of Seri/Bebax contrasting for total stem WSCs and treated with the rainfed environment and (B) flag leaf of WL-711 (high yielding drought-sensitive) and C-306 (high yielding drought tolerant) genotypes treated with well-watered and complete drought stress environments. The negative log10 transformed FDR values test the null hypothesis of no difference in expression levels between high and low wheat genotype (y-axis) and are plotted against the average log fold changes (FC) in expression (x-axis). Insignificant DEGs are plotted in grey. In orange and green are significant ($p \ge 0.05$) DEGs and represented as down- and up-regulated genes, respectively.

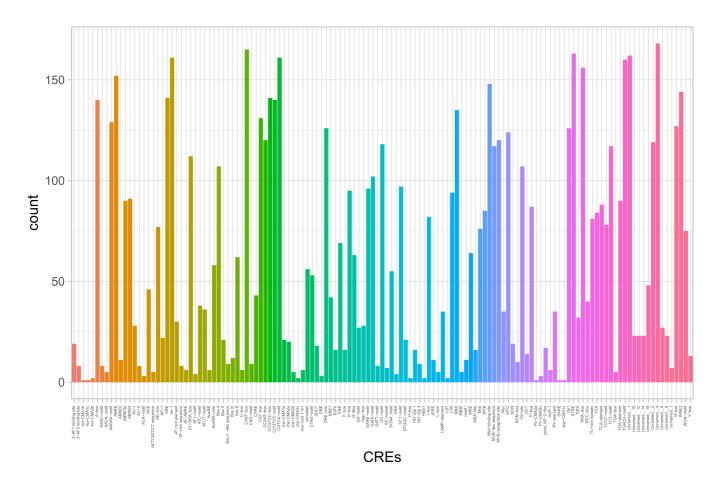


Figure S3: Occurrence of *cis*-regulatory elements identified in 1.5Kbpp upstream sequence of 150 overlapping genes.

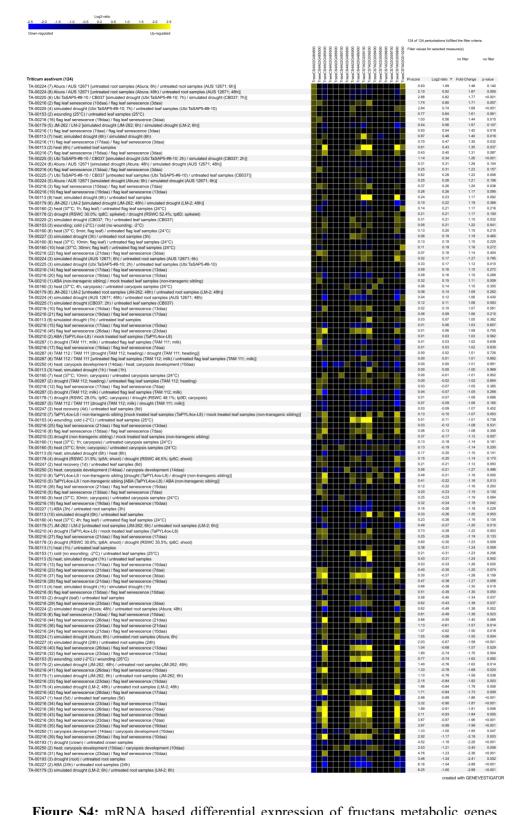


Figure S4: mRNA based differential expression of fructans metabolic genes reported in the QTNs region qWSC-4A.2 and qWSC-7A.2 at 124 drought and related perturbations in various samples of *Triticum aestivum* as retrieved from Genevestigator

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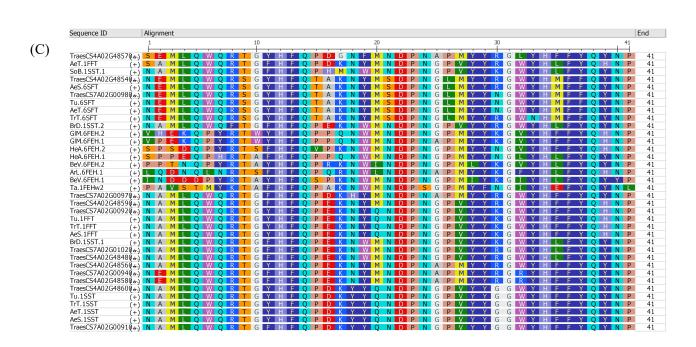
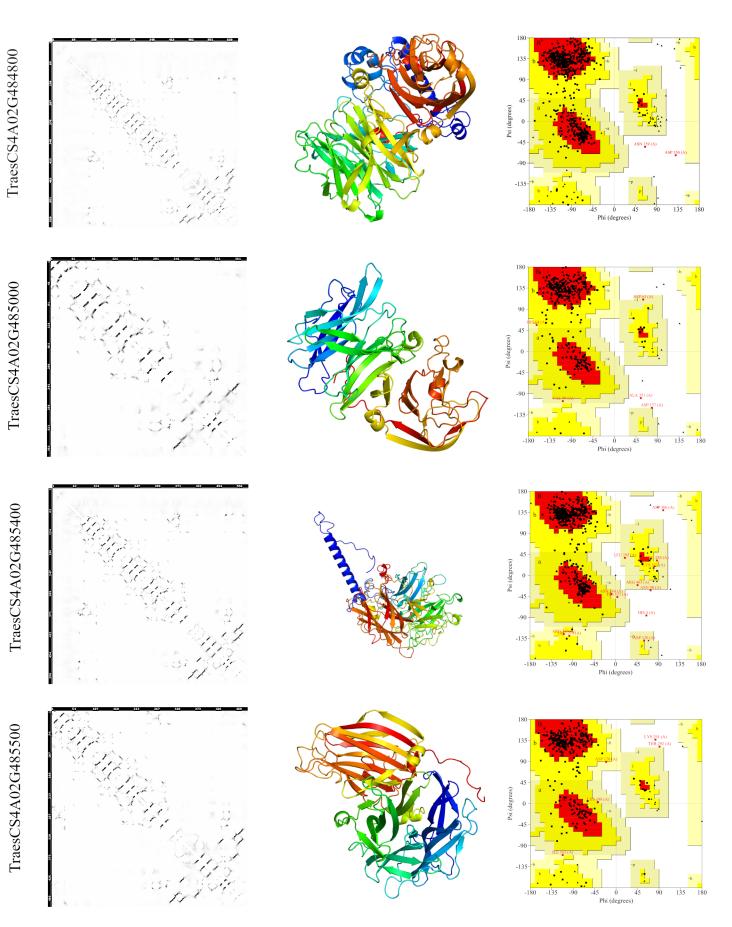
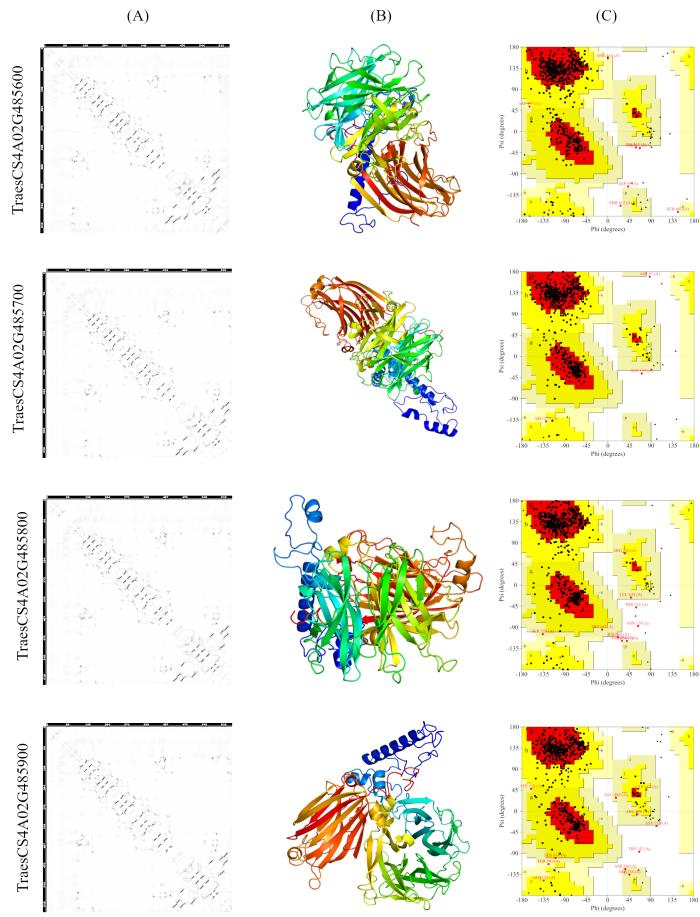


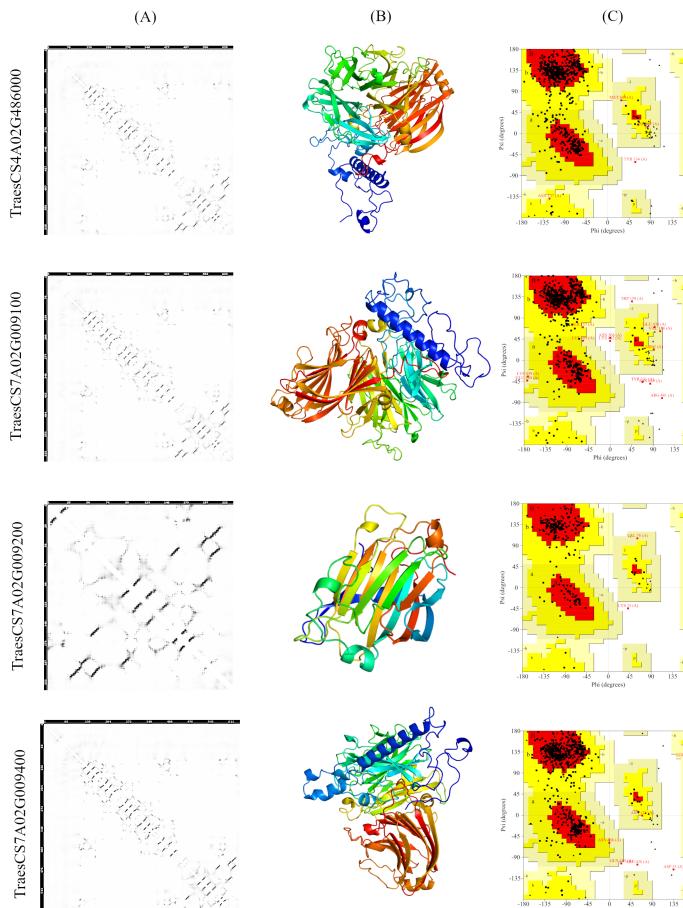
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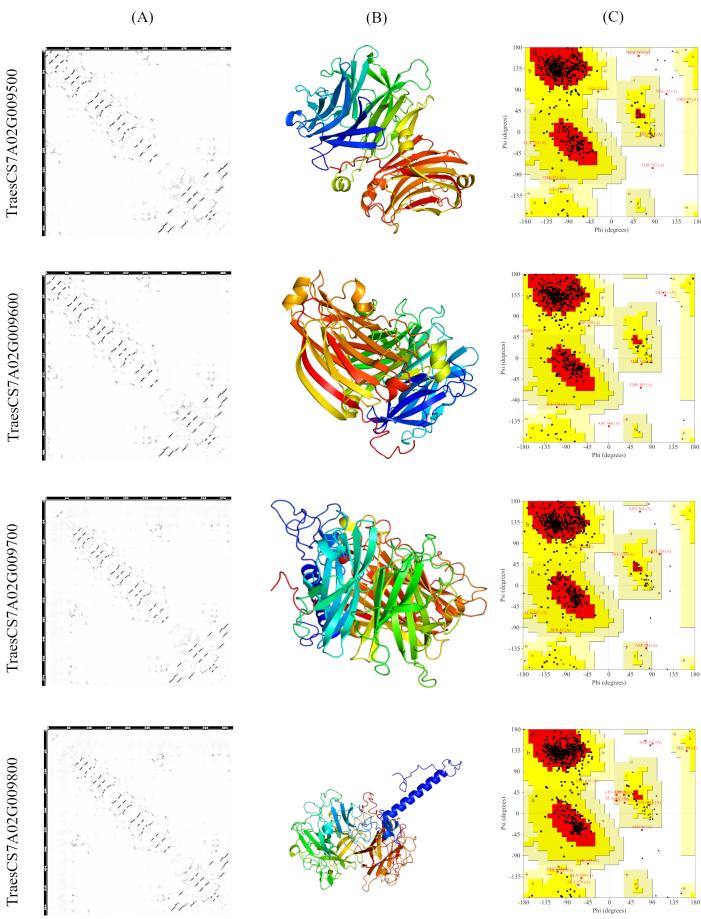




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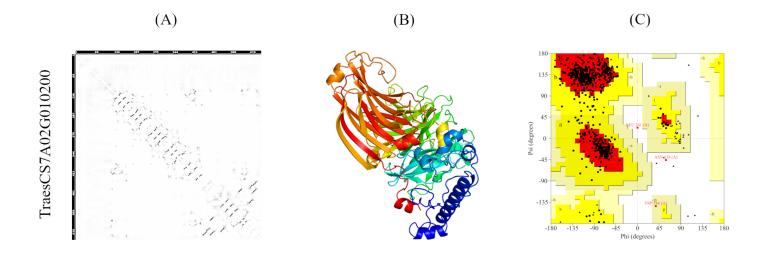


Figure S6: Structural differences in the tertiary structure of the proteins translated by different fructans metabolic genes reported in the quantitative nucleotide regions qWSC-4A.2 and qWSC-7A.2. The structures are predicted with contact and distance-based protein folding powered by DeepLearning as implicated in the RaptoraX web server. (A) shows the predicted contact probability matrix. A contact is defined by Cb-Cb distance <=8Å. Darker color indicates a higher probability. (B) offers the 3D protein models generated in ChimeraX with resulting pdb files. (C) shows the Ramachandran plots showing amino acid placement in allowed and disallowed regions