Special Issue

Heat Stress and Livestock: Effects on the Physiology

Message from the Guest Editors

Climate change has brought unprecedented challenges to livestock production worldwide, with rising temperatures and more frequent extreme heat events significantly impacting animal welfare and productivity. This special issue aims to compile cutting-edge research examining the physiological responses of livestock to heat stress and innovative approaches to mitigate these effects.

In this Special Issue, we invite original research papers, reviews, and case studies addressing topics including, but not limited to, the following:

Neuroendocrine and metabolic adaptations to heat stress in different livestock species;

Impacts on reproductive physiology and fertility; Immunological consequences and disease susceptibility under heat stress conditions; Genetic and epigenetic mechanisms of thermotolerance;

Novel biomarkers for heat stress assessment; Precision livestock technologies for monitoring physiological parameters;

Nutritional interventions to alleviate heat stress effects; Comparative physiology across breeds and production systems.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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