

# Special Issue

## Farm Animal Transport

### Message from the Guest Editor

Worldwide about 70 billion farm animals are produced for food with around two thirds farmed intensively. Most of these animals will experience more than one journey, as the production stages have become more specialised. There is considerable evidence that the stressors associated with handling and transport often negatively affect the health, productivity and welfare of the animals. For meat animals transported to slaughter, meat quality may be impaired by stressful conditions experienced during the transportation. Mortality during transport is common, and may be accepted where levels do not have an economic impact, yet this is both an ethical and a sustainability concern. We invite original research papers that address improved methods for handling farmed animals during loading/unloading, conditions during transit, including vehicle design and on-board monitoring systems, and consequences for animals of being transported in terms of physiology, behaviour and productivity. Additional topics may include the effects of training human handlers and pre-transport conditioning techniques to reduce the impact of transportation.

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