Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The global community’s understanding that our resources are limited and that climate change may threaten the existence of humankind has led to the concept of an active sustainability transformation. For livestock husbandry, this development has resulted in an increasing demand for more ecologically and animal-friendly production systems. If the transition is not actively shaped and moderated, too many farmers will be “lost in transition”. This Special Issue of *Animals* will focus on pathways to scientifically support the transition procedures so that the majority of farmers and other actors on the value chain can gradually adapt to the needs for a societally accepted agriculture. This Special Issue will address the philosophical basics of transformation and report about several national approaches to master the transformation process.

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