



Microbial Cultures in Food Production

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Message from the Guest Editors

Micro-organisms have played a role in mankind's transformation and conservation of food for millennia. The epochal breakthrough due to Pasteur in the mid-19th century has led to an ever-deepening scientific understanding of the contribution that bacteria, yeast, and mold can make to the food industry.

In this Special Issue, we intend to present a collection of scientific contributions on the selection, use, and role of MFCs (starter and protective cultures) in the food industry. Starter cultures are live **micro-organisms** inoculated directly into food materials in order to bring about desired and predictable changes in the finished product. Protective cultures are live micro-organisms that are added deliberately to foods to control their bacteriological status without changing their technological and sensory qualities.





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