

Special Issue

Quality and Safety of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Message from the Guest Editor

With an increasing focus on environmental issues and a stronger awareness of the importance of eating more plant-based foods and less meat, we can expect increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables. The consumer is the ultimate user of a product, and taste is the most important quality factor when choosing to buy a fruit or a vegetable. Measurement of taste quality, extrinsic or intrinsic, can be included in any kind of research, whether it involves different post-harvest treatments, shelf life studies, the development of new cultivars and varieties, or safety measurements during transport and handling from harvest to consumption. For this Special Issue, we are interested in research that explores these important products and incorporates new promising ways to highlight quality by taste, in addition to the use of other important quality-related factors.

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