

Special Issue

Relationship between Farm Animal Transport, Disease and Welfare

Message from the Guest Editors

Every year, millions of animals are transported from pasture to farm (and vice versa), from farm to farm, and from farm to slaughterhouse. Animal transportation raises cause for concern for several reasons. Transport can be seen as a chain of stressful events. For welfare reasons, the transport must be carried out with the utmost care to induce as little stress in the animals as possible. However, what is meant by 'utmost care'? Additionally, animal health can be impaired by various pre-transport and transport conditions and may cause injury, reduce performance and promote the development of diseases in animals, which have an impact on the subsequent zootechnical performance of the animals. There is also a well-known relationship between transport characteristics and meat quality. The aim of this Special Issue is to collect the most recent advances about health and welfare aspects in relation to the transport of farm animals. We invite original research manuscripts, literature reviews and case reports covering welfare and health aspects of farm animal transportation and meat quality/further processing in relation to animal transportation.

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