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Adapting Novel Nutritional Practices to Enhance Product Quality and Environmental Sustainability in Ruminant Livestock Sector

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Globally, the ruminant livestock sector is facing two major concerns: product quality and environmental impacts. In this context, novel feed ingredients will serve as tools to address these issues. Aromatic and medicinal plants are rich in bioactive molecules and able to reach considerable concentrations in the final product, offering health benefits to consumers. In addition, they can modify rumen fermentation processes and microbiota populations, leading to lower methane production and N losses, with possible environmental and economical profits. In addition, alternative feedstuffs with diminished cultivation needs and environmental costs, compared to soybean meal and other raw materials which dominate ruminant diets, are being introduced worldwide. For example, lupin seeds and hemp cake, along with various by-products, could serve as ecofriendly feeds in dairy ruminants as well as in beef cattle. This Special Issue will focus on new developments in ruminant nutrition, reducing methane and N losses, and the enhancement of active biomolecules in milk and meat, which will lead to superior quality livestock products and minimize environmental impacts.



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