



## Special Issue on Pasture and Forage

### Call for Papers

Pasture and forage consisted mainly of grasses, with an interspersed of legumes and other forbs, is plant material eaten by grazing livestock directly as pasture, crop residue, or immature cereal crops, but it also includes similar plants cut for fodder and carried to the animals, especially as hay or silage. Pasture and forage grass which possess strong reproductive capacity can be harvested many times a year, and they are rich in a variety of trace elements and vitamins, all of these characters make them the first choice for livestock. In addition, Grasses also contribute to improving soil physical and chemical properties, maintaining the soil fertility, windbreak and sand-fixation, conserving soil and water, greening the environment and climate regulation. Since the grass could effectively utilize the light energy, development of pasture and forage grass is beneficial to establish stable and high yield farming and animal husbandry production system and maintain the ecological balance. Thus research on pasture and forage are of great importance.

In this special issue, we intend to invite front-line researchers and authors to submit original researches and review articles on exploring **Pasture and Forage**. Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- Forage management
- Grass planting technology
- Pasture and grazing
- Pasture and grass ecological balance

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