

Special Issue

Agricultural Development Strategies for Less-Favoured Areas

Message from the Guest Editors

Less-favoured areas (LFAs) are commonly indicated as territories with different types of disadvantages, which can be limited from the perspective of development. Generally, LFAs are characterized by the significant presence of agriculture in land use even if frequent farming shows lower productivity and income. On the other hand, in these areas, agricultural practice produces relevant public services. The development of LFAs is strictly connected with the state of health of agriculture. At the same time, agricultural increase is not synonymous with the development of LFAs, and development policies should be promoted on a territorial and non-sectoral basis. This Special Issue intends to collect papers that propose criteria for the classification of the LFAs, considering the role played by agriculture and providing conceptual frameworks on LFAs, with additional reference to other territorial categories, analyzing the socio-economic performances of agriculture in these areas; measuring the impacts provided by public environmental and social services produced; and individuating adequate models, strategies, and policies for the development of the LFAs.

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