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This journal provides a platform for sharing the latest high-quality research concerning the agricultural, food and biological engineering and the application of these engineering techniques in all areas of agriculture. The journal features works of great significance, originality, and relevance in all the concerned areas. Our readers are from the international scientific community and may

include educators, policy makers, agricultural engineers and scientists, and interested members of the public around the world.

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