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Vegetable and Fruit Postharvest Physiology and Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

Vegetables and fruits are widely consumed worldwide, and are rich in health-promoting vitamins and mineral nutrients that protect the human immune system against various infectious and metabolic disorders. However, fresh vegetables are highly perishable products, and their quality is affected not only by growing conditions but also by postharvest handling and storage and microbiological safety. According to FAO, vegetables are one of the most wasted commodities. Approximately 33% of harvested vegetables are never consumed, owing to their naturally short shelf-life, leading to postharvest loss and waste. In this Special Issue, new scientific findings from studies investigating growing, handling and storage strategies for increasing postharvest performance of vegetables and fruits are most welcome.

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