



## Specialty Livestock

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In times of public concerns about animal welfare, environmental safety and human health, specialty livestock farming is one of the best agricultural strategies for increasing the sustainability of animal production. Specialty livestock farming allows for the production of food of a very high standard, with respect to the environment and on the basis of locally available feed resources. This Special Issue covers agricultural production systems with a benign impact on the environment and a beneficial effect on the farmed animals: alternative livestock farming, mixed crop-livestock farming, and backyard farming. Specialty, alternative, or unconventional livestock are terms used for animals farmed under systems promoting high welfare standards. The production of these multipurpose animals is both environmentally sound and profitable. The products from specialty livestock are healthier and safer for consumers when compared to commercial livestock, but they require consumer acceptance and finding sales markets. This Special Issue aims to gather the newest research results on specialty livestock species, their role in agriculture, and in the production chain of animal products.





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