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Sheep Lactation, Nutrition and Reproduction

Message from the Guest Editors

Due to public perceptions of sustainability and welfare in intensive cow dairy-farming systems, sheep dairying, with a lower environmental footprint, may become more common. Dairy sheep are highly fecund and have high metabolic requirements to reach their genetic potential. Furthermore, the modern consumer expects that the right to produce and sell high-value dairy products requires a policy of rearing all lambs coupled with high welfare standards and environmentally friendly production systems. These goals create challenges for nutrition and management to support profitable milk production and rearing of all lambs, especially from a forage-base. This Special Issue will highlight research in lactation, nutrition and reproduction in sheep with a strong emphasis toward dairy sheep.

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