



## Chemical Pesticides and Soil Health: The Urgent Need for a New Concept in Agriculture

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Progress in the use of chemical pesticides is the result of progress in a variety of areas, such as production techniques. The intensive application of chemical pesticides contributes to the intensification of food production, but at the same time, may be one of the main sources of the anthropogenic pollution of soils. The widespread use of pesticides in agricultural areas promotes the deterioration of soil quality. Pesticide residues occurring in the soil are primary toxic chemicals that adversely affect human health and represent a serious risk regarding their introduction into the food chain. Thus, the health-related and environmental effects of chemical pesticides pose a serious problem that urgently requires new approaches, especially in terms of the reformation of agricultural practices and the implementation of sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

This Special Issue will focus mainly on the impact of pesticides on the health of agricultural soils through different approaches and will present new agricultural concepts that are able to address the problem of pesticides' harmful effects and eliminate the difficulties associated with their use.





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