

EXAMINATION OF CORELATIVE RELATION
BETWEEN CONTENTS OF MUSCLE, FAT AND
BONE TISSUES IN BEEF 9-10-11 RIB
CUTS AND SECTION SURFACE OF THE SAME
TISSUES ON THE 11th RIB CUTS

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INTRODUCTOIN

Portion, disposition and mutual relation of muscle, fat and bone tissue in beef carcasses is of extrem importance regarding commercial judgement and clasification of carcasses, turnover of raw beef meat and its most complete using in processing. It is certain that amounts and relations of particular tissues could be best established by total dissection of carcass, but this is long, hard and at the first place very expensive treatment. For this reason noticable efforts are made so that this problem is solved indirectly, by establishing portion of muscle, fat tissue and bones in carcass is estimated by their exactly established portion in some basic part or cut. There is quite a number of papers written on that subject in literature and as the object of total dissection most often "three-rib" cut at the 9-10-11th rib is used (Hankins and Howe, 1946; Crown and Damon, 1960; Ramsey et al., 1966; Brackelsberg et al., 1968; Bergstrom, 1976) or the 7-8-9th rib (Martin, 1966; Bergstrom, 1976). Results of our earlier examinations, established by dissection of beef carcasses and cuts of the 9-10-11th rib, indicate positive, high and statistically significant corelative dependence ($p < 0,01$) between parts of tissues in "three-rib" cuts and whole carcasses: muscle tissue - $r=0,914$; fat tissue - $r=0,825$;

bones - $r=0,969$; (Radovanović 1983). Results similar to ours were established by previously mentioned authors which used dissection of same cut (the 9-10-11th rib) for evaluation of beef carcasses. However, independantly from main accepted opinion that results of dissection of "three-rib" (the 9-10-11th rib) represent good indicator of the portion of particular tissues in beef carcasses still there are efforts in order to find some simpler method so that exactness of evaluation of composition of beef carcasses is diminished. Within the frame of these efforts, we started in our work from the presumption that quantities of muscle, fat tissue and bones in cut of the 9-10-11th rib have a adequate numerical exposures of their surfaces. Because of this we decided to examine if there are any, and of what intensity, corelative relations between contents of basic tissues in 9-10-11th rib cut and surface section of those tissues on cut of the 11th rib. Eventual existence of intense corelative relations between mentioned parameters could point out possibility of prediction of beef carcasses composition by using surface section of basic tissues on the cut of 11th rib, as well as directions for further examinations in this field.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Examination was performed on "three-rib" cuts (9-10-11th rib) from chilled beef carcasses of three weight groups: light (up to 180 kg); medium (180-230 kg); heavy (230-280 kg). All carcasses used in examination were "domestic dappled cow" (YUGOSLAVIAN SIMENTAL) in type of "baby beef" male, age to 18 months. Cut from the 9-10-11th rib was separated from right side of chilled carcasses, cut from cranial edge of the 9th rib and cranial

edges of the 11th rib, and cut parallelly with spine (normally on the ribs) so that 1/3 of higher part of ribs was left on the cut. Section surface of muscle tissue, fat tissue and bones on the cut of the 11th rib was scathed on transparent paper, after that the dissection was performed on "three-rib" cut and dividing of muscle, fat and bone tissues. Every tissue was separately weighed and mass expressed in grams, while establishing of the surfaces of particular tissues on the transparent paper was done by method of computer digitalisation and obtained values were expressed in cm².

RESULTS

Table 1. presents average values established for weight of "three-rib" cuts and particular tissues that were obtained by dissection of "three-rib" cuts in three weight groups of beef carcasses.

TABL. 1.: RESULTS OF DISECTION OF BEEF 9-10-11th RIB CUT

Weight of chilled carcass	Average value	W e i g h t (gr) Three-rib cut	Muscle tissue	Fat tissue	Bones
LIGHT (< 180kg)	x (n=30)	1.769	1.148	236	366
MEDIUM (180-230 kg)	x (n=30)	2.348	1.504	360	466
HEAVY (230-280 kg)	x (n=30)	3.250	2.024	610	560

It is noticed that with the increase of the weight of the carcasses the average weight of "three-rib" cut average weight of "three-rib" cut well regularly getting greater, as well as average weight of all tissues separated by dissection. So, related to the light weight group, average weight of "three-rib" cut of the medium weight carcasses is greater for 32,73 %, and in the group of heavy carcasses increase is 83,73 %. Increase trend of the average weight of separated tissues, with increase of carcass weight, is the smallest for the bones and the greatest for

fat tissue. Thus, related to the light weight group, increase of the average bone weight separated from "three-rib" cut of medium heavy carcasses is 27,32%, muscle tissue 31,24 % and fat tissue 52,54%; in heavy group increase of average weight of the basic tissues is more explicit: 53% for bones, 76,61% for muscle tissue and average content of fat tissue is for 2,5 times greater. Similar tendency are also expressed for the average section surfaces of muscle, fat tissue and bones of the 11th rib cut (tabl.2). Namely, it is noticed that the increase of carcass weight and the "three-rib" cut, have the least influence on the average bone surface and the most on fat tissue. Thus, related to light weight group, the increase of the average section surface of the bones on the 11th rib cut of the medium of heavy beef carcasses is only 1,7%, of

muscle tissue 26,48% and of fat the 33,64%. In heavy weight group, related to light group, increase of average values is even more expressed: 15,67% for bones, 63,51% for muscles and 86,44% for fat tissue. Consenquently to such tendencies shown for the section surfaces of particular tissues, by increasing weight of chilled carcasses total average section surface in the region of the 11th rib is also increased. In this way, related to the light carcasses, average surface of the cut of the medium

TABL. 2.: SURFACES OF MUSCLE, FAT AND BONE TISSUE ON THE CRANIAL SIDE OF THE 11th RIB CUT

Weight of chilled carcass	Average value	S u r f a c e (cm ²)			
		Three-rib cut	Muzcle tissue	Fat tissue	Bones
LIGHT (< 180 kg)	x (n=30)	110,59	55,55	38,64	16,40
MEDIUM (180-230 kg)	x (n=30)	138,58	70,26	51,64	16,68
HEAVY (230-280 kg)	x (n=30)	181,84	90,83	72,04	18,97

weight carcasses is 25,31% bigger and in heavy carcasses group increase amounts to 64,43%.

The results presented in tabl. 1 and 2 and analyses of expressed tendencies clearly point out that by increasing of chilled beef carcasses weight, which is by the way obligatory criteria when commercially judging and evaluating them, all the average values established for the weight and surface on the "three-rib" cut are regularly increased.

Mutual differences of average values, in all the investigated cases are statistically significant on the level $p < 0,01$. Also, knowledge is confirmed that by increasing of the carcass weight, now the "three-rib" cut too, the least is increased content of bones and the most of separable fat tissue; increase of the muscular weight is also significant but the obtained values are in between datas for two already mentioned tissues. Almost the same tendencies are shown for the section surfaces of particular tissues on the 11th rib cut, by wich, though indirectly, connection of previous data and those established by weighing tissue masses separated by dissection of "three-rib" cut.

Research results of correlative dependance between weight of particular tissues on the "three-rib" cut as independantly variable and the

section surfaces of the correspondent tissues on the 11th rib cut as dependantly variables, we present in the tabl. 3.

In the first place, it is noticed that between weight of "three-rib" cut and total surface of the 11th rib cut, there is positive, very high and statistically significant correlative dependance ($p < 0,01$). Also, for all three weight groups and in genera, accordingly independent from the weight of chilled carcasses, very high determination quotients (r^2) were established respectively very low values quotients of undetermination ($1-r^2$). Similar dependances were established for each investigated tissue. Thus, for the muscle within light and medium weight groups, high (0,885 and 0,843), and within heavy weight group, very high correlative dependance (0,974). High correlative dependance was obtained for the separable fat tissue as well and in all of weight groups: light 0,858, medium 0,861 and heavy 0,861. Finally, for the bones high correlative dependance was established within light weight group (0,875), and very high within medium (0,979) and heavy weight group (0,999). All obtained determination quotients are positive and statistically significant ($p < 0,01$).

TABL. 3.: CORELATIVE DEPENDANCES BETWEEN WEIGHT OF MUSCLE, FAT AND BONE TISSUES (gr) - ESTABLISHED BY DISSECTION OF BEEF 9-10-11TH RIB CUTS - AND SURFACES OF THE SAME TISSUES (cm²) MEASURED ON THE CRANIAL SIDE OF THE 11TH RIB CUT

Weight of chilled carcass	Calculated indicators	Three-rib cut	Muscle tissue	Fat tissue	Bones
LIGHT (< 180 kg) n=30	r_{xy}	0,9847	0,8853	0,8557	0,8749
	r^2_{xy}	0,9696	0,7837	0,7322	0,7654
	$1 - r^2_{xy}$	0,0304	0,2163	0,2678	0,2346
MEDIUM (180-230 kg) n=30	r_{xy}	0,9689	0,8426	0,8486	0,9796
	r^2_{xy}	0,9387	0,7099	0,7201	0,9596
	$1 - r^2_{xy}$	0,0613	0,2901	0,2799	0,0404
HEAVY (230-280 kg) n=30	r_{xy}	0,9983	0,9744	0,8615	0,9989
	r^2_{xy}	0,9966	0,9494	0,7421	0,9978
	$1 - r^2_{xy}$	0,0034	0,0506	0,2579	0,0022
TOTAL - n = 90 (independant from the carcass weight)	r_{xy}	0,9978	0,9397	0,9335	0,8859
	r^2_{xy}	0,9956	0,8830	0,8714	0,7848
	$1 - r^2_{xy}$	0,0044	0,1170	0,1286	0,2152

* All the corelative quotients are statistically significant ($p < 0,01$).

d.f.=28
to,05=2,048
to,01=2,763

d.f.=88
to,05=1,990
to,01=2,638

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the research results, established in the conditions of our experiment, essential conclusions may be drawn:

1. As the weight of the chilled carcass is increased, weight of the "three-rib" (the 9-10-11th) cut is regularly increasing as well as the weight of all tissues separated by their dissection: muscles, fat tissue and bones.

Also bigger weight of the chilled carcass reflects on increase of section surface of all observed tissues on the 11th rib cut.

2. Within all three observed weight groups, as well as independently from the carcass weight from which "three-rib" cut comes, quantity of separated muscle, fat tissue and bones is in positive, high ($0,90 < r > 0,75$) or very high ($r > 0,90$) and statistically significant corelative dependance ($p < 0,01$) with the section surface of the corespondant tissue on the 11th rib cut.

3. According to our results, section surface of each tissue on the 11th rib cut could be indicator of their portion in "three-rib" cut, even in the whole beef carcass. Condition for this is establishing through consequent investigations, separately for each tissue, relation between section surface of particular tissue and its quantitative representation in the 9-10-11th rib cut and whole carcass.

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