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Rearing Techniques for Biocontrol Agents of Insects, Mites, and Weeds

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue of Insects will be a collection of papers that describe current rearing techniques for biological control agents of insects, mites, and weeds. Effective and efficient rearing techniques are essential, both small-scale for enabling entomological research and large-scale for use in sustainable pest management. Development of successful techniques for rearing biological control agents depends on knowledge of their behavior and ecology, including environmental conditions, host availability and acceptance, and specific requirements for each stage of development. Therefore, rearing techniques described in this Special Issue will incorporate the biology of each species, highlighting advancements such as artificial diets, innovative methods, novel materials, and specialized equipment. The techniques in the papers will also be related to applications for the agents and associated quality assurance.

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