

Editorial

Expanding the Scope of *Commodities* to Reflect the Evolving Market Landscape

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Since I was appointed Editor-in-Chief of the international, peer-reviewed, open access journal *Commodities* ISSN 2813-243 [1] in 2022, the journal has continually served as a platform for high-quality research in the global commodities market. Historically, our scope has spanned essential areas such as commodities markets, derivatives, trading, supply chains, risk analysis, and economic and policy. While this foundation has enabled the journal to flourish, the shifting dynamics of global markets, emerging technologies, and growing environmental concerns call for a broader approach.

To address these changes, we have revised and expanded the scope of *Commodities*. This updated vision builds on our established areas of focus while embracing the new and transformative topics critical to the commodities market today. Key additions include the following:

1. **Energy Transitions and Renewable Resources:** While energy commodities have always been central to the journal, we now extend our focus to include biofuels, carbon emissions, and renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and geothermal power. These additions reflect the global shift toward energy transition and decarbonization.
2. **Digital Assets and Cryptocurrency Markets:** A major new focus is the interconnection between cryptocurrencies, digital assets, and traditional commodities. This area explores how cryptocurrencies influence financial systems, future markets, and trading strategies, connecting technology with conventional commodity markets.
3. **Environmental Impacts and Sustainability:** We now prioritize research on the environmental effects of commodities, emphasizing sustainability measures such as CO₂ reduction, resource conservation, and sustainable production practices. Studies on green and blue finance mechanisms, including climate finance and conservation-oriented financial innovations, are also within scope.
4. **Technological Innovations in Commodity Management:** Advances in AI, IoT, and data analytics are transforming commodities industries, from precision agriculture to market forecasting and resource extraction. We welcome studies on these cutting-edge technologies.
5. **Climate Change and Resource Management:** Climate risks profoundly affect the production of commodities, pricing, and supply chains, especially in vulnerable sectors such as agriculture and mining. This expansion highlights studies on the adaptation and mitigation of climate impacts.
6. **Consumer Behavior and Market Dynamics:** Understanding shifts in consumer preferences and market behavior, particularly in food commodities, is now a significant focus. We aim to explore how external factors such as pandemics or global crises influence consumption patterns.
7. **Expanded Coverage of Commodities Supercycles:** While the journal has historically addressed commodity supercycles, we now delve deeper into their long-term trends, which are shaped by technological advancements, supply–demand dynamics, and geopolitical factors.



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These enhancements align with our commitment to ensuring that *Commodities* is a leading forum for rigorous and impactful research. While retaining our core areas, namely derivative markets, trading, supply chains, and policy analysis, this broadened scope ensures that the journal reflects the realities of today's evolving commodities sector.

This expansion is both an acknowledgment of the journal's progress and a vision for its future. By embracing interdisciplinary approaches and contemporary issues, *Commodities* remains at the forefront of academic and practical research that influences industries and policymaking.

As we embark on this new chapter, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our authors, reviewers, and Editorial Board Members. Your past contributions have been invaluable in ensuring the continued success of the journal. Together, we look forward to advancing commodities research and fostering innovation that meets the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

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