



Automation and Robots in Agriculture

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Dear Colleagues,

Climate change presents unprecedented challenges to grow agricultural crops in many parts of the world along with the ever-increasing demands in food and nutrients from agrifood systems. Therefore, it is urgent to design intelligent and innovative agricultural systems to improve the efficiency of crop production and control environmental impacts caused by, e.g. carbon footprints. Automation and robotics play an essential role in breeding new crop cultivars with the desired performance and optimizing farm management practices. Recently, it has gained increasing attention, and much effort has been invested in developing both hardware platforms and software methodologies for agricultural applications, such as automatic sowing, weeding, cutting, spraying, monitoring, harvesting, sorting, and packaging. There is great room for further growth and the adoption of automatic systems in agricultural production in the future. The objective of this Special Issue is to provide an opportunity to present and promote the most recent research and development in automation and robotics related to agricultural applications.

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