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09:00 Livestock and climate change: combining mitigation and adaptation options and projecting sustainable futures

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11:00 Differential climate change impacts on crop and grasslands and the relative livestock production systems competitiveness

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11:15 Efficiency gains for enteric methane mitigation and productivity: contribution to CSA and investment opportunities.

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Poultry production has increased during recent decades in hot climates where extreme temperatures are predicted to occur more frequently than in Europe. To limit the negative effects of temperature fluctuations on performance and welfare of chickens, an innovative strategy inducing hot or cold acclimation of embryos was established. The long-term effects of changes in chicken egg incubation temperature were studied to understand the physiological and metabolic mechanisms involved in early acclimation, according to the objectives of INRA Metaprogramme ACCAF. Cyclic increases in egg incubation temperature had little effect on hatchability and performance but caused a decline in body temperature of males from hatching to 28 days. They affected plasma thyroid hormones concentrations that regulate heat production, and changed respiratory physiology and stress markers in the long term. Heritabilities were moderate for comb temperature during a heat challenge and the ratio of thyroid hormone concentrations T₃/T₄, suggesting traits relevant to consider in selecting for heat-tolerance in chickens. Chickens having experienced heat during incubation exhibited a lower stimulation of energy metabolism in the liver and breast muscle. Conversely, the use of cyclically cooler incubation temperatures triggered mechanisms limiting oxidative stress at hatching and had long-term effects on mechanisms promoting heat production. These regulations could involve epigenetic mechanisms, such as changes in the methylation status of DNA or histones modifications. Innovative strategies of egg incubation should now be evaluated according to criteria defining sustainability, including not only the effects of these practices on performances of poultry production systems, but also their environmental and social impacts in temperate and hot countries.

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