

Special Issue

Polymer Materials for Agricultural Application

Message from the Guest Editors

Polymers contribute to the sustainable intensification of agricultural production. (Bio)polymers are active ingredients and/or enhancers of plant biostimulants and plant protection products. Seeds often require and benefit from film-forming polymers for enhanced protection and better germination. Polymeric films are used also to control postharvest diseases and to extend shelf life of fruits and vegetables. New generation of controlled released fertilizers relies on biodegradable polymer coatings. Biodegradable plastic mulch and/or water-holding polymers buffer soil temperature, prevent moisture loss, and increase crop water use efficiency. Formulations based on responsive polymers improve the efficacy and selectivity of agrochemicals and limit their negative impacts. The precise application of these polymer-based products to sustainable agricultural systems is supported by newly developed polymer-based agricultural sensors. This Special Issue is intended to bring together research papers, communications, and review articles covering topics related to the development and application of polymers for crop management.

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