



Keeping Nutrients in the Soil: The Challenges, Benefits and Trade-Offs

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The nutrient utilization efficiency of lower soil is becoming one of the most significant obstacles to sustainable agricultural production. For example, the overuse of chemical fertilizers has reduced their efficiency, and increased soil acidification and secondary salinization. Therefore, there is a need to strengthen scientific fertilization, and establish a circular economy-based agricultural system.

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