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## Small Ruminants and Rural Resilience

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Small ruminants have the potential to promote and support rural livelihoods and gender equity, but there are relatively few recent scientific publications related directly to this subject. Much of the current research is of clear applicability in highly capitalised and intensive systems, but its possible relevance in other contexts is often unclear. Scientific insights are needed to identify and mitigate the constraints on sustainable household or village levels, or peri-urban production, with special reference to their resilience under climate warming, and social, economic and policy challenges.

Reviews and original papers are invited that either (a) enable the current or future constraints on these small-scale systems to be identified, or (b) report on the developments in livestock production science that are of clear potential benefit to the resilience of these systems. Papers that combine both these approaches will be particularly welcome.



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