

Special Issue

Genetics and Genomics of Sheep and Goat

Message from the Guest Editors

Sheep and goat species diverged about 4 million years ago, and were the earliest domesticated animals with economic and nutritional value. As a result of natural and artificial selection over a long period of time, there are now nearly 2,000 species of sheep and goats in the world. In recent years, with the development of the sheep and goat genome, the most important questions related to the promotion of biological research and breeding of these important animals are highly relevant topics of inquiry; this includes the exploration of the genetic basis of important production traits in sheep and goats, and the functional anatomy of key genes.

To this end, this Special Issue invites research articles, reviews, and short communications that include, but are not limited to, the following: genetics analysis and improvements in breeding the important traits of sheep and goats, molecular function dissection, gene regulation mechanisms, gene family evolution, expression regulation networks, and other studies of sheep and goats using high-throughput data.

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