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Sustainability and Resilience of Smallholder and Family Farms

Message from the Guest Editors

Despite their crucial role in food security, rural employment, and biodiversity conservation, smallholder and family-run farms face increasing pressures from climate change, market volatility, resource degradation, and socio-demographic shifts. Given the broader economic and social significance of these farms, strengthening their sustainability and resilience is an urgent global priority, recognized not only by development agencies and governments, but also by the farming communities themselves and society at large. This Special Issue focuses on the economics of smallholder and family-run production systems aiming to highlight their societal relevance and socioeconomic contribution to rural areas. The aim is to explore innovative practices, institutional frameworks, and policy mechanisms that support the long-term viability and adaptive capacity of these systems across diverse agricultural environments. Particular attention is given to family farming, which remains central to rural livelihoods, food security, and the preservation of cultural identity across many regions.

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