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Animal Health: Potential Benefits of Edible Insects: Second Edition

Message from the Guest Editor

The aim of this second edition is to continue research on the nutritional and health benefits of edible insects in animal nutrition. Scientific and commercial initiatives in the field of entomophagy are growing worldwide. Due to widespread disinformation, the topic of edible insects should be based on evidence-based practice. Based on current research and analysis, incorporating insect protein into the diet has been assessed as safe and feasible, and new research suggests that insect-derived ingredients may offer functional health benefits beyond basic nutrition. This research presents edible insects as a truly versatile ingredient, not only as a source of high-quality protein and micronutrients but also as a source of health-promoting properties that contribute to digestive health, immunity, and overall animal well-being. In essence, edible insects represent a holistic approach to animal nutrition, potentially improving health while contributing to a sustainable food system.

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