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Impact of Environment and Stressors on Animal Welfare

Message from the Guest Editor

Animals experience varying degrees of environmental and psychological stressors throughout their lives. Although, some of these stimuli are essential for life, others can become too demanding, the animal struggles to cope, thus negatively affecting growth, reproduction, performance, productivity, or health. It is not possible to generalize the biological consequences of the impact of stress, but animals cannot be in a state of good welfare if environmental or psychological challenges disrupt either its mental or its physiological state.

We invite original research papers that address the impact of environmental factors or stressors on animal behavior, growth, reproduction, productivity, health, and welfare in the short- and long-term and propose strategies to minimize the negative impacts of agricultural practices.

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