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Insects are regarded as alternative protein/energy sources for animal diets and are expected to be increasingly used around the globe as a replacement for conventional feedstuffs. “micro-livestock” farming represents a way by which food waste biomasses/streams can be upgraded to valuable feed ingredients. In insects, interest in earthworms as an alternative feed source is also increasing, with the waste being able to be used as a rich fertilizer. Original manuscripts that address any aspects of micro-livestock farming are invited for this Special Issue. Specifically, topics of interest for this Special Issue are: insect production systems, including processing organic side streams operated using earthworms; challenges related to process optimization, engineering, automation, and security; genetics, nutrition, physiology, issues related to health and ethics of insects in micro-livestock farming; microbial and chemical contaminant management; role of insect rearing condition and processing in defining nutritional features, quality and safety, including implication for feed technology; and micro-livestock role in circular economy and environmental sustainability.



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