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## Microbiology Research in Meat and Meat Production

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Meat safety and the protection of consumer interests, along with quality of production, are of increasing concern to the public. Other important topics in the agenda of the so-called “research-policy interface” include the effect of micro-organisms in meat, and the factors affecting the growth and survival of micro-organisms, along with meat preservation, public health issues, foodborne diseases, methods for laboratory analysis and quality control of meat production.

Meat production and consumption is therefore a very interesting topic, which includes safety, quality, nutritional, ethical, and marketing aspects, because food is more than a metabolic fuel. It has physiological, psychological, social, cultural, and aesthetic associations that merge to form a gestalt that people endorse and maintain. The contribution of any food towards an individual’s wellbeing is as complex as the individual. In this context, the benefits of consuming food that contains hazards may even outweigh some risks.



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