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Recent Advances in Biopolymer Applications in the Food Industry

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Naturally occurring biopolymers have attracted significant attention in the food industry due to their versatile properties, such as their nontoxicity, biocompatibility, and biodegradability, along with their abundance and sustainability. These biopolymers include polysaccharides and proteins recovered from biomass and polymers produced by microorganisms. Their diverse chemical, physical, and biological properties allow these materials to have multipurpose applications, such as food structure design, encapsulation of bioactive compounds at the micro- and nanoscale, as functional ingredients and health-promoting agents, and as materials for edible coating production. In addition to that, bio-based polymers have been intensively explored in the design of biodegradable films intended for packaging of specific food products. With the present Special Issue, we intend to gather recent advances regarding the use of emergent biopolymers, as well as different strategies for biopolymers' applications in food products, including biodegradable packaging materials.



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