

Special Issue

Sustainable Food Production and Food Packaging

Message from the Guest Editor

Food demand is continuing to increase as a consequence of the increase in global population, and will undoubtedly continue to do so in the medium term. It is well known that most foods consumed worldwide are the result of a series of steps—from production to consumption—including processing and packaging. Food packing phase mainly contributes to the impacts associated with the use of packaging materials and products.

In this context, methodologies such as Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) are largely applied for the evaluation of those impacts, as well as of social and economic repercussions. The literature has documented that those two methodologies are valid and effective to address trade-offs, both between life cycle stages and between different sustainability pillars.

This Special Issue aims at furthering the understanding and deepening of such a topic with special regard to product and process innovation, and was designed to motivate prominent researchers to address issues of novelty and scientific relevance in the assessment and improvement of sustainability in food production and packaging systems.

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