

Special Issue

Genome-Wide Associations for Growth Traits in Livestock Species

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue focuses on gathering a compendium of genome-wide association studies (GWAS) related to growth traits in livestock. Growth traits are very important for production and are the first to be selected in many species. They show moderate-to-high heritability and potential for genetic gain. GWAS results show that growth traits follow the infinitesimal model, with a few genes making small contributions to expression. However, the main associated regions vary according to the species, trait, breed, population and methodologies applied. Thus, this Special Issue aims to shed light on these not fully understood questions in order to further our understanding of the biological expression of growth traits and to evaluate them.

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