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Advances in Pre- and Post-harvest Handling of Fruits and Vegetables to Preserve Quality and Reduce Loss and Waste

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent years, the consumption of fruits and vegetables has increased notably as consumers have become aware of the importance of eating healthy foods. These products are important sources of vitamins, minerals, and disease-fighting phytochemicals but they are highly perishable as they remain metabolically active until they are consumed. Moreover, consumers demand these products throughout the year, regardless of the production seasons, leading to the use of techniques that allow long storage and more complicated marketing chains, ensuring that the product does not lose nutritional quality and food safety. Restrictions on the use of chemical fungicides lead research to develop environmentally friendly physical or chemical barriers that are safe for consumers in order to avoid losses and waste during marketing.

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