

Special Issue

Smart Farming Techniques for Protected Horticulture Facilities

Message from the Guest Editors

Due to the frequent occurrence of extreme weather as a consequence of climate change, the vulnerability of crop production is increasing. With the 4th Industrial Revolution, the protected horticultural industry is becoming more automated and viable than other agricultural fields. In particular, smart farming or agricultural practice decision-making technologies are developed using crop growth models and prediction methods based on ICT, IoT, ANN, AI techniques. The best field to apply these techniques is protected horticultural industry. Since various governments are also supporting the establishment of agricultural data centers (i.e., AgriTech) and research centers for the automated production of horticultural facilities to restore the elasticity of agricultural productivity, many related studies are being conducted on these topics. Thus, in this Special Issue, we intend to collect and publish innovative and high-quality manuscripts on smart farming technologies for various protected horticulture facilities.

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