Special Issue

Mechanization in Rice Farming: From Seeding to Harvesting

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to explore the full spectrum of mechanization in rice production—from precision seeding and transplanting to intelligent irrigation, pest control, and advanced harvesting systems. Recent advances in rice farming mechanization focus on integrating smart technologies to enhance precision, efficiency, and adaptability. Cutting-edge research includes the real-time adjustment of seeding and fertilization, autonomous navigation technologies using multi-sensor fusion (vision, UWB, and inertial data), and intelligent harvesting systems that are capable of yield monitoring and loss reduction. Other innovations involve AI-driven pest and disease detection, variable-rate irrigation systems, and digital twin models for predictive field management. Studies are also exploring lightweight, energy-efficient machinery for hilly terrains and smallholder applications, supporting inclusive and sustainable development. We are soliciting original research articles that address mechanical innovations, system optimization, performance testing, and agronomic integration across all stages of rice cultivation.

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