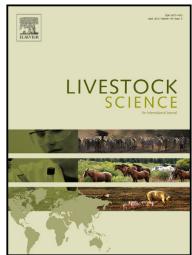
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Abstract

The effects of the combined use of long lactation periods (46 days) with alternative cages on the

reproductive and growth performance of 104 rabbit does and their litters during five consecutive

reproductive cycles were studied. Half of does were housed in conventional polyvalent cages (39

cm x 100 cm x 30 cm) and the other half in alternative polyvalent cages (39 cm x 100 cm x 60

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