

Special Issue

Quality and Safety Assessment of Fruits and Vegetables

Message from the Guest Editors

Preventing contamination and maintaining the freshness of fruits and vegetables can be achieved with a properly implemented system for quality and safety. Starting from the first steps, this includes implementing good agricultural practices, continuing with good processing practices, regular quality checks throughout the food chain, and also proper sanitation measures. Prioritizing quality and safety through the supply chain results in reduced foodborne illnesses and healthier consumption. Prioritizing quality and safety for fruits and vegetables is not only beneficial for individual health but also contributes to a safer and more responsible food industry. Quality can be assessed in terms of functional, nutritional, and sensory quality throughout their growth, processing, and shelf life, and acceptance by consumers through the sensory analysis tool, while safety can be assessed by both contaminants and microbiological aspects. Therefore, this Special Issue is open to receiving research results and/or quality reviews on measures and systems implemented to maintain the quality and safety of fruits and vegetables across the food chain.

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