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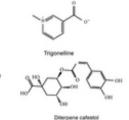
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Preface

Agriculture is regarded as one of the most important fields of human industry, due to its role in ensuring global food security for over 7 billion people around the world and supporting other industries. Agricultural production creates a great amount of residues/byproducts, which are considered 'wastes'. Interestingly, agricultural wastes contain many valuable bioactive compounds, possessing a wide range of potential pharmacological properties, which have great contributions to make in related industries, such as nutraceuticals/functional foods, medicines, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics. However, they are still underutilised as abundant, inexpensive, renewable and sustainable sources of natural bioactive compounds.

In order to increase the value of agricultural production, reduce pollution risks and promote the development of related industries, we have prepared *Recovering Bioactive Compounds from Agricultural Wastes* to introduce the potential of agricultural wastes obtaining from the different sectors of agricultural production, such as tea, coffee, cacao, cashew, fruit and vegetable, wine, edible oil, starch and sugar, and to present, discuss and recommend various techniques for the extraction, isolation, purification and application of these bioactive compounds in different fields. We also discuss the economic and market analysis of agricultural wastes and bioactive compounds derived from these sources, based on a number of actual recovery processes to be established at pilot and industrial scales. Hopefully, this book will be a helpful reference for researchers, producers and traders in agricultural production and related industries.

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1.1 Introduction

Agriculture has a developmental history going back thousands of years and is considered one of the most important fields of human knowledge because of its special role in ensuring global food security for over 7 billion people around the world. It also has an important role in supporting and promoting the development of other industries, such as nutraceuticals, medicines, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics. In particular, agriculture produces a large amount of wastes, containing a significant quantity of valuable bioactive compounds, such as polyphenols, phenolic acids, flavonols, flavanols, flavonoids, procyanidins, proanthocyanidins, anthocyanins, glycosides, carotenoids, saponins, tannins, alkaloids, steroils, steroids, triterpenes, quinones, peptides and carbohydrates, which have been proved to possess a variety of biological activities, including antioxidant, antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral, antimicrobial, antidiabetic, anticancer, antidiarrhoeal, antihypertensive, antimutagenic, anti-inflammatory, anticholesterol and anticardiovascular properties (Figure 1.1) (Balasundram et al., 2006; Santana-Méridas et al., 2012). However, the utilisation of agricultural wastes as an abundant, biorenewable and low-cost source for the production of high value-added products is still under investigation, with limited outcomes. Therefore, research is needed into the application of environmentally friendly traditional and advanced techniques with low production costs in the extraction, isolation and purification of phytochemical compounds from agricultural wastes in high yields and at maximal quality. This strategy will increase the value of agricultural wastes and reduce pollution risks for the environment in both the short and the long term, and will enable sustainable development, one of the most important goals of modern global agricultural production.

1.2 Potential of Agricultural Wastes

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAOSTAT, 2015), the total harvested crop area worldwide in 2013 was about 4.36 billion ha, producing approximately 21.70 billion tonnes, with a total gross production value of US\$24

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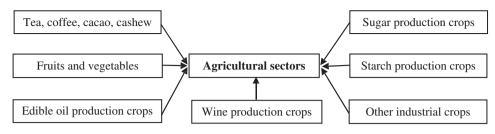


Figure 1.1 Major agricultural sectors in the recovery of bioactive compounds.

 Table 1.1
 Total harvested crop area, total production and total gross agricultural production value in 2013. Source: FAOSTAT (2015).

Location	Total harvested area (billion ha)	Total production (billion tonnes)	Total gross production value (billion US\$)
Africa	0.71	1.90	1295.47
Americas	0.89	5.22	3503.55
Asia	1.82	9.94	15543.06
Europe	0.86	4.43	4350.89
Oceania	0.08	0.21	239.35
Total	4.36	21.70	24932.32

932.32 billion (Table 1.1). In Asia, the total harvested crops area was 1.82 billion ha (41.81% of total), producing 9.94 billion tonnes (45.80%), with a total gross production value of US\$15 543.06 billion (62.34%).

Sugar cane had the highest production globally (1910 million tonnes), followed by maize, rice, wheat, potatoes, fresh vegetable, cassava, soybeans, palm fruit and sugar beet (1020, 741, 716, 376, 280, 277, 276, 266 and 247 million tonnes, respectively) (Table 1.2). All of these crops produced a large amount of relevant wastes, including leaves, tops and bagasse from sugar cane; straw, stalks, husk, bran and cobs from maize, rice and wheat; foliage, tops, peels and pulps from potatoes; leaves, stems, peels, skins and seeds from fresh vegetables; and peels, stalks and bagasse from cassava (FAOSTAT, 2015).

The wastes from crop-based residues, in terms of aerial biomass, roots, leaves, straw and stems, are rich sources of bioactive compounds, including polyphenols, flavonoids, sterols, anthocyanins and carbohydrates, which have direct links with potent pharmacological properties, such as antioxidant, antibacterial, antifungal, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and anticholesterol capacity (Table 1.3). Many valuable bioactive compounds, such as glycosides, procyanidins, proanthocyanidins, flavonols, flavanols, flavonoids, phenolic acids, carotenoids, saponins, tannins, alkaloids, steroids, triterpenes, quinones and peptides, can also be isolated from processing-based residues, such as from the fresh fruit, dry fruit, brewing, wine, cereal, oil, essential oil, sugarcane and tobacco industries (Table 1.4). The bioactive compounds isolated from these sources have been proved to possess a wide range of biological activities, including antioxidant, anticancer, antidiarrhoeal, antibacterial, antifungal, antiviral,

Сгор	Total harvested area (million ha)	Total production (million tonnes)	Total gross production value (billion US\$)	Main residues/wastes
Tea, coffee, cacao and	cashew			
Tea	3.52	5.35	22.22	Fruit, flower, old leaves, dust, stalk and fibre
Coffee	10.14	8.92	16.37	Outer skin, pulp/mucilage, parchment/hull/husk, silver skin and spent coffee grounds
Cacao	10.01	4.59	6.95	Leaves, shell, husk, pulp/mucilage and hull
Cashew	5.46	4.44	2.82	cashew apple, outer shell, inner skin and nut shell
Fruits and vegetables				
Fruit fresh nes	5.01	33.52	13.39	Peels, pulps, seeds, stalks and skins
Vegetable fresh nes	19.79	280	135.42	Leaves, stems, peels, skins and seeds
Wine production crop	s			
Grapes	7.16	77.18	78.50	Pomace (seeds, skins), leaves, stalks rachis and lees
Edible oil production c	rops			
Palm fruit	18.05	266	31.34	Shells, husks and fronts
Olives	10.31	20.40	19.47	Leaves and stalks
Coconuts	12.07	62.45	10.47	Shells, husks and fronts
Soybeans	112	276	131.26	Straw and pods
Sunflower seed	25.45	44.55	26.08	Foliage and stems
Rapeseed	36.50	72.70	53.13	Straw
Cotton seed	n/r	47.07	9.75	Stalks
Sugar production crop	DS			
Beet	4.37	247	14.04	Roots, pulps and scums
Cane	26.94	1910	108.55	Leaves, tops and bagasse
Others	0.12	0.93	nr	Pulps and bagasse
Starch production cro	ps			
Rice	165	741	429.27	Straw, husk and bran
Wheat	219	716	242.25	Straw
Maize	185	1020	382.34	Straw, stalks and cobs
Potatoes	19.34	376	149.51	Foliage, tops, peels and pulps
Cassava	20.39	277	47.31	Peels, stalks and bagasse
Barley	49.15	144	36.30	Straw

 Table 1.2
 Total harvested area, total production and total gross production value of major crops in 2013, as well as their main residues/wastes. Source: FAOSTAT (2015).

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Сгор	Total harvested area (million ha)	Total production (million tonnes)	Total gross production value (billion US\$)	Main residues/wastes
Other crops				
Beans, dry	29.05	22.81	16.06	Straw and pods
Beans, green	1.54	21.37	40.53	Straw and pods
Pepper	0.48	0.47	2.88	Leaves and stems
Seed cotton	32.17	73.05	82.62	Stalk

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Table 1.3 High added-value products from crop-based residues. Source: Santana-Méridas et al. (2012).Reproduced with permission of Springer.

Activity	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Applications
Horticultural	production			
Melon	Cucumis melo	Aerial biomass	Xanthan	Rheology modifier, food additive
Broccoli	Brassica oleracea	Aerial biomass	Glucosinolates, phenolic acids, flavonoids, vitamin C	Antioxidant
Carrot	Daucus carota	Roots	Hydroxycinnamic acid, anthocyanins	Antioxidant
Spinach	Spinacea oleracea	Leaves	Flavonoids	Antioxidant
Pepper	Capsicum annuum	Leaves, stems	Capsaicin, dihydrocapsaicin	Antioxidant, anti-inflammatory
Cucumber	Cucumis sativus	Leaves	Isovitexin, saponarin, vicenin-2, apigenin	Antioxidant
Tomato	Lycopersicum sculentum	Leaves	Solanesol	Antibacterial, anti-inflammatory
Cereal produ	ction			
Wheat	Triticum sp.	Straw	Xylose, polyphenols	Food ingredient
Others	sp.	Straw	Lignin	Value-added products
Tuber produc	tion			
Potato	Solanum tuberosum	Leaves	Solanesol	Antibacterial, anti-inflammatory

Activity	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Applications
Fruit productio	on			
Ginja cherry	Prunus cerasus	Stems, leaves	Polyphenols (catechin > 70%)	Antioxidant, antimicrobial
Pineapple	Ananus comosus	Straw (leaves)	Fibre	Polymer reinforcement
Grass product	ion			
Ryegrass	Lolium perenne	Grass chaff	β-adenosine	Mushroom production
Miscanthus	<i>Miscanthus</i> × giganteus	Biomass	Lignin, phenols, sterols	Fuel, antioxidant, anticholesterol
Oil productior	1			
Olive	Olea europaea	Leaves	Polyphenols	Antimicrobial, antioxidant
Medicinal and	l condimentary herbs	5		
Creosote bush	Larrea tridentate	Leaves	Poly and monomeric phenols	Antifungal
Saffron	Crocus sativus	Leaves	Kaempferol, orientin, vitexin	Antioxidant

Table 1.3 (Continued)

Table 1.4 High added-value products from processing-based residues. Source: Santana-Méridas et al.(2012). Reproduced with permission of Springer.

Activity/crops	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Activity/applications
Fresh fruit indus	stry			
Mango	Mangifera indica	Peels, pits/seeds	Tannins, vanillin, mangiferin	Antioxidant
Apple	Malus domestica	Pomace (peels, core, seeds, calyces, stems)	Pectin, catechins, hydroxycinnamates, phloretin glycosides, quercetin glycosides, procyanidins	Antioxidant
Watermelon	Citrullus lanatus	Rinds, flesh	Lycopene, citrulline, phenolic compounds	Antioxidant, food additives
Rambutan	Nephelium lappaceum	Peels	Ellagitannins	Antioxidant
Mangosteen	Garcinia mangostana	Pericarps	Proanthocyanidins	Antioxidant

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Table 1.4 (Continued)

Activity/crops	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Activity/applications
Guajava	Psidium guajava	Bagasse	Epicatechin, quercetin, syringic acid, mirycetin	Antimicrobial
Banana	Musa sapientum	Dried leaves, pseudostems	Sugars	Fermentation
		Peels	α-amilasa, laccasa, citric acid	Enzyme production
Lemon	Citrus limon	Peels	Flavanoids, saponins, tannins, alkaloids, steroids, triterpenes	Antimicrobial
			Essential oil	Nematostatic activity
			Limonene	Insecticidal (larvicidal)
Orange	Citrus sinensis	Peels	Citric acid	Additive, detergent, cosmetic
			Essential oil	Nematostatic activity
Pineapple	Ananus comosus	Peels, core, crowns, stems	Bromelain	Food and textile industries, anti-inflammatory, anti-diarrhea, digestive
Pomegranate	Punica granatum	Husks	Poly- and monomeric phenols	Antifungal
Grapefruit	Citrus paradisi	Peels	Essential oil	Nematostatic activity
Mandarin	Citrus reticulata	Peels	Phenolic compounds	Antioxidant, antimicrobial
Papaya	Carica papaya	Peels, seeds	Phenolic compounds	Antioxidant, antimicrobial
Bergamot	Citrus bergamia	White tissues	Brutieridin, melitidin	Anticholesterolaemic
		Seeds	Limonoids	Antiviral
Satsuma mandarin	Citrus unshiu	Peels	Hesperidin, narirutin, quercetagetin	Antioxidant
Citrus fruits	<i>Citrus</i> sp.	Seeds, molasses	Limonoids	Anticancer
		Peels	Flavonoids (hesperidin, diosmin, narirutin, didymin, sinesetin), carotenoids (violaxanthin, β -crytoxanthin, β -carotene), vitamin C, essential oils (limonene), minerals	Antioxidant
Horticultural in	dustry			
Artichoke	Cynara scolymus	Bracts, receptacles, stems, juice, heads	Neochlorogenic acid, chlorogenic acid, caffeoylquinic acids	Antioxidant

Activity/crops	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Activity/applications
Beet	Beta vulgaris	Stalks	Azelaic acid	Antimicrobial
Onion	Allium cepa	Fresh peeling	Condensed tannins, flavonoids, quercetin aglycone	Antioxidant, textile dyes
		Skins, top-bottom wastes, scales, discarded onions	Flavonoids, fructans and alk(en)yl cystein sulphoxides, quercetin aglycone, minerals	Antioxidant, dietary fibre
Tomato	Solanum lycopersicum	Seeds, pulps, skins	Lycopene, β-carotene, sterols, tocopherols, terpenes, glycoalkaloids	Antioxidant, anticholesterol
Coffee industry				
Coffee	Coffea Arabica	Spent coffee grounds	Caffeine, chlorogenic acid	Allelopathy
Dry fruit industi	ry			
Peanut	Arachis hypogaea	Skins, seed coats	Polyphenols oligomeric proanthocyanidins, indole alkaloids, phenolic acids	Antioxidant anticance Blood vessels protecto Antimicrobial
Almond	Prunus dulcis	Hulls	Triterpenes (olcanoic, ursolic, betulinic acids), daucosterol	Anticancer
Hazelnut	Corylus avellana	Skins, hard shells, leafy covers	Phenolic acids (gallic, caffeic, <i>p</i> -coumaric, ferulic, sinapic)	Antioxidant
Chestnut	Castanea sativa	Shells (outer, inner)	Tannins, polyphenols, tocopherols	Antioxidant
Walnut	Juglans regia	Shells	Holocellulose, α-cellulose, lignin	Panel manufacture
Pecan nut	Carya illinoensis	Shells (endocarp)	Poly and monomeric phenols	Antifungal
Pistachio	Pistachia vera	Hulls	Phenolic compounds	Antioxidant
Legume industr	<i>y</i>			
Pea	Pisum sativum	Husks	Growth factors (nitrogen and carbon)	Carrier for rhizobial inoculants
		Pods	Fibre, polyphenols	Antioxidant, texturing additive
Faba bean	Vicia faba	Pods	Fibre, polyphenols	Antioxidant, texturing additive
		Off-quality grains	Protein	Food ingredient

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Activity/crops	Species	Waste type	Bioactive compounds	Activity/applications
Chickpea	Cicer arietinum	Off-quality grains	Peptides	Metal chelating, antihypertensive, food ingredient
Common bean	Phaseolus vulgaris	Off-quality grains	Peptides	Antioxidant, metal chelating
Cereal industry				
Rice	Oryza sativa	Rice brand	Tocotrienols- tocopherols, γ-oryzanol, β-sitosterol	Anticholesterol
Wheat	Triticum durum	Wheat brand	Vitamin E, carotenoids, quinines	Nutrients, antioxidant
Wine industry				
•	Vitis vinifera	Stems	Betulinic acid, stilbenoid <i>trans</i> -resveratrol, <i>trans</i> -3-viniferin, sitosterol 6'-O-acylglucosides	Anticancer
		Pomace	Flavonols, flavonols glucosides, flavanols, gallate esters, anthocyanins, proanthocyanins	Antioxidant, antimicrobial
		Seeds	Epicatechin, caffeic and gallic acids	Antimicrobial
Brewing industr	ry			
Barley	Hordeum vulgare	Spent grains	Xylitol, cellulose, hemicelluloses, lignin, xylose, glucose, arabinose, protein, ferulic and <i>p</i> -coumaric acids	Growth medium, lacti acid production, diabetes treatment (xylitol)
Oil industry				
Olive	Olea europaea	Olive mill wastewaters 'alpechin'	Hydroxytyrosol, gallic acid, oleuropein, ligstroside isomers and derivatives, squalene, tocopherols, triterpenes, soluble sugars, polyphenols	Antimicrobial, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, textile dyes
		Pomace (solid wastes)	Hydroxytyrosol, tyrosol, caffeic protocatechuic, vanillic, p-coumaric and syringic acids, vanillin, oleuropein, apigenin	Antioxidant