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Warm- and Cool-Season Annual Pastures for Growing Ruminants in Semiarid Regions

Message from the Guest Editor

The demand for global livestock has increased over recent years, and it is anticipated that the demand for animal products will continue to grow, becoming critical for global food security and nutrition in light of the growing human population. While perennial crops for grazing generally have the greatest potential for economic and environmental benefits, they often leave gaps in forage productivity that must be filled with stored feeds or by the use of annual forages for grazing. Additionally, in semiarid regions, native perennial species have lower productivity in addition to limited active growth periods, and introduced perennial species may not be feasible due to increasingly reduced availability of water for crop production due to urban expansion and climate change. This Special Issue is interested in both reviews and research papers on annual forages for grazing in ruminant livestock production. Particularly welcome are results of grazing trials demonstrating the potential of alternative crops for grazing by ruminant livestock.

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