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Sustainable Grazing Management: Maximizing Livestock Performance While Minimizing Environmental Impact

Message from the Guest Editor

Sustainability in livestock production systems is vital to the environmental and economic health of animal protein production worldwide. Enteric methane is one of the leading greenhouse gasses (GHGs) linked to animal agriculture, and most methane production is linked to the period in life when animals are grazing forages high in cell wall components (i.e., fiber). Aside from GHG production, grazing management systems must also account for changes in the biogeochemical makeup of soil ecosystems, as well as the downstream effects of production on water and air quality. In order for these systems to continue to provide animal-sourced protein for a growing human population, strategies must be identified to address environmental concerns without sacrificing economic viability. This Special Issue will focus on management strategies, including (but not limited to) forage selection, supplemental feeding or grazing methods, that address environmental issues while framing the context of economically viable production systems.

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