

Special Issue

Toward more ethical, sustainable and healthy pork products

Message from the Guest Editors

The human population is expected to increase from 7.2 to 9.6 billion by 2050, with a dramatic increase in demand for livestock products in the future. Livestock can contribute greatly to food security because it supplies calories, proteins, and essential micronutrients; it can exploit areas where crops grow with difficulty; and it uses feeds that, in several cases, are not appropriate for human consumption. Nonetheless, animal products, meat and pork cured products in particular, are criticized because of their ethical and environmental implications, whereas their nutritional profile is affected by health concerns. The purpose of this Special Issue is therefore to give visibility to the effort of international research to improve these aspects. Articles relating to innovations adopted to enhance the ethical and nutritional properties of meat and cured products supplied by pig chains will be welcome.

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