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Plant Diversity in Sustainable Agroecosystems

Message from the Guest Editor

Enhanced plant diversity affects the production of crops, forage, and wood; yield stability; and numerous regulating and supporting agroecosystem services. Therefore, defining and solving challenges and recommendations for diversifying agroecosystems remain important tasks necessary for sustainable agriculture.

The greatest benefits of diversifying agroecosystems are expected to increase sustainable production, reducing conventional inputs or optimizing both yields and ecosystem services. Sustainable development agrostrategies must overcome the ecological limits imposed by lack of biodiversity and poor monocultures. Diversification in the form of polycultures and optimization of the crop-mix with respect to the goals of sustainability at various management levels (e.g., farm level, regional level, country level) and by different stakeholders (e.g., scientists, farmers, policymakers) should become an essential tool for sustaining production and ecosystem services in croplands, rangelands, and production forests.

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