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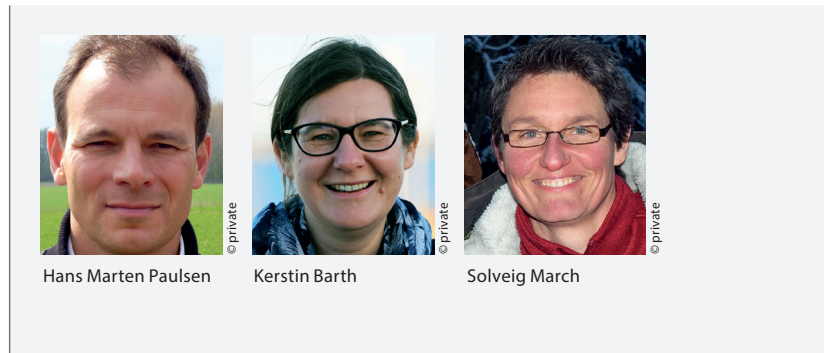
Editorial

Evolution in animal husbandry – Fitting animals or fitting systems?

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Dear colleagues, authors, reviewers and readers!

Livestock welfare and moral responsibility in animal husbandry and the consumption of animal products are focus of the first issue of Landbauforschung in 2020. We are glad that our call 'Evolution in animal husbandry – Fitting animals or fitting systems?' has motivated a wide interdisciplinary and international authorship to contribute approaches from philosophical, theological and social sciences as well as results, reviews and views from veterinary and livestock sciences.

Diverse aspects of welfare in dairy, pig and fish production, as well as responsible treatment of male calves and pigs from birth to the slaughterhouse are described and discussed. Options and necessities for improvements are addressed or highlighted as outstanding claims.

Furthermore, ethical views and the options for changing attitudes as well as the steps in political processes that are needed to define socially accepted standards of livestock production systems and to improve the conditions for our animals are presented. Evaluation schemes and other practical approaches for improvement in animal welfare for sustainable and organic agricultural systems are suggested. The diverse contributions on the question of 'Fitting animals or fitting systems?' indicate that this is an issue that must still be solved by society.

We thank all authors who shared their results and positions, and we are very grateful to all reviewers, whose stimulating and critical appraisals improved the quality of many articles.

The complete review process can be followed on our website landbauforschung.net and provide more information on the discussion of some manuscripts. There you may also join the scientific discussion on all articles published in this journal. We are looking forward to your contribution.

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