

Special Issue

Effect of Extrinsic Factors (Pre Slaughter Handling) on Production Quality (Meat and Dairy Products)

Message from the Guest Editors

Extrinsic factors that can affect or lead to variations in animal food quality (meat and dairy) depend on human procedures and expectations, and thus they can be modified. Modifiable factors include those involved with handling and production systems, feed and feed supplementation, and all productive factors that occur prior to slaughter. The adequate management of animals is one of the primary objectives of farmers in order to ensure a proper quality of animal production. This area of expertise is vital to understand the variation in animal product quality. Since many innovations in this area have been proposed, the aim of this Special Issue is to publish original research papers or reviews concerning extrinsic factors in both meat and dairy, and the interrelations between the joined aspects of quality and animal welfare.

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