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PREFACE

With production animal agriculture changing at an alarming rate, the individuals who service these animals, producers, and businesses are called upon to remain current in a myriad of areas. Every farm visit confirms the necessity of possessing knowledge beyond traditional medical and surgical techniques. Veterinarians are challenged to advise producers in areas such as advanced reproductive techniques, precision-feeding, farm economics, facility design, governmental regulations, and biosecurity, to name a few. This second edition of Wiley-Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Ruminant is designed to build upon the first edition by providing food animal practitioners, veterinary students, animal scientists, extension specialists, and researchers with concise and timely chapters relevant to these new challenges. The Five-Minute format allows busy practitioners to access up-to-date information in an easy-to-use format when time does not allow for sifting through the literature. The companion website for the second edition also allows for easier access to information in the field and use of full-color illustrations for improved information transfer.

As we see the consolidation of animal agriculture in many parts of the world, we are also seeing a resurgence of smallholder farming in other areas. To this point, food animal practitioners must be well versed in individual animal care as well as herd management recommendations and production parameters. This textbook, like the first edition, comprehensively covers information useful across a variety of production systems and species and strives for global relevance. Although this text focuses on cattle, sheep, and goats, a significant effort has been made to include key information on other ruminant species including bison, water buffalo, yak, and cervidae as well as pseudoruminants, camelids.

The book editors, along with the hundreds of veterinary specialists who contributed to this second edition of *Wiley-Blackwell's Five-Minute Veterinary Consult: Ruminant*, are delighted to provide this updated text. Our sincere hope is that the reader finds this textbook to be a useful reference guide. Many thanks are also due to Scott R.R. Haskell for his dedication to bringing the first edition of this book to fruition.

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