

Special Issue

Local and Regional Food Systems for Sustainable Rural Development

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the connections between agriculture, food production, and rural communities, emphasizing sustainability, economic resilience, environmental health, and social well-being. Key topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Rural development through local food systems, looking for solutions on how local and regional food networks contribute to rural economic development, job creation, and community empowerment.
- Socioeconomic impacts of local food systems, accepting various studies on the economic benefits and social capital that strong local and regional food networks can provide to rural communities.
- Food security and sovereignty, focusing on the role of local food systems in enhancing food security and sovereignty in rural areas, as well as local production, consumption, and shorter supply chains.
- Policy and governance, including studies on how policies at local, regional, and national levels can support sustainable rural development through food systems that prioritize local farmers and communities.
- Sustainable agricultural practice.
- Sustainability metrics and indicators.

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