

Special Issue

Challenges and New Strategies on Rabbit Breeding

Message from the Guest Editors

The demand for livestock products will increase with the dramatic rise in the world population rises in addition to consumers becoming more conscious and demanding high-quality products. Rabbit husbandry, particularly important in the Mediterranean area and in the semi-arid zones of Africa, Asia, or America, represents a valuable alternative source of good animal protein of high quality. As rabbits are being chosen, worldwide, as a livestock species due to their reproductive and feeding advantages, modern rabbit breeding will face some important challenges that must be resolved to ensure it remains a competitive and sustainable sector. An improvement in breeding systems is needed, and may involve avoiding hormones and antibiotics; enhancing the efficiency of reproductive procedures such as artificial insemination systems or freezing of semen and embryos, among others; extending the productive lifespan of does, and adjusting nutritional systems to optimize the physiological status of animals. This Special Issue aimed to publish manuscripts, including original research studies and reviews, that mainly address any of these topics in increasing rabbit productivity and sustainability.

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