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# Factors that Influence the Nutritional, Sensory and Technological Quality of Meat

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

The meat industry is facing times of unprecedented change with global challenges and opportunities and highly demanding consumers showing greater concerns for healthier lifestyles and environmental sustainability. The nutritional, sensory and technological quality of meat is influenced by numerous factors that are covered in this Special Issue. These factors include intrinsic animal properties, such as species, gender and genetics; production aspects, such as diet and supplementation; preslaughter stress associated with handling transportation; and processing factors, such as chilling, aging, packaging, storage and cooking. The adjustment of production and processing to guarantee quality will frequently require addressing interactions and synergies among these factors and in-depth assessment of meat quality attributes through advanced instrumental and chemical analytics and sensory and consumer studies.

We invite you to publish original research papers and reviews that aim to advance knowledge about the influence of on-farm and off-farm factors on the nutritional, sensory and technological quality of meat.







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