



Feeding and Management Strategies for Improving Health, Welfare, Efficiency and Sustainability in Rabbit Production

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Feeding and managing strategies play major roles in determining the health, welfare, and performance of farmed rabbits and thus the profitability of farmers. In growing rabbits, the main challenge is to find solutions which reduce the incidence of digestive diseases and the use of antimicrobials while maintaining highly productive performances and feed efficiency. On the other hand, the development of alternative rearing and housing systems is urgently required in view of the upcoming proposal of the European Commission for the gradual overcoming of cage farming systems.

The main purpose of the present Special Issue is to provide reliable information regarding feeding and managing strategies for: i) improving gut health and feed efficiency in growing fattening rabbits; ii) improving welfare of growing rabbits and rabbit does in alternative housing systems; iii) evaluating and reducing the environmental footprint (life cycle assessment approaches are welcome) of rabbit farms; iv) mitigating the impact of heat stress in rabbit production; and v) enhancing the meat quality traits.

Researchers are welcome to submit both original papers and reviews.





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