



## Sustainable Agricultural Land Management: Co-Benefits and Challenges in 21st Century

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Agriculture is a dominant land use in most countries, requiring and impacting on multiple natural resources (soil, biodiversity, water, etc.). New research and experimentation continues to reveal the level of integration and interconnections between agricultural management and the surrounding environment including effects on other land uses such as forestry, energy and urban development. A range of frameworks are being developed to include this new knowledge of interactions to assess agricultural sustainability more holistically. Yet it is clear that this is challenging due to the complexity of interconnections. The context and spatial scale of different agricultural systems also leads to contrasts that make a universal definition of sustainable agriculture challenging. Still, robust and consistent approaches would allow comparisons between systems and open up opportunities to improve sustainability at a larger scale. This special issue focuses on defining sustainable agricultural land management (SALM) in terms of its impact on multiple natural resources, taking account of context and spatial scale.





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