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The 2019 Circumpolar Agriculture Conference was the tenth in line of international conferences organized within the framework of CAA (Circumpolar Agriculture Association), aimed at people involved in northern agriculture such as researchers, practitioners, administrators, managers, policy-makers and students. The conference addressed a bottom-up approach and new thinking of local agriculture, food production and rural development in the northern areas. The goal was to open up and discuss versatile meanings of circumpolar agriculture and call for new thinking to address its topical challenges and opportunities. In accordance with the theme of Finland’s Chairmanship period of the Arctic Council, UN Sustainable Development Goals were highlighted in the program. The dedicated special issue examines, among others, the best practices and resilient solutions in the utilization of animal and plant resources, local breeds, reindeer herding, small-scale farming and non-timber forest products. Also, it addresses the high quality of arctic foods, their local profitability and business opportunities, as well as the importance of food security and sustainability in different regions and countries.

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