

# Special Issue

## Postharvest Disease Development: Pre and/or Postharvest Practices

### Message from the Guest Editor

Consumers worldwide have become more and more concerned about the quality of fresh harvested produce. Once produce is harvested, postharvest handling practices do not improve the quality; they only can slow the rate at which deterioration occurs. Postharvest quality of fresh produce is also determined before harvest. Factors that include weather, soil preparation and cultivation, soil type, fertigation practices, and crop loads affect the quality of harvested fresh produce. But postharvest quality is also affected by practices during and after harvest such as temperature management, controlled and modified atmosphere, coating, physical treatments, biocontrol, and more. This Special Issue intends to provide novel insights into fresh produce disease development with a specific focus on above aspects. Your contribution to this topic through literature review or original research paper that deal with either pre or postharvest practices that affect disease development after harvest are welcomed on all fresh produce. **Keywords**

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