

Special Issue

Quality of Colostrum and Transition Milk

Message from the Guest Editors

Animal health and welfare are still of increasing interest and relevance for consumers. The absence of hunger and thirst and the enabling of typical behavior are of particular importance for livestock offspring during the first phase of life. After birth, the newborn must not only adapt to the extrauterine environment but also to regular food intake. In this phase, the newborn's metabolism and immune system are subject to many maturational and developmental processes, the majority of them directly depending on colostrum and transition milk uptake.

This Special Issue "Quality of Colostrum and Transition Milk" is therefore open to all contributions (original research papers or reviews) aimed at increasing the knowledge of the process and product quality aspects of colostrum; methods analyzing quality and determining ingredients; various aspects of postnatal colostrum management and feeding techniques; effects of colostrum or its components on health or development of the newborn; and hygiene, preservation, and storage of colostrum or transition milk of all mammalian livestock species.

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