

**Supplementary Table S5:** Annotation of MS markers based on LC-QTOF-MS and MS/MS data in maize leaves.

Variable Name	RT (min)	Marker ion m/z	Ion type	Putative Molecular Formula of ion	Calculated m/z of ion	Error (mDa)	Error (ppm)	mSigma value	MS <sup>2</sup> precursor m/z	LC-MS/MS Negative mode spectrum	Putative Name
Silage-earliness markers											
M843T1751	29.18	843.1944	-	-	-	-	-	-	843.19 ± 1.5	Signal too low	-
M741T1917	31.95	741.2325	-	-	-	-	-	-	741.23 ± 1.5	Signal too low	-
M403T2001	33.35	403.1026	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>9</sub>	403.1021	0.9	2.2	57.6	403.10 ± 1.5	403.1026 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 328.0578 [(M-H)-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 313.0340 [(M-H)-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	-
Sowing condition markers											
M713T795	13.25	713.2026	[2M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>18</sub>	713.2047	2.1	3	76.4	713.20 ± 1.5	713.2026 [2M-H] <sup>-</sup> 356.0958 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 194.0460 [(M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	HMBOA-glucoside
M707T993	16.55	707.1091	[2M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>27</sub> O <sub>20</sub>	707.1101	1.0	1.4	109.6	707.10 ± 1.5	707.1091 [2M-H] <sup>-</sup> 353.0469 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 351.0335[(M-H)-2H] <sup>-</sup> 173.0100 [(M-H)-C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	Caffeoylisocitrate
M329T2126	35.43	329.0647	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>13</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	329.0667	1.9	5.9	42.1	329.07 ± 1.5	329.0653 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 314.0416 [(M-H)-CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 299.0186 [(M-H)-2CH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 271.0238 [(M-H)-2CH <sub>3</sub> -CO] <sup>-</sup> 227.0343 [(M-H)-C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	Tricin
M224T977	16.28	224.0554	Fragment	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub> NO <sub>5</sub>	224.0564	1.0	4.5	26.5	386.11 ± 1.5	386.1078 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 224.0560 [(M-H)- C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 196.0622 [(M-H)- C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	HDMBOA-glucoside
M675T639	10.65	675.1917	[2M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>35</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	675.1931	1.3	1.9	85.3	675.18 ± 1.5	675.1917 [2M-H] <sup>-</sup> 337.0909 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 163.0400 [(M-H)-C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	Coumaroylquinic B
M447T614	10.23	447.0912	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>19</sub> O <sub>11</sub>	447.0933	2.1	4.7	55.3	447.09 ± 1.5	447.0912 [M-2H] <sup>-</sup> 285.0383 [(M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 284.0308 [(M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>11</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	Cyanidin-glucoside
M465T628	10.46	465.10	[M-H] <sup>-</sup>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	465.1038	2.1	4.4	49.0	465.10 ± 1.5	465.1021 [M-H] <sup>-</sup> 447.0917 [(M-H)-H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>-</sup> 437.1065 [(M-H)-CO] <sup>-</sup> 303.0491 [(M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ] <sup>-</sup> 285.0383 [(M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> O] <sup>-</sup> 275.0539 (M-H)-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> -CO] <sup>-</sup>	Dihydroquercetin-glucoside