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Soil Quality Assessed for Fruit and Vegetable Plants

Message from the Guest Editor

The physical properties of soils are highly relevant to crop production. In addition to arable crops, plant support, root penetration, drainage, aeration, moisture retention, and plant nutrients are also important in vineyards and horticultural fields. Physical properties, such as the amount, size, shape, arrangement, and mineral composition of particles, also influence the chemical characteristics and microbial life in the soil. The soil organic matter and nutrient contents can be evaluated against several physical properties (texture, structure, porosity, permeability, and color) to reveal their significance in yield and crop quality indicators. Soil analyses could describe an important component of the terroir for vines, various fruits, and vegetables. Long-term monitoring of the relationships between soil properties and horticultural crop yields could provide valuable information for precision horticulture. The irrigation and fertilization needs of different fruit tree varieties should also be investigated.

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