

Special Issue

Clean Label Strategies and Quality Optimization in Sustainable Meat Science

Message from the Guest Editors

The evolving landscape of global food systems places increasing pressure on the meat industry to balance productivity with environmental responsibility and consumer well-being. As demand for animal protein continues to rise, the imperative placed on sustainable practices, transparency in food production and superior product quality has never been more critical. In response to evolving consumer demands for transparency, health and naturalness, the meat industry is undergoing a significant transformation toward "clean label" practices. Modern consumers increasingly scrutinize ingredient lists, seeking products with recognizable, simple components and minimal processing. This shift presents both challenges and opportunities for meat scientists and producers striving to maintain product quality, safety and shelf-life while adhering to clean label principles. The Special Issue aims to consolidate novel research focused on the intersection of clean label strategies and meat quality optimization, minimal processing techniques and clean labeling to meet consumer desires for healthier, more transparent meat products.

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