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## ***Call for Papers and Positions – First Issue 2020***

### ***Evolution in animal husbandry – Fitting animals or fitting systems?***

**Submissions until September 30, 2019**

Tail docking, disbudding, beak trimming or castration – all these mutilations aim to fit animals into highly efficient farming systems. Reasons are safety of farm workers, avoiding injuries of livestock, keeping the quality of the final product and eventually achieving profitability. Surgical interventions seem to be particularly cruel and not acceptable to a society that takes animal rights more and more into account. But what about fitting procedures that are not as obvious, like cow calf separation immediately after birth or the use of genetic scissors instead of real ones? For society's trust in future animal husbandry and proud identification of farmers with their livestock systems scientific answers and discussions to derive concepts are needed.

With this issue of Landbauforschung we intend to stimulate a controversial discussion of this far reaching topic. We would be very pleased if you could contribute to this issue. We are asking for (1) original research and review papers and (2) science-based position papers from all science disciplines that have a focus on (a) future husbandry practices avoiding mutilations, (b) effects of genetic modifications and breeding on animal welfare, (c) chances and challenges of fitting animals into food production as well as (d) ethical aspects of human driven evolution of animals in husbandry systems. We are looking forward to inspiring contributions.

Please find more information at [www.landbauforschung.net](http://www.landbauforschung.net).

With kind regards,

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