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Effect of a Beneficial Flora Colonization of Pen Surfaces on Health of Weanling Piglets

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Introduction: Undesirable bacterial colonization of farm surfaces affects animal health after weaning. The objective of the study was to test the preventive effects of a positive biofilm formation on the surfaces of piglet facilities on beneficial flora colonization and animal health. Methods: 494 piglets from two weaning batches (Exp.1 and Exp.2) were allocated in 2 ...

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Minimal Protective Antibody Titers Elicited in Sheep by RVFV MP-12 and arMP-12NSm21/384 Vaccine Candidates

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The live attenuated Rift Valley Fever Virus (RVFV) vaccine candidates, RVFV MP-12, and the recombinant derivative, RVFV arMP-12NSm21/384 (MP-12NSm-del), are among the most promising next-generation domestic ruminant vaccine candidates. While both vaccines consistently elicit protective neutralizing Antibodies (nAb) in domestic ruminants, the minimal protective antibo ...

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Identification of Farmers' Breeding Objective and Traits Preferences of Local Chicken in Doba and Mesala Districts, West Hararghe Zone, Ethiopia

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The study was carried out to describe the husbandry and breeding practices, and identification of farmers' preferences for breeding objective traits of local chicken ecotypes, in the Doba and Mesala districts of the West Hararghe Zone, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia. Samples were selected purposively based on the extent of chicken production potential and the agroeco ...

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Juvenile Crested Gecko (*Correlophus ciliates*) Growth Rate on a Calcium-dusted Dubia Roach and Papaya Diet Versus a Commercial Diet

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Crested Geckos (*Correlophus ciliatus*) are common in the United States pet trade despite limited information on their specific physiology and nutrition. Suboptimal husbandry may be detrimental to animal growth, quality of life, and lifespan. Commercial diets are available; however, many hobbyists prefer feeding calcium-dusted fruit and insect alternatives.

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