

RABBITS AND THEIR PRODUCTS

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Abstract

Rabbit husbandry constitutes a specialized field within animal science with considerable potential, owing to the nutritional and economic value of its derived products. The objective of this study is to examine the valorization pathways of rabbit products, with emphasis on meat, pelts, angora fiber, and manure. The analysis draws upon scientific literature, statistical databases, and comparative assessments of production and consumption patterns at both European and national levels. Findings indicate that rabbit meat represents a high-quality dietary resource, characterized by low fat and cholesterol content, while pelts and angora fiber provide valuable raw materials for the textile industry. In addition, rabbit manure demonstrates significant agronomic utility as an organic fertilizer. Market trends and future perspectives of rabbit farming in Romania are also discussed, highlighting the increasing demand for sustainable and health-oriented animal products. The study concludes that rabbit production holds strategic relevance for the diversification of animal husbandry and for the socio-economic development of rural communities.

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