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PREFACE

The issue of addressing food and nutrition security is and will remain a huge concern. To meet the demands of a growing population in a changing climate, food systems must become more productive and efficient, but the quality of the food must also be able to satisfy dietary needs. Livestock has shown to be a reliable source of nutritious food. In addition to producing food, livestock has many other advantages. 13 percent of the world's calories and 28 percent of its protein come from livestock.

The global cattle population amounted to about one billion head in 2022, up from approximately 996 million in 2021. Cattle were first domesticated between 10,000 and 5,000 years ago. Cattle have been bred for their meat and dairy products since prehistoric times. Leather is made from cattle skin, while manure is utilized as fuel and fertilizer for crops. One of the most popular types of meat consumed worldwide is cattle meat, such as beef and veal.

The contents of this book cover key areas and relevant information necessary for breeding cattle and mainly focus on practical-oriented concepts on breeding. This book contains various materials suitable for students, researchers, nutritionists, scientists, veterinarians, and academicians in the field of cattle.

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