



Innovative Production Strategies for High-Quality, Traditional Pig Products

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Message from the Guest Editors

In a number of European countries, part of the pig sector is aimed at producing traditional and certified products (e.g., PDO—Protected Designation of Origin, PGI—Protected Geographical Indication). Dry-cured ham is probably the most famous product; however, typical pork products are produced and exported in many countries worldwide. The meat used for producing these high-quality delicacies needs to be suitable for seasoning and dry-curing, and these characteristics are the result of complex interactions between the animal (breed, genotype, rearing condition, feeding, age and weight at slaughter, etc.) and the environment, including also ethical attributes such as animal welfare and environmental impact.

This Special Issue focuses on innovative production strategies for pigs intended for high-quality, typical productions (higher sustainability and, animal welfare, innovative feeding and farming techniques, reduction in environmental impact, improvement in meat and fat quality, etc.), with special emphasis on PDOs, PGIs, and other recognized production schemes, and it is aimed at providing new insights for a wide range of stakeholders from different countries.





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