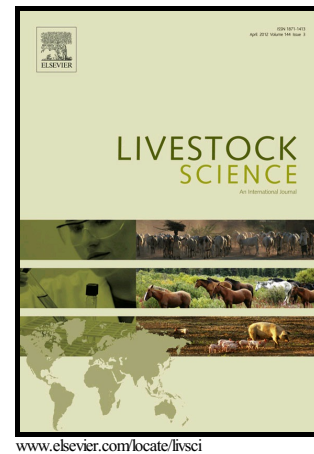


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Abstract

Feral and conventional growth performances were compared using Marismeña cattle as a model. Marismeña calves are commonly reared under feral conditions in one of the most important reserves of Europe (Doñana National Park, Spain). Data recording in these natural conditions faces compromises as animals are only handled once per year. This fact has to be solved to obtain efficient estimations for the biological growth curve of cattle reared under feral conditions. On the one hand,

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