

Soil Microorganisms and their Role in Sustainable Agricultural Productivity

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Abstract: *Soil microorganisms are fundamental components of the soil ecosystem and play a crucial role in maintaining soil fertility, plant health, and agricultural productivity. These microscopic organisms, including bacteria, fungi, actinomycetes, algae, and protozoa, actively participate in various biological and biochemical processes that regulate nutrient availability in soil. They are involved in essential functions such as decomposition of organic matter, nutrient cycling, biological nitrogen fixation, and improvement of soil structure.*

In addition to enhancing nutrient availability, soil microorganisms also promote plant growth by producing growth hormones, improving root development, and protecting plants against soil-borne pathogens. Their interaction with plant roots in the rhizosphere creates a dynamic environment that supports sustainable crop production. This paper highlights the types, functions, and significance of soil microorganisms and emphasizes their critical role in maintaining soil health and ensuring sustainable agricultural productivity.

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