Special Issue

Cattle Transport

Message from the Guest Editors

Cattle transport can be thought of as a chain of stressful events, and several studies have shown that transport has a negative impact on the clinical condition, health, and welfare of cattle. Legislation and guidelines specify that cattle must be 'fit for transport'. However, what precisely constitutes a 'fit' animal and how to assess fitness are vaguely defined. For securing animal welfare during and after transport, it's essential to gain a better understanding of the complex interaction between the clinical condition of the animal prior to transport and the risk factors connected to the transport itself. We invite original research papers that address any aspects of cattle transport. Topics of special interest are how transport affects cull cows, pregnant heifers, and unweaned calves in terms of welfare, clinical conditions, behavior, and physiology. These types of cattle might be considered particularly vulnerable, with a reduced ability to cope with the strains of transport because of their clinical conditions. Additional topics may include methods to improve the assessment of animal and different aspects of animal law.

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