Special Issue

Agroforestry for Pig Production

Message from the Guest Editors

Agroforestry is an integrated land-use concept with the simultaneous production of trees (or other woody vegetation) and crops or livestock. When pigs forage in agroforestry systems, they have freedom to behave in a natural way, as optimal foragers with a diet mainly or partly based on grazed natural resources.

The objective of this Special Issue is to publish original research papers or reviews concerning a wide range of topics about integrated pig-tree systems designed to improve animal welfare and meat quality, while reducing ecological challenges related to outdoor pork production and compound feed consumption.

Areas of interest include the following: The effects of integrating pigs and trees on animal, crop rotations, soil, product quality, farm finances and performance, environment, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Nutritional value of foraged and harvested tree biomass and fodders for pigs. Extensive and intensified systems. Traditional and modern pig breeds. Animal handling, behavior, and welfare. Biosecurity and health problems.

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