High-Yielding Dairy Cows

Message from the Guest Editor

In recent decades, genetics, nutrition, and management improvements have led to high-yielding dairy cows. These improvements pose threats and challenges to animal health and welfare due to metabolic stress. Metabolic stress is characterized by excessive lipomobilization, inflammatory and immune dysregulations and oxidative stress on body organic systems. It mainly occurs during the periparturient period. Cows are more susceptible to metabolic and infectious diseases such as ketosis, digestive alterations, metritis, mastitis, lameness and different degrees of infertility. The ultimate goal of this Special Issue is to aggregate new information driving to more efficient dairy cow production in confinement and pasture systems. Research studies directly or indirectly assessing all aforementioned aspects in high-producing dairy cows are welcome. Additionally, we invite research papers which promote the use of new technologies and the automatization of processes (including Agriculture 5.0) in dairy farms, as well as the production impact on the environment and public health.
Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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