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# **Pathogens on Fresh Produce: Detection and Reduction**

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear colleague,

A large number of foodborne outbreaks have been linked to fresh produce, including bacteria, viruses, and parasites, although the prevalence of pathogens in fresh produce is considered relatively low. Many risk factors during primary production and processing have been identified as potential contamination vectors affecting the safety of fresh produce. In many cases, direct pathogen screening is likely to be ineffective, and the use of indicators seems to be the most feasible option to determine the potential contamination of fresh produce with foodborne pathogens. Selection of intervention strategies, such as the use of antimicrobial treatments, is critical to reduce food safety risks. Additionally, well-established routine environmental monitoring programs are also needed to understand how different factors interact and affect the probability of contamination in different fresh produce processing facilities. This Special Issue is focused on current research addressing these critical questions with the aim to help the industry to avoid food safety issues.

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