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of animals and the immune response. This Special Issue concerns all these challenges in increasing rabbit productivity and sustainability.