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# **Innovation Meets Tradition in the Sheep and Goat Dairy Industry**

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The domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goat (*Capra aegagrus hircus*) are small ruminant species widely distributed throughout the world. They are raised in intensive or extensive production systems, usually on a smallholder farming system basis. Sheep and goat dairy products play an important economic role in many countries, particularly in the Mediterranean region, being closely linked to the culture and traditions of vast areas.

Today, traditional ovine and caprine dairy production chains, from farmers to exporters, are facing the challenges of innovation, sustainability, safety, and productivity, while at the same time protecting each product's individual characteristics.

This Special Issue will welcome scientific contributions in the field of ovine and caprine dairy production with ground-breaking perspectives and approaches, from physical-chemistry studies on milk and dairy, to new feeding strategies, herd management, nutritional quality, animal welfare, sustainability, and omics studies.









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