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Sustainable Practices in Food Systems

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This Special Issue comprises original articles regarding the sustainable development and practice of technologies leading to reducing waste in consumer food systems, consisting of both the food supply chain and packaging materials from farm to retail. One of the fastest growing market segments is convenience ready-to-eat (RTE) food products in both hot and cold applications. Packaging comprises one of the largest plastic markets and is one of the major contributors to solid waste in landfills and marine environments in the United States. Additionally, food production (fertilizers, processing equipment, farm practices, etc.) accounts for nearly one third of global green house gas emissions. This places a heavy burden on brand owners, manufacturers, and consumers to consider end-of-life practices and purchasing decisions.

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