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Grazing—Distribution, Biodiversity, Animal Welfare and Forage Quality in Livestock Pasture Systems

Message from the Guest Editors

Grasslands are one of the semi-natural ecosystems requiring human activity. Historically, many of them were developed to provide feed for livestock.

Grasslands, however, were also used by wild animals because grazing is a natural form of feeding for all herbivorous species. Thus, grazing was an integral part of these ecosystems. However, unmanaged, excessive grazing can degrade ecosystems and associated goods and services. In recent decades, the approach to feeding livestock has been changing continuously, resulting in a reduction in grazing land. Land-use changes, including the abandonment of grazing and traditional farming practices, as well as secondary succession, are major threats to biodiversity. Therefore, efforts should be made to restore traditional farming methods, including livestock grazing. Research on grazing in a changing world is also still essential. Grazing is an integral part of semi-natural agricultural ecosystems. It can provide a platform for combining the welfare of farm animals, the protection of valuable natural habitats, preservation of biodiversity, human health, and much more

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