

Special Issue

Nutritional Quality Assessment in Milk and Dairy Products

Message from the Guest Editors

Recent years have seen growing awareness among consumers, accompanied by changes in their dietary preferences. An increasing amount of food produced at small processing facilities, where the primary goal is high nutritional quality and health benefits, is appearing on the market. The quality of milk is determined by numerous factors, which may be genetic, physiological and environmental. In recent years, the advantages of traditional feeding of dairy animals using pasture forage have been rediscovered. Pasture forage has a beneficial effect on the technological parameters and nutritional value of milk. In intensive systems, various feed additives in the diet of dairy animals have been shown to increase the nutritional value of milk. Another question that has taken on particular importance is animal welfare. We are convinced that the proposed research problem concerning various factors determining the quality of milk and dairy products, as well as methods of assessing them, will expand the current state of knowledge in this field. This is evidenced by all the publications selected for this Special Issue.

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