

Special Issue

Monitoring of Behavior, Affective States, and Health to Identify Welfare Concerns of Farm Animals

Message from the Guest Editor

When assessing animal welfare, health, the ability to perform species-specific behaviors, and emotional aspects are the main considerations. Monitoring the behavior, the affective states and the health of livestock is essential to ensure the welfare of animals. Parameters used to measure animals' wellbeing should be measurable, objective, farm independent, scientifically based, meaningful, representative, and reproducible. An ability to link them to thresholds and possibly even record them automatically is also desirable. For this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to): methods of monitoring behavior; affective states or health of livestock; assessment of welfare at housing, transport or slaughter; the validation of measured parameters; and the influence of factors on health, affective states, and behavior of livestock. I look forward to receiving your contributions.

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