

Animal Welfare Standards in Organic Farming in The Netherlands

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Abstract

This paper summarizes a literature survey recently performed on the animal welfare status in organic farming in The Netherlands. It is shown that for several aspects of animal welfare, mostly related to behavior, comfort, and feeding level, Dutch organic livestock production performs well. However, several other (mainly health) aspects are still a major point of concern. The results are used for communication and for further improvement of animal welfare standards.

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