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# Recent Advances in Horticultural Practices for Strawberries and Other Small Fruit Crops

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Strawberries and other small fruits, such as brambles (raspberries and blackberries), blueberries, currants, gooseberries, seaberries, mulberries, grapes and kiwifruit, etc., which are rich in nutrients and have high economic value, could be made by commercial or backyard cultivations.

This Special Issue aims to present production/cultivation techniques, including all aspects of small fruit production, such as seedlings, soils, planting, pruning and training, flower bud formation, irrigation and drainage, manures and fertilizers, the control of pests, diseases and weeds, harvesting and marketing, and costs of production, etc. In particular, an artificial suitable plant production environment (protected cultivation and plant factory), biological agriculture (biological pesticides, biofertilizers, etc.), intelligent agriculture, and soil farming to maintain soil vitality were applied in horticultural production.

We invite horticulturalists to contribute both original research articles and reviews to this Special Issue and to share your results with the community of researchers, students, technicians, strawberries and small fruit growers.



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