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Unexplored Potentials of the Black Soldier Fly: Behavioral Ecology, Reproductive Efficiency, and Ecological Contributions

Message from the Guest Editors

Black soldier fly (Hermetia illucens L.) have attracted a lot of attention for their larval uses in waste management and as a sustainable supply of protein, presenting potential for creative study. By analyzing how environmental elements affect mating behaviors like lekking and pheromone-mediated attraction, research into the behavioral ecology of adult insects could maximize breeding efficiency. Furthermore, more focus should be placed on the wellbeing and lifespan of insects because studies on physiological markers like oxidative stress levels or stress indicators like movement patterns may yield important information for enhancing productivity and survivability. Studying adult diets, in particular how changes in nutritional input impact fecundity, egg viability, and lifespan could improve reproductive results through customized feeding schedules. Additionally, investigating the ecological functions of adult insects, including their interactions with local species and potential pollination contributions, may deepen our comprehension of their environmental significance.

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