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Housing Systems in Dairy Production

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The welfare of dairy cows has been found to be significantly influenced by the housing system, with direct consequences on productivity and product quality, as well as on the efficiency of the system in terms of resources and energy expenditure. The main features of future housing systems should include housing conditions and facility design innovations that play a major role in enhancing animal comfort and the expression of the natural behaviour of cows, besides achieving effective indoor climate control, reducing emissions of ammonia and greenhouse gases, and providing environmental benefits coming from making those systems more resilient and sustainable through waste reuse and reduced impact on the landscape.

This Special Issue aims to provide awareness of the role of dairy housing systems in improving animal welfare, dairy productivity, sustainability, and efficiency. To this aim, original contributions from researchers that apply innovative methods and technologies, and address issues of scientific relevance in the design, improvement, and assessment of dairy housing systems are welcome, as well as review articles of innovative aspects of housing systems.



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