



Sustainable Development of Irrigated Agriculture

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The expected growth of the world population will lead to a high increase in demand for food, but available land upon which to expand agricultural areas on a large scale is limited. In addition, as most areas utilize rainfed agriculture, the solution may be augmenting crop yields, enhancing the efficiency of irrigated agriculture, and promoting the transition from rainfed to irrigated agriculture under water-scarce conditions. However, the intensification and expansion of irrigated agriculture will inflict negative environmental impacts upon already fragile regions. This Special Issue focuses on the sustainable development of irrigated agriculture. The aim is to present original research articles providing highlights of key issues, such as the risks associated with the expansion of irrigated areas in arid and semiarid regions, interactions between agricultural production and the availability of land and water resources, economic efficiency of irrigation, assessment of climate change impacts on irrigated agriculture, and design of water policies and water markets.





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