

Special Issue

Assessing and Improving Farm Animal Welfare

Message from the Guest Editor

Although the initial focus of animal welfare assessments was on physical health, production parameters, and environmental conditions, we now recognize the importance of fulfilling the animals' psychological needs as well. This shift has led us to explore their emotions and feelings, using careful observation and interpretation of their behavior, providing additional parameters for welfare assessment protocols. Another important trend in animal welfare research is the understanding that good welfare is more than the absence of problems. Effective welfare improvement not only addresses issues but also promotes positive welfare elements. Thus, validating parameters of positive welfare is now a key area for future research. Even if we already have a solid knowledge base, ongoing scientific creativity is needed to advance our understanding of how to assess and improve farm animal welfare in practical settings. We invite you to submit high-quality original research articles, reviews, and case studies that explore protocols, methods, or techniques not only for investigating farm animal welfare but also for translating these assessments into actionable improvements.

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