Special Issue

Sustainable Approaches for Fruit Quality of Horticultural Crops

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue highlights sustainable approaches for enhancing the nutritional, sensory, and functional quality of fruits while reducing the environmental footprint of horticultural production. A special focus is placed on bioactive compounds such as polyphenols, carotenoids, and vitamins, because of their pivotal role in both human health and market value. Central to this aim is understanding how nutrient management practices, cultivation techniques, and climate related stressors intersect to shape both crop performance and end product quality. We welcome original research and reviews that examine and evaluate the following topics:

- The combined effects of environment, management, and genotype on fruit quality;
- Practical strategies for boosting nutrient
 —use efficiency and the accumulation of health
 —phytochemicals through innovative fertilisation regimes, biostimulants, or soil health interventions;
- Integrated, eco

 friendly production systems capable
 of sustaining yield, bioactive

 compound richness, and
 consumer appeal under changing climatic conditions.

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