



Dairy Cow Behavior, Welfare, and Productivity

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The field of dairy cattle welfare science is burgeoning. According to Web of Science, the yearly number of peer-reviewed articles on this topic increased more than 15-fold between 1996 and 2019. The field has expanded not only in volume, but also in scope, with themes such as dairy cattle affective state, welfare assessment, human–animal relationships, and precision technology gaining momentum.

We are proposing a Special Issue with the aim of gathering new science and perspectives on the interrelationships between these three themes. These topics are neither synonymous nor mutually exclusive, and we invite debates on productivity as it relates to dairy cattle welfare, and the importance of natural behavior.

Dairy cattle welfare improvements depend on the incorporation of the latest scientific evidence, but science alone is insufficient to sustain progress due to the influence of societal values. Therefore, while submissions from traditional veterinary and animal science perspectives are most welcome, we also encourage manuscripts from fields such as psychology, sociology, philosophy, and law.

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