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Environmental Enrichment in Farm Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

The increase in demand for animal protein also increases concerns about farm animal welfare. Within the study of animal welfare, environmental enrichment is considered to be a powerful tool. The main characteristic of environmental enrichment is to reduce stimuli that generate stressful responses and allow the presentation of natural behaviors, avoiding the undesirable occurrence of stereotyped behaviors in confined animals. It also introduces improvements in housing systems and stimulates the desirable behavioral activities inherent to the species, improving their welfare, health, and performance. In this Special Issue, we invite original manuscripts that address novelties surrounding environmental enrichment for farm animals under different housing conditions.

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