

Special Issue

Organic Production of Horticultural Crops in Protected Cropping Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Protected cropping structures (e.g., high tunnels, rain shelters) or materials (e.g., insect-proof netting, weed control fabric) have been increasingly adopted by horticultural growers for organic production. However, differing from open field production or conventional protected cultivation, organic production in protected cropping systems needs some special considerations on varying aspects, from protected cropping system building or installation, to crop production (e.g., crop rotation, fertility management, and pest control), to materials' disposal at season's end. To facilitate communication among researchers in this field, this Special Issue on "Organic Production of Horticultural Crops in Protected Cropping Systems" will publish articles (original research manuscripts and review articles) that focus on microclimate adjustment (e.g., management of light, temperature, humidity, CO₂), crop management (e.g., training and pruning, intercropping, relay cropping), soil and nutrient management (weeds' prevention, mulching, fertilizer, irrigation), and disease and pest management during organic production in protected cropping systems.

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