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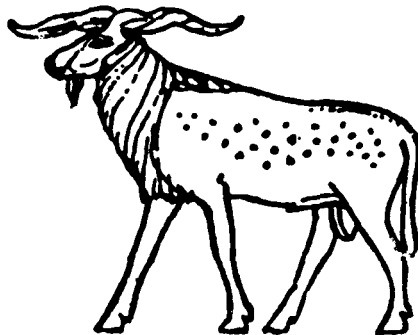
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Preface

This book consists of papers presented at a meeting held at the University of Bristol in June 1992 which was organized by the British Society of Animal Production (BSAP). The meeting was called to discuss and debate recent research and industry developments in the areas of the safety of foods from animals, animal welfare and meat quality. By general consensus, the future success of the animal production industry depends to a large extent on how successfully we deal with the concerns of consumers in these areas.

The meeting started first with statements from speakers representing the major groups in the debate i.e. consumers, supermarkets, farmers and legislators. Then each of the scientific areas was dealt with in turn. Finally, papers were presented by individuals whose job is to implement improved production systems emphasizing safety, welfare and quality. These 'quality assurance schemes' are finding their feet all over the country at present and are a positive way to ensure that animal products are produced in the best possible way.

During the meeting a visit was made to the University of Bristol's School of Veterinary Science at Langford where current research on food safety, animal welfare at slaughter and meat quality was displayed. A poster session was organized and these papers are also presented in this book.

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