

Special Issue

New Insights on Factors Affecting Goat and Sheep Meat Production and Quality

Message from the Guest Editors

Goat meat is increasing in popularity worldwide due to a growing demand for lean and nutritious meat. It is important to have an understanding of the factors affecting production and goat meat quality in order to ensure the best possible quality acceptable to consumers. Meat quality is usually defined in terms of tissue composition. Nonetheless, the consumer's perception of meat quality is also important. Consumers generally expect meat to be nutritious, wholesome, fresh, lean, tender, juicy, and flavorful. The efficient use of goat genetic resources is therefore likely to increase farm productivity by reducing treatment needs and costs while contributing to the sustainability of animal production, as well as the quality and safety of meat products. The main aim of this Special Issue is to collate a body of manuscripts on the topic "Goat and Sheep Meat" to detail the current progress and issues and present future solutions. Our challenge as researchers is to deliver new research and results, with a special interest in novel approaches to improve the production and quality of the meat of small ruminants for the livestock sector.

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