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Session 2

GROWTH AND MEAT QUALITY

QUANTITY AND FATTY ACID COMPOSITION OF VARIOUS DEPOT FATS IN CASTRATED AND NONCASTRATED HOGGETS FED CLENBUTEROL

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A trial has been conducted on male castrated and noncastrated hoggets fed diets containing energy and protein - 4.1 MJ and 130 g per kg of feed, respectively. The effect of long-term treating (6 months) with Clenbuterol (1 mg/kg diet) on both quantity and fatty acid composition of lipids from different adipose tissues (perirenal, tail, caul, breast, intermuscular) has been studied.

A decrease of lipid amounts was established in adipose tissues in treated (castrated and noncastrated) animals compared to control groups. Clenbuterol leads to some changes in the size of adipocytes and composition of adipose tissue triacylglycerols. Changes observed are associated with physiological state of animals and localisation of fat depots.

VALUATION OF CARCASS DISSECTIONING AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF MEAT FROM TURKEY BREEDING IN TURKIYE.

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In Türkiye, there are some problems about the poultry meat production and consumption. Turkish people have on habitude to eat red meat. So there isn't sufficient research about chemical properties of turkey meat and also using in the meat industry. For this reason this subject must be investigated. In this research 16 turkey were slaughtered and dissected to a breast, thigh, skin with underskin fat, edible offals and trimmings. Carcass and meat yield were determined for each part the protein, water, ash and fat content, pH and the TBA number were determined in thigh, breast and the skin. The total viable count was determined on thigh and breast. As a result, carcass yield and meat yield of carcass were found 75% and 73% respectively. Thigh, breast, trimmings, skin and bone percentage were 18,22,18,17 and 25 respectively. Oil content are between 3-6% for thigh, 1-3% for breast and 21-61% for skin water content are between 70-77% for thigh, 73-78% for breast and 22-77% for skin. TBA number changes between 0.16-0.51 for thigh, 0.08-0.44 for breast and 2-0.6 mg malonaldehyde/kg for skin and fat pH are 6.47 for thigh and 5.78 for breast. Total viable counts were 39×10^4 total cell/gr for thigh and 43×10^4 total cell/gr for breast.

INFLUENCE OF GROWTH INTENSITY AND CARCASS WEIGHT ON CARCASS AND MEAT CHARACTERISTICS OF BROWN BULLS

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Influence of growth and carcass weight on carcass quality and physical-chemical and sensory meat characteristics has been studied in case of 64 brown bulls cross-breed with Brown Swiss (40 % of B.S. blood), fattened intensively to average weight 575 kg. Phenotypical correlations and regressions between certain carcass and meat characteristics have also been studied.

The results of the research show that increase of weight hasn't significantly affected any of the important carcass or meat characteristics. But weight of finished animals or carcass weight has significantly affected most of the important carcass and meat characteristics. In this way carcass weight was in significant positive correlation with subjective evaluation of carcasses ($r = 0,42$), with % of fat in carcasses ($r = 0,47$), with meat : bones ratio ($r = 0,28$), with flavour of meat ($r = 0,34$) and with % of fat in meat ($r = 0,38$). Carcass weight was in negative correlation with % of bones ($r = -0,45$), with % of more valuable carcass parts ($r = -0,31$), with meat : fat ratio ($r = -0,44$) and with % of water in meat ($r = -0,27$).

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The effect of Clenbuterol (1 mg/kg diet) on both quantitative and qualitative carcass characteristics in castrated and non-castrated male hoggets fed diets contained 4.1 MJ energy and 130 g protein/kg feed, respectively.

Clenbuterol intake induces a growth of pre-slaughter weight, slaughter carcass and dimensions (weight and surface) of m.Longissimus Dorsi in both castrated and non-castrated hoggets.

A protein increase was established in the meat and m.Longissimus Dorsi, regardless of physiological condition. Mioglobin decrease as well as some changes in pH, colour, water binding capacity show that Clenbuterol makes worse the quality of meat produced. Drastic reducing of fats in animals treated (about 5 times in m.Longissimus Dorsi and about 2 times in mean meat samples) is not accompanied with changes in their fatty-acid composition.

EFFECTS OF A RESTRICTED GROWING DIET AND/OR A FAT SUPPLEMENTED FATTENING DIET ON FATTY ACID COMPOSITION IN CARCASSES OF BULLS

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It is interesting to increase the unsaturated fatty acid proportion (UFA) in carcasses of fattening bulls, if replacement of saturated by unsaturated fatty acids lowers the incidence of coronary heart disease. The present experiment was designed to examine the effects of protein and energy restriction during growth associated or not with a fat supplement during the fattening period on fatty acid composition in the carcasses.

Twelve Belgian Blue - dual purpose type - bulls were used in a 2 x 2 factorial design. During a 202 days growing period they received a conventional diet (80% concentrate, 20% hay) or a restricted diet (RD) (20% concentrate, 20% hay and 60% straw). During the fattening period, they were given a sugar beet pulp based diet supplemented or not with extruded soya bean (SB). Fatty acid composition of intermuscular (IM) and intramuscular (M) fats of Longissimus dorsi and perirenal fat (PR) was determined by gas chromatography.

The effects of RD on IM fatty acid proportions were a reduction of C18:0 (21.7% vs 29.9%, $P \leq 0.01$) and increase of C18:1 (38.0% vs 31.4%, $P \leq 0.01$) and C18:2 (6.4% vs 3.9%, $P \leq 0.05$) resulting in a increased UFA (47.2% vs 38.3%, $P \leq 0.001$). Similar trends were observed in M but these differences were not significant (48.7% vs 46.6% UFA) except for the C18:1 (37.8% vs 35.6%, $P \leq 0.05$). By contrast PR fatty acid composition was not affected by the RD. The effects of SB were quite similar since UFA was increased in IM (44.5% vs 40.9%, $P \leq 0.05$) but not in M (48.1% vs 47.2%) and PR (40.3% vs 38.6%).

In conclusion RD during growth and SB during the fattening period produced similar effects on fatty acid composition, varying effects being observed according to the fat location.

RABBIT MEAT FATTY ACIDS AS AFFECTED BY DIET FAT

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Rabbit meat is a popular food in Mediterranean countries. Important features of this meat are a high content of protein, phospholipids and PUFAs. Thus, this meat is being well considered in human dietetics. The objective of this study was to investigate if it is possible to reduce the rabbit meat fatty acid saturation to produce a healthier food.

A total of 24 rabbits, consisting of male and female, were used to determine the effects of diets with different fat composition on meat quality. A control diet (CD) containing alfalfa hay (30%), barley (22%), cereal straw (20%), soy bean meal (11%), cereal bran (8%), sunflower meal (7%), salt, vitamins and minerals, was compared with three experimental diets. The composition of these diets was that of the control diet added with 3% tallow (TD), or with 3% oleine (OD), or with 3% soy bean oil (SD).

Animals were slaughtered with a live weight around 2.0 kg. Moisture, protein, fat and fatty acid composition were determined in a meat homogenate from each animal. Statistical analysis was performed using analysis of variance.

Significative differences ($p \leq 0.05$) were found for the chemical composition of the rabbit meat in batch CD *versus* SD, TD *versus* OD, and TD *versus* SD for dry matter; and TD *versus* SD for fat content. Fatty acid composition showed significative differences in the fatty acids: C-14:0 in batches CD and TD *versus* OD and SD; C-16:0 in batches OD and SD *versus* CD and TD, and CD *versus* TD; C-18:1 in batch TD *versus* CD, OD and SD; C-18:2 in batches OD and SD *versus* CD and TD; and C-18:3 in batch SD *versus* CD, OD and TD.

The amounts of C-18:1 and C-18:2 found on the rabbit meat fatty acids were directly related with the diet fatty acid composition.

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The objective of this paper is to investigate the effects of PST administration on slaughter parameters, carcass composition, meat quality, fatty acid composition, the cellularity of skeletal muscle and to compare the effects of various sexes with different final weights. Two hundred twenty eight (228) Landrace barrows, gilts, boars and heavy barrows were assigned within sex group to one of three treatment groups (0, 2, 4 mg PST for 75 days and 2 increasing to 4 mg PST for 102 days to the heavy barrows). The slaughter weights were 90 to 100 kg for barrows, gilts and boars and about 120 kg for heavy barrows. One half of each carcass was used for the measurements. The results indicate that long time treatment with PST improves carcasses without negative effects on the meat. The PST administration to barrow slaughtered at normal weights improves the meat attributes by 14 to 27 %, decreases the fat by 37 to 42 % that means 58 to 63 % controls. The effects in the different sexes are similar in the direction but in barrows higher than in females and boars. Heavy meaty carcasses are possible. An increase of unsaturated fatty acids in treated pigs was investigated. The backfat consistency was a softer texture. The increased lean growth is achieved by enhanced hypertrophy of skeletal muscle fibres.

INTRAMUSCULAR AND INTRACELLULAR FAT CONTENT IN MUSCLES OF PIGS FED HIGH OR LOW PROTEIN DIET RELATION TO MEAT QUALITY

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It is well known that intramuscular fat content (IMF) is important for meat quality. More information is needed, however, about the relation between the lipid stored between muscle fibres and that stored within fibres, as IMF reflects both stores. The aim of this work was to study the relationship between intramuscular and intracellular fat content and meat quality in slaughter pigs of halothane-gene-free Swedish Yorkshire (entire males and gilts) fed a high (HP) or a low protein diet (LP). Immediately after exsanguination, samples from *M. longissimus dorsi* (LD) and *M. biceps femoris* (BF) were taken. IMF was analysed using Soxtec System 60 equipment. Triglyceride content (TG), was analysed on muscle samples that were freeze dried and dissected free from blood, fat and connective tissue. The myosin-APTase stain was used to identify type I, IIA and IIB fibres. Lipid content within fibres was evaluated using histochemical stains. Meat colour was measured as reflectance (EEL), ultimate pH and drip loss 24h post mortem. Shear force values (SF) were measured on cooked muscle samples of LD using Warner-Bratzler apparatus. IMF values were higher in both LD and BF of LP-pigs compared to HP-pigs. TG did not differ between diets in BF but was twice as high in LD of LP-pigs compared to HP-pigs. In LD a positive correlation was found between IMF and TG. TG showed no relation to fibre type distribution. High stain intensity for lipid was only seen in type I fibres. Meat quality did only differ between groups for SF which was higher in HP than in LP-pigs. SF and IMF correlated negatively in LD of LP-pigs. This study shows that lipids are mainly stored in type I fibres and that the differences seen in IMF is only to a minor extent related to TG within muscle fibres. The results indicate that high triglyceride content in muscle fibres may be related to low shear force values.

MEAT QUALITY OF ZEBU CROSS-BREEDS: SENSORY AND MECHANICAL EVALUATION.

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The present study is an attempt to estimate the maximal percentage of Zebú, in Zebú cross-breed, that will not produce changes in meat quality and to evaluate the effect of postmortem meat ageing. All steers (n= 70) of known percentage Angus(AA) and Brahman(B) breeding (AA=14; 3/4A:1/4B=14; 1/2A:1/2B=14; 3/8A:5/8B=14) were reared in Buenos Aires Argentina, from the weaning up to slaughter with high pasture quality. Steers were slaughtered at equivalent outside fat thickness visually monitored by trained evaluators. After chilling (36 hs) the right carcass muscles *semitendinosus*(ST), *gluteus medius*(GM) *longissimus dorsi*(LD) and *biceps femoris*(BF) were sent to INTA-ITC for sensory and mechanical evaluation (Warner Bratzler Shear, WBS). The same muscles of the left carcass were vacuum packaged and aged seven days at 1°C prior to evaluation. Results showed that the AA meat without ageing was more tender than the meat from other groups. Ageing improved tenderness and juiciness in LD of all analyzed cross-breeds. Tenderness of the four analyzed muscles of AA and 3/4A:1/4B cross-breed did not show statistical differences. Measurements obtained by WBS and sensory panel showed less tender meat as the B percentage was increased.

CONCLUSION : meat quality in steers is not affected from AA to 3/4A:1/4B cross-breed. Postmortem ageing improve meat quality in beef animals with different percentage of Brahman.

CARCASS FAT AND INTRAMUSCULAR FAT DISTRIBUTION IN PIGS.

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The quality and quantity of intramuscular fat (IMF) was determined in 31 muscles from eight Duroc Jersey barrows of each of two lines, lean (L) and fat (F) at similar live weight (80.2±3.18 and 81.2±3.44 kg for L and F lines respectively), but different carcass fat (32.9±2.95 and 52.9±4.50 % for L and F lines respectively). The right side of the carcass was kept at -15°C and the muscles were dissected as soon as possible. The muscles were weighted, minced and aliquot samples extracted with the method of Folch et al.(1957). Aliquot portions from the chloroform extract were used to determine the total weight of chemical fat and for compositional lipid analysis. TLC and GLC were used for lipid separation and methyl ester analysis respectively. Differences in IMF distribution were detected between L and F pigs. The total amount of IMF was almost identical (.43 and .41 kg for L and F respectively) in spite of big differences in body fatness between L and F pigs. The highest correlation coefficient between IMF% and TDF% were found for *Biceps femoris*(.74) *Rectus femoris*(.73) *Psoas major*(.72) *Extensor*(.74) and *Rectus abdominis*(.72). The IMF% was high in the F pig muscles compared with the L except for *Mm Vastus lateralis*, *Semi-membranosus*, *Adductor*, *Sartorius*, *Obliquus internus abdominis* and *Transversus abdominis*. The fatty acid composition of IMF lipids shows a strong tendency for a higher percentage of saturated fatty acid in muscles from the F line.

LIPIDS IN LONGISSIMUS MUSCLES FROM GRASS OR GRAIN FED STEERS.

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Sixty four Angus steers fed ad libitum on natural grass up to 340 kg live weight were randomly allocated to two treatment of 32 animals each. T1: The steers were fed ad libitum on natural grass gaining $0.589 \pm$ kg/day and T2: The steers were fed ad libitum with sorghum grain and corn silage gaining $0.651 \pm$ kg/d. At similar degree of finishing appraised by trained livestock evaluators the steers were slaughtered (465 and 436 kg live weight for T1 and T2 respectively) and classified in two grading of carcass fat (GCF), 1 and 2, according to Argentine Meat Board regulations. Subcutaneous fat thickness at 10-12 th rib was also recorded. After chilling 24 hs at 4°C samples of Longissimus Dorsi at 10-12 th ribs were sampled (± 200 g) and kept at -25°C until the analysis were performed. In aliquot samples total intramuscular fat (IMF), fatty acid composition and total cholesterol (C) were estimated. IMF was determined with the Soxhlet method, fatty acid with GLC and total C with enzymatic and colorimetric method. Data were analyzed using the program of variance covariance of the Systat 1987. T1 steers had more body fat (78.2% of the steers in GCF2 compared with 68% in T2) and more subcutaneous fat thickness (9.2 vs. 7.6 mm, $p < .05$) than T2 steers but less IMF (2.9 vs. 3.9%) and C (66 vs. 73 mg % g, $p < .05$). The T1 LD IMF had more n-3 fatty acid less n-6 fatty acid and a higher relation n-6/n-3 (2.1 vs. 1.6, $p < .05$). No important differences between the other fatty acid were detected.

INTRAMUSCULAR VS DISSECTED BODY FAT IN GRASS FED STEERS.

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The relation between intramuscular fat (IMF) in Longissimus dorsi (LD), Psoas major (PM) and Semitendinosus (ST) muscles and body dissected fat was study in 340 grass fed Angus and crosses of Angus with several breeds. The total amount of dissected fat (TDF) was calculated as the sum of the weights of the different fat depots and the values went from 7.2 to 54.1 kg in the left side carcass (5.8 to 34.3 TDF% in the carcass). Two aliquot samples of 10g each from the minced muscles were dried and extracted with hexane for 16 hs to determine the total weight of chemical fat. The data were processed statistically by the NWASTATP Program. The allometric equation proposed by Huxley (1932) was used to estimate the growth coefficients. The average IMF were 2.9 ± 1.4 ; 4.1 ± 1.6 and 1.7 ± 0.7 % in LD, PM and ST muscles respectively. The growth coefficients (b) for IMF content relative to TDF were .976; .70 and .483 for LD; PM and ST respectively. The IMF in LD and PM grow at faster rates ($p < .05$) relatively to TDF than in ST muscle. The simple correlation coefficients between IMF% and TDF% were .62; .61 and .64 ($p < .05$) for LD, PM and ST respectively. In spite of big differences in body fat 62% of ST muscles had less than 3% of IMF and 82% of LD less than 4% IMF.

LIPIDS IN ARGENTINE BEEF CUTS.

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The intramuscular fat(IMF) content, total cholesterol(C) and fatty acid composition(FAC) were determined in twelve cuts from forthy, fat grading 1(FG1)and fat grading 2(FG2), Angus steers selected at random from a commercial explotation. The cuts were dissected and aliquot samples from the lean part, were analyzed. The muscles studied were Adductor externus(A), Biceps femoris (BF), Gluteos superficialis and medious (G), Infraspinosus (I), Longissimus (LD 10-12 th and Ld 5-6 th ribs), Psoas major (P), Rectus femoris (RF), Semimembranosus (SM), Semitendinosus (ST), Supraspinatus (SS) y Tensor fascia latea (TFL). Total IMF was determined with the Soxhlet method, fatty acid composition with GLC and total cholesterol with an enzymatic-colorimetric method. The data were analyzed with the SYSTAT 1987 Statistical program. The IMF% were 3.0; 1.1; 2.2; 3.6; 2.2; 2.4; 3.8; 3.8; 1.0; 1.6; 4.6 and 1.9% in Fat level 1 and 3.0; 1.1; 2.2; 3.6; 2.4; 3.8; 3.8; 2.6; 1.0; 1.6; 4.6 y 1.9% in Fat level 2 for A, BF, G, I, LD 5-6th ribs, LD 10-12th ribs, P, RF, SM, ST, SS and TFL muscles respectively. The average SD and CV % were .8+- .35 and 30+-5.70 in FG1 and 1.2 and 34+-9.41 in FG2. The cholesterol contents were between 46.3 and 58.9 and between 47.7 and 60.3 mg % g for FG1 and FG2 respectively. The average SD were respectively 8.7+-2.81 y 6.0+-2.51. A high negative correlation was founded between the content of IMF and the levels of C in a given muscle but not important differences among muscles in C content. The FAC in the muscles BF and PM shows important differences (42,7-50.3% total saturated fatty acid; 8.5 and 5.0% PUFA; 5.1 and 3.3% n-6 fatty acid; 3.4 and 1.7% n-3 fatty acid).

COMPENSATORY GROWTH AND ZERANOL IMPLANTS: EFFECT ON STEER BODY FATS.

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This study was undertaken to examine the influence of Zeranol implants on intramuscular fat(IMF) of four muscles and in the fatty acid composition of dissected fat from 40 Angus steers under a management program "ad libitum" in a high energy diet(HED) or making compensatory growth with the (HED) after a low energy diet (LED) . The 4 groups with 10 animals each were: ROZO (HED); ROZ1(HED-36mg Zeranol); R1ZO(LED-HED) and R1Z1(LED-HED-36 mg Zeranol). At 400 kg the steers were slaughter and the Mm Biceps brachii (BB), Longissimus dorsi (LD), Psoas major (PM) and Semitendinosus (S) dissected. Samples from subcutaneous(SB), brisket (B), perinephric (PN), pelvic (PV), cod (C), subescapular and internal brisket (BI) fats were also dissected. Two aliquot samples from the minced muscles were dried and then extracted with hexane for 16 hs. A third aliquot was extracted according to Folch et al.(1957) for fatty acid analysis. Multivariate analysis of variance was performed using a least square model. Discriminant factor analysis (DFA) was used to classify the adipose tissues into groups according to its fatty acid composition. Not significant differences among ROZO, ROZ1 and R1ZO in the four muscles MF% were detected but all of them had more IMF% than the RIZI($p < .05$). Considering the SB, B and Pn fatty acid composition was possible to get 100% of the steers correctly classified showing clearly the effect of both factors, food restriction and Zeranol implant in the fatty acid composition of steer body fats.

EFFECTS OF CLENBUTEROL AND SALBUTAMOL ON CARCASS AND MEAT QUALITY OF VEAL CALVES

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60 Black and White male veal calves of 46 kg live weight (LW) were fattened on a 100 % milk replacer ration during 24 weeks. Treatment with β -agonists was from week 21 onwards and included a withdrawal period of 3 weeks before slaughter: 3 groups of 15 calves each were given 0.5 mg clenbuterol (B), 30 mg (C) and 50 mg (D) salbutamol per kg milk replacer (DM) respectively, while 15 calves were left untreated as a control (A). LW increased as a result of treatment and under the same feed intake for the 4 groups, feed efficiency improved (12 - 16 %) reaching significance for D. Carcass weights and dressing percentages (56.5, 59.4, 58.5 and 59.4 % for A, B, C and D respectively) were higher ($P < 0.05$) for the treatment groups. EUROP conformation scores assessed before (A:P';B,C and D:O') and after slaughter (A:O';B,C:O';D:R') improved ($P < 0.05$) and EUROP fatness scores (A:1;B,C:2 and D:3) were lower ($P < 0.05$) for the treatment groups. Effects of clenbuterol were roughly identical to those of the highest dose of salbutamol. Weights of fat depots decreased ($P < 0.05$) for B and D (kidney plus channel fat: 24 %, mesenteric fat: 15 %, fat around rumen and along abomasum: 12 %) and the percentage of intramuscular fat in longissimus muscle (m.l.d.) also decreased. Weights of some organs decreased (liver: 6 - 8 %, kidneys: 8 - 10 %, thymus: 6 - 26 %, pancreas: 14 - 22 %), while adrenal weight increased (8 %). Loin eye area increased (19 % and 24 % for B, C and D respectively; $P < 0.001$) presumably as a result of muscle hypertrophy since protein/DNA ratio numerically increased by 5 (B), 8 (C) and 14 (D) %. Meat quality parameters as a result of treatment indicated a higher ultimate pH (24 and 96 h) for the 3 muscles examined (m.l.d., psoas major and semitendinosus); the greatest effect ($P < 0.02$) was found for the m. semitendinosus. In line with this, glycogen content of the m.l.d. was found to be decreased by 19 % (C and D; $P < 0.05$) directly after slaughter (3 h). Glycogen concentration was found 25 (B), 35 (C) and 45 (D) % lower than the control). Tenderness of the m.l.d. decreased: shear force values determined on days 2, 5 and 10 post mortem increased by 31 - 45 % ($P < 0.02$). Significant effects were found for percentages drip loss on day 5 and 10, cooking loss on day 2, 5 and 10 post mortem and filter paper scores; a numerically lower waterholding capacity was found for the clenbuterol group. Hunter tristimulus colour measurements on the m.l.d. were higher ($P < 0.05$) for the L* (lightness) and lower for the a* (redness) values for the clenbuterol treated calves which is in line with a lower myoglobin content found. In conclusion, clenbuterol and salbutamol given during 25 days improved growth performance (feed efficiency, and LW gain) and carcass quality (EUROP-conformation, dressing % and leanness) of veal calves while meat quality parameters indicated a higher ultimate pH, lower tenderness and for clenbuterol treatment a lighter meat colour.

SERUM-INDUCED MYOBLAST PROLIFERATION AND GENE EXPRESSION DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DOUBLE MUSCLED AND NORMAL CATTLE

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Double muscled (DM) cattle possess nearly 40% more muscle fibers as normal beef or dairy (NM) cattle. Insulin-like growth factor-II (IGF-II) has been implicated in the regulation of myogenesis. Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2 (IGF-BP2) regulates the actions of IGF-II. These, along with other growth factors in serum, may modulate development of bovine fetuses. Twelve DM and 12 NM fetuses were utilized for these experiments to test the effect of fetal serum on muscle cell proliferation in vitro and to determine temporal expression of IGF-II and IGF-BP2 in the liver and muscle of developing bovine fetuses. Crown-rump length (CRL) was used to determine fetal age. At a given chronological age between 20 and 60 cm CRL, CRL of DM fetuses was similar to those of NM fetuses. Incorporation of ^3H -thymidine by L6 and primary myoblast cultures was assessed using media containing serum from 10 DM and 60 NM fetuses grouped by CRL of ≤ 25 , 26-50, 51-75 or > 75 cm. Normal muscled fetal serum-induced thymidine incorporation in L6 myoblasts was greater ($P < .05$) at CRL > 50 than at ≤ 50 cm CRL. Mean incorporation tended to increase with CRL. Thymidine incorporation was 56%, 41%, and 41% greater ($P < .05$) with serum from DM fetuses than that of NM fetuses at CRL of ≤ 25 , 26-50, and 51-75 cm, respectively. Primary myoblast cultures of NM and DM fetuses responded similar to L6 myoblasts. Apparent muscle fiber number of the semitendinosus muscle was 30% greater for DM fetuses than NM fetuses at term ($P < .05$). Skeletal muscle samples were taken from 12 DM fetuses and 47 NM fetuses representing 10 cm CRL growth increments during gestation. In addition, liver samples were taken from 7 DM and 29 NM fetuses. Total RNA preparations from these samples were subjected to northern and dot blot analysis for IGF-II, IGF-BP2 and human skeletal muscle alpha-actin cDNAs. Expression of skeletal alpha-actin in muscle increased ($P < .05$) with age in both NM and DM fetuses, but DM fetuses expressed greater ($P < .05$) amounts of alpha-actin than NM fetuses near term. Relative abundance of muscle IGF-II mRNA decreased ($P < .001$) with age in DM and NM fetuses. Muscle IGF-II expression was less ($P < .05$) at 20 cm CRL, but greater ($P < .05$) at 40 cm CRL in DM than NM fetuses. Insulin-like growth factor II and IGF-BP2 expression in the liver increased ($P < .05$) with age in DM and NM fetuses. Expression of IGF-BP2 was greater ($P < .05$) near term in DM fetuses than NM fetuses. These results show DM fetuses have delayed expression of muscle IGF-II during early development and have greater bovine growth factor activity than NM fetuses. These factors may play a role in the development of bovine muscle cell hyperplasia.

EFFECTS OF BREED, HALOTHAN GENOTYPE AND SEX ON THE LIPID COMPOSITION OF TWO SKELETAL MUSCLES AND ADIPOSE TISSUE IN SWINE

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Fatty acids are well known as energy supplier but also as structural and functional parts of membrane systems. Fatty acids in food, especially in meat and meat products, are supposed to influence blood cholesterol levels. It was the aim of this study to investigate the influence of breed, Halothan-genotype and sex on the lipid composition of two porcine skeletal muscles and two different adipose tissues.

35 pigs of two different breeds (German Landrace = DL, Pietrain = PI), two genotypes (Halothan negative = H-, Halothan positive = h+) and sex were fed with a standard diet ad libitum. After reaching a body weight of approximately 100 kg, the animals were slaughtered, muscle samples (muscle long. thoracis, muscle supraspinatus) and adipose tissues (backfat = BF, intermuscular adipose tissue = IAT) were removed and lipids extracted. Fatty acids were determined by gas chromatography.

The total lipid content was mainly affected by breed and Halothan genotype, where the h+ pigs showed significantly lower total lipid contents. Relative amounts of saturated fatty acids in all tissues examined were significantly higher in DL animals, whereas, except for IAT, the monoenoic fatty acids were significantly reduced. In general, H- animals have significantly higher relative amounts of saturated fatty acids and lower relative amounts of PUFA compared to the h+ animals. Female pigs showed relatively higher amounts of PUFA throughout all tissues.

Our results indicate, that fatty acid patterns are affected by breed, Halothan genotype and sex. Halothan genotype and sex predominantly influence the relative amounts of PUFA and saturated fatty acids, whereas breed modifies mostly the relations between monoenoic and saturated fatty acids.

CARCASS AND MEAT QUALITY OF F₂-CROSSES BETWEEN EUROPEAN WILD BOARS AND DOMESTIC PIGS

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An experiment originally designed for pig genome mapping was used in order to study carcass and muscle development as well as meat quality of F₂-crosses between the European wild boar and domestic pigs. One of the two wild boars used in the parental generation was found to be carrier of the halothane gene, while the domestic sows were non-carriers. In total, 192 pigs from the F₂-generation were studied. These pigs were typed for the halothane gene using a direct DNA-test. As the domestic pigs have been selected for a fast growth rate, this trait was used as a total marker for the influence of domestic and 'wild' genes, respectively. The material was thus divided into two parts, below (Low Growth, LG-group) and above (High Growth, HG-group) the mean growth rate. As the variation in growth rate was large, both live weight and age at slaughter varied. At assessment, the carcasses were divided into cuts. The back and ham were defatted, and the *M. longissimus dorsi* and the large muscles of the ham were weighed separately. Surface reflectance value (EEL), ultimate pH (pH_u), drip loss, pigment content, protein denaturation and shear force value were measured on the *M. longissimus dorsi*.

In comparison with the HG-group, the carcasses in the LG-group were leaner but with smaller muscles, mostly due to a lower slaughter weight. The reflectance value and the drip loss were lower and there was a tendency to less denaturated protein. The effect of the halothane gene was very obvious, although no animals had the gene in homozygote form. Animals carrying the gene were leaner but had higher reflectance value, lower pH_u, higher protein denaturation and higher shear force value. No interaction was found between growth rate group and halothane genotype in any variable.

EFFECT OF DIETARY ENERGY LEVEL ON FREE FATTY ACID COMPOSITION IN BOVINE LONGISSIMUS DORSI MUSCLE

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The aim of this work was to determine if bovine diet energy level induces changes on free fatty acid (FFA) composition of meat. Twenty-four pure Aberdeen Angus steers were divided into two groups. One of them received a diet of mixed grass pasture, and the other, sorghum grain and corn silage. Both groups were slaughtered in the same abattoir after 178 days of treatment. Chloroform extracts were obtained from 24 Longissimus dorsi (L. d.) muscles and 19 subcutaneous fat portions (Folch et al. 1957), 24h after slaughtering. FFA composition was analyzed using Margaria y García (1990a) method and FFA levels using Margaria y García (1990b) technique. FFA levels in subcutaneous fat were higher for grain-fed animals (Gn-FA) than for grass-fed animals (Gs-FA) ($194 \pm 34 \mu\text{mol}\%$ and $160 \pm 52 \mu\text{mol}\%$ respectively) but not statistically different ($P < 0.05$). For L. d. muscle FFA levels were also higher for Gn-FA than for Gs-FA ($202 \pm 23 \mu\text{mol}\%$ and $186 \pm 22 \mu\text{mol}\%$, respectively), but not statistically different ($P > 0.05$). Using multivariate analysis of variance, the FFAs composition of both groups resulted statistically different ($P < 0.007$). Univariate comparisons revealed differences statistically significant for 16:1 ($P < 0.001$), 17:0 ($P < 0.001$), 18:1 ($P < 0.011$) and 18:2 ($P < 0.001$) between treatments. The proportions of these FFAs were higher in Gn-FA than in Gs-FA, except component 18:1 that was higher in Gs-FA. A discriminant analysis of the data allows separation into two groups with an efficiency of 100% and 92% for grain and Gs-FA respectively. Although both groups had the same quantities of FFAs, higher quantities of linoleic acid in Gn-FA makes those meat more susceptible to oxidative deterioration than Gs-FA.

DEPOSITION AND COMPOSITION OF MUSCULAR TISSUE IN LAMBS UNDER DIFFERENT FEEDING LEVEL AND CLENBUTEROL PARTICIPATION

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SUMMARY

The effect of Clenbuterol (10 mg/kg diet) has been studied in male lambs fed diet containing different energy levels (4,3; 5,1 and 6,0 MJ/kg diet) and protein (140, 200 and 200 g/kg diet), respectively. A full slaughterer and chemical analysis of carcass and qualitative characteristics of meat have been made. The size of adipocytes of intramuscular fat in m. Longissimus Dorsi and its fatty acid composition have been studied. In contrast to low-concentrated feeding Clenbuterol was established to increasing the value of carcass characteristics and protein in the other two feeding levels. In all the three experiments fat amounts in experimental animals decreases accompanied by analogic change the size of adipose cells. Clenbuterol increases total unsaturation of triacylglycerols in m. Longissimus Dorsi and mean meat sample under high-energy feeding, whilst in the other schemes of feeding it is of reverse effect. The use of β -agonist Clenbuterol does worsen the qualitative characteristics of meat.

EFFECT OF PREGNANCY AND CALVING ON MUSCLE CHARACTERISTICS IN CATTLE

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Twenty-two Limousin females (12 heifers and 10 first calf heifers) were slaughtered at 36 months of age weighing 668 kg and 641 kg respectively, (31 days after calving). Heifers were raised in identical conditions after weaning (291 kg LW), wintered on maize silage and grazed during summer periods, to achieve the same average daily gain (386 g/d) until artificial insemination at 26 months. At the end of the grazing season, they were finished indoors on a maize silage diet for 71 days before slaughter. Calves were weaned from first calf heifers 3 to 5 days after calving. Empty body, hot carcass and offal weights were determined at slaughter. The right side of carcasses (2 x 7) was dissected into muscle, fat and bone. Dry matter, total nitrogen, lipids, pigments (heme iron), total collagen content and heat-labile collagen content were evaluated on *Longissimus thoracis* (LT), *Rectus abdominis* (RA) and *Triceps brachii* (TB). Protein and DNA concentration, and isocitrate dehydrogenase activity were determined on the *Semitendinosus*, LT, RA and TB. Fiber type was determined using an immunological determination (ELISA) with monoclonal antibodies against slow and fast myosin heavy chain isoforms. At days 1 and 8 after slaughter reflectance spectra for colour stability were obtained on a cross-section of the LT and TB. The ageing of meat was studied on LT and TB, measurements were made at days 1, 4 and 14 post mortem.

Heifers produced heavier carcasses than first calf heifers (+ 13 kg). Anatomical carcass composition remained unaltered by calving. Nevertheless, first calf heifers had less internal fat and a higher dressing percentage. The effect of calving produced no consistent differences in nitrogen, lipids and collagen content or collagen heat-labile collagen in the different muscles. Oxidative activity of muscle and fiber type was not affected by calving. Further, after 8-day storage, differences in heme pigment concentration, colour characteristics and metmyoglobin content were not observed. Also, there was no significant difference in ageing of meat between the two groups. Therefore, pregnancy and calving followed by a 30-day finishing period have no major effect on carcass composition and muscle characteristics of heifers.

CARCASS AND MEAT QUALITY OF FALLOW DEER

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There are good conditions for farm rearing of fallow deer /*Dama dama*/ in Slovakia. Introduction of market economy opens further possibilities for development of this not traditional branch of animal production. Elaboration of models of new farms, optimization of slaughter weight, evaluation of meat quality and study of factors which influence it are the main task of the research.

In the first trial we compared the carcass value in three age categories of fallow deer kept in farm /10-11, 15-17, 22-23 months/. Animals at the age of 15-17 months had the highest dressing percentage /59.07 %/. On the other hand the highest share of lean meat cuts /back, thigh, shoulder/ was in the category of 10-11 months old animals /76.95 %/. In the second trial we compared the meat quality of fallow deer kept in farm with wild fallow deer. We used only males. The average slaughter weight was 48.0 kg in the first group and 45.5 kg in the second group. We observed the basic chemical composition, nutritional value, content of mineral substances, physical and technological, and sensorial properties in samples of m. long. dorsi. Meat of fallow deer kept in farm had more intramuscular fat, lower cholesterol and connective tissue proteins contents, higher content of mineral substances, more pale and tender meat, lower cooking and baking losses and it was of less characteristic taste and smell.

CULL COW PHYSIOLOGICAL MATURITY AND ITS EFFECT ON CARCASS AND MEAT QUALITY
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ABSTRACT: An study was conducted in a private ranch with 72 cows (28 Aberdeen Angus and 44 Charolais) that were finished during a period of 150 days in native grass of medium quality. After slaughter and 24 hs chill, the carcasses were classified by physiological maturity using the USDA system adapted to Brazilian conditions, in C Maturity (6-7 years old, 13 cows), D (8-9 years old, 39 cows) and E (over 9 years, 20 cows). The experiment was conducted in a completely random design in a 3x2 factorial. The objective was to determine how physiological maturity affects carcass and meat quality. There was no significant increase in carcass weight in the Angus cows but Charolais were heavier in D and E maturity. Average weight for Angus was 170 Kg and 190 for Charolais. Cold shrinkage was higher in the younger Angus, (2.08%) .97% for D and .68 for E, but the same was not noticed in Charolais that averaged 1.67%. C Angus maturity presented higher shrinkage ($P < .05$) than Charolais. C group show a tendency of displaing better carcass yield in both breeds. Conformation was judged as "Fair" for all carcasses. Angus and Charolais displayed a better finish in D group: 2.70 mm for Angus and 1.74 for Charolais. Longissimus area was not affected by maturity in both breeds being however superior in Charolais. It was not found any significant difference with respect to marbling, color and texture of the lean between maturity groups and breeds. Angus meat was judged similar in tenderness, juiciness and palatability by the taste panel but the shear force was higher (9.99) in E cows against 7.80 for C and D. Charolais also presented similar values for these parameters among maturity groups. Comparing Angus and Charolais the only significant difference was found for the shear value in E group: 9.99 for Angus and 7.41 for Charolais. It can be concluded from this study, that after the bovine has reached maturity little differences can be expected to be found in carcass quality with advancing age.

EFFECT OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON HISTOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF LAMB MUSCLES

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Thirty crossbred ewes and their sixty twin lambs (half ewes and half wethers) were allotted to three management systems. Lambs from these groups were further divided into four finishing groups. Lambs in group 1 remained on their mothers from birth to slaughter at 45 kg. Group 2 lambs were weaned at 8 wk., placed in drylot and fed a standard finishing ration until slaughtered at 45 kg. One twin from each ewe in group 3 remained with the ewe until slaughtered at 45 kg. The remaining twin in this group (group 4) was weaned at 8 wk., placed in drylot and fed similar to lambs in group 2. Muscle samples were collected from the longissimus thoracis (LT) and the semimembranosus (SM) 48h postmortem. Samples were immersed in liquid nitrogen, serially sectioned on a freezing microtome and reacted with NADH-TR and ATPase to determine the oxidative and glycolytic response to the tissue using a reciprocal staining technique. Muscle fibers were classified as Beta-Red (BR), Alpha-Red (AR) and Alpha-White (AW). The BR fibers from the LT muscle in group 1 were larger ($P < .05$) than the same fiber type in group 4. There was a higher number cell ($P < .01$) BR fibers in group 4 compared to the other groups. Conversely, there was a higher percentage of BR and AW fibers in the SM muscle from lambs in group 1 compared to group 3. Group 1 however had a smaller percent of AR fibers than group 3. Although differences in both fiber types and percentages varied by muscle and groups, these differences did not appear to show a consistent pattern.

MEAT QUALITY IN CROSSBREED EXPERIMENTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

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trial of 228 pigs representing five crosses involving Duroc (DU), Landrace (LR) and Large
white (LW) for sows, and DU, Belgian Landrace (BL) and LW for boars were compared to find the
best combination of breeds for different strategies of Spanish meat industry. Pigs were
slaughtered at a live weight of 93.98 ± 3.62 kg in the Carcass Evaluation Unit (IRTA-CTC). There
was a significant effect of sex and crossbred on the carcass characteristics studied. The
crosses with BL and DU as terminal sires (BL*(LW*DU), BL*(LR*LW) and DU*(LR*LW)) showed
significantly more lean percentage (56.4, 56.8 and 55.1) compared with the crosses with LW
sires LW*(LR*LW) and LW*(LW*DU) (53.5 and 51.6). There were no significant effect of sex on
meat quality except for intramuscular fat content. The crossbreeds with BL sires showed a lower
pH, higher L* value and lower water holding capacity than the crosses with DU and LW as
terminal sires. These results indicate that DU*(LR*LW) crosses studied had both a high lean
percentage and a good meat quality. There were no differences between crosses in fat quality
measured using a portable penetrometer. In contrast to fat quality, intramuscular fat is
strongly influenced by genetics, independently of fat thickness. The crosses with 50 % of DU
had significantly more intramuscular fat percentage at the same fat thickness.

EFFECTS OF A MAGNESIUM FUMARATE SUPPLEMENTATION ON MEAT QUALITY IN PIGS

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Magnesium is a cofactor in many enzymatic reactions of protein and energy metabolism. Magnesium is also supposed to
counteract catecholamine effects in stress situations. Stress susceptibility is the main reason for the development of poor meat
quality, e.g. pale, soft and exudative porc (PSE-meat). It was the aim of this study, to investigate the effects of two
supplementation regimes of Magnesium fumarate in the diet of slaughter pigs from different genotypes on meat quality
characteristics.

15 animals of the German Landrace (DL) and 18 of the Pietrain breed (PI) were split in half reactors and non reactors to the
volatile anaesthetic Halothane. These genotypes were equally distributed to form 3 feeding groups with a supplementation of 0g
(control), 10g and 20g of Magnesium fumarate per kg standard fattening diet. Animals were fed ad libitum, starting with a body
weight of 30kg until reaching an approximate slaughter weight of 100kg. After slaughtering, the following criteria were measured:
carcass composition, pH, conductivity, water binding capacity and color at 1 and 24 hours post mortem and in two muscles
(musculus longissimus thoracis and musculus semimembranosus).

In general, meat quality criteria were positively influenced by Magnesium fumarate supplementation. Meat color was less pale,
pH values higher and conductivity values significantly lower in the 10g supplementation group and partly also in the 20g
supplementation group, compared to the control group. Magnesium fumarate supplementation did not affect any of the carcass
composition criteria. Significant differences in meat quality criteria and carcass composition were also found between genotypes.

EFFECTS OF ENZYME FEED ADDITIVES ON PIG PRODUCTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY.

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The effects of enzyme feed additives on pig defecation (excrement volume and its characteristics) and production (growth, utility of feed, health, nutritional conditions and quality of pork) were investigated. All trials were performed on Meicelase (MC), Delicase (DC) and Proctase (PT) in LWD pigs. The volume and characteristics of the excrement were recorded for 12 piglets (about 50.2 kg), which were divided into 3 groups: control group (only formula feed), MC group (formula feed with MC 800 u/g) and DC group (formula feed with MC 500 u/g and PT 50 u/g). These piglets were individually housed and allowed to feed freely for 21 days. A growth and feed efficiency trial was performed using 30 hogs and 30 gilts (about 7.4 kg), which were divided into 3 groups of 10 gilts and 10 hogs each: control, MC and DC groups. These piglets were individually housed and allowed to feed freely for 161 days (189 days after birth). During the feeding test, body weight and feed intake were measured for investigation of the growth and utility of feed, i.e. feed conversion, feed efficiency and daily weight gain. The health and nutritional conditions were evaluated by blood analysis. The quality of the pork was checked when each pig weighed approximately 100 kg and was slaughtered. The left side of the carcass was used to determine the carcass quality. Loin meat was analyzed for physicochemical characteristics such as pH, color and moisture. The three groups were compared for color, odor, tenderness and flavor and given a total score for these sensory evaluations. Addition of enzyme to the feed decreased the excreted volume and improved the characteristics of the excrement for animal waste management. In terms of the body weight gain during the feeding trial, there were no significant differences between the test groups (MC and DC) and the control group. All the pigs in the feeding trial were in good health according to the clinical observation. The pork quality of the test pigs (MC and DC) was found to be comparable to that of the pigs given the conventional formula feed.

HISTOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF FOUR BOVINE MUSCLES AS INFLUENCED BY COMPENSATORY GROWTH IMPETUS

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Supplemented corn silage diets at three levels of dry matter intake (DMI): restricted (R), 1% of body weight (BW) for 120 d; restricted/realimented (RR), 1% and 2.5% of BW for two 60 d periods, respectively; and non-restricted (NR), 2.5% of BW for 120 d, were assigned randomly to 15 individually penned crossbred steers. Steers were weighed and intakes adjusted weekly. R and RR did not differ in gain during the first 60 d, because they lost 10 and 26 kg, respectively, whereas NR gained 41 kg. During the second 60 d, RR gained 97 kg, NR gained 85 kg, and R gained 21 kg. Total gain increased ($P < .05$) with increasing DMI. Extensor carpi radialis (ECR), gracilis (G), longissimus thoracis (L), and semitendinosus (ST) muscles were selected to represent low, average, high/average and high/average growth impetus groups, respectively. Histochemical samples were removed 4 h postmortem; frozen; sectioned; stained for β -red, α -red, and α -white fiber types; and analyzed for fiber areas, percentages, percentage-areas, and red/white and α/β fiber ratios. R groups had larger red/white ratios for fiber area than NR. Muscle affected all fiber characteristics ($P < .05$). ECR had the greatest percent-area β -red fibers, whereas ST had the least. G had the greatest percent-area α -red fibers, whereas ST, L, and ECR were different. ST and L had larger percent-area α -white fibers than G and ECR. A compensatory growth pattern (CGP) existed in muscle fiber characteristics, whereby the R diet had minimum values, RR maximum values, and NR intermediate. Fiber characteristics of muscles reacted differently to diet regimen and affected fiber area more than fiber percentage or percentage-area. Interactions affected the area of all ECR fiber types, whereas only α -white fiber area was affected for G, L, and ST muscles. Fiber areas of muscles with high/average impetus (L and ST) showed a definite CGP. Fiber areas of G (average impetus) were smallest in NR animals. ECR (low impetus) fiber areas generally were smallest in R, intermediate in RR, and greatest in NR animals. Because fiber type and impetus were inherently confounded, it is difficult to say whether muscle effects were due to impetus classification or muscle fiber differences.

EFFECT OF POSTNATAL FEEDING REGIME AND CASTRATION ON MUSCLE FIBER TYPES IN CATTLE
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Twenty-four newborn Montbeliard calves were raised with milk replacer to achieve either a high or low rate of gain, 1 167 g/day and 658 g/day, respectively. At 146 kg, animals were weaned and 6 calves from each group were castrated. Subsequently, all calves were fed a diet of 70 % corn silage and 30 % concentrate that was calculated for a predetermined body weight gain of 1100 g/day. At 300 kg, after which puberty was well established, a biopsy of the semitendinosus muscle was taken. Fiber types were determined using histochemistry (ATPase and SDH activity) and immunocytochemistry with monoclonal antibodies against slow and fast myosin heavy chain isoforms.

This trial shows that a significant number of type IIc cells (with both fast and slow myosin isoforms) remain in these relatively old cattle, regardless of sex and initial rate of gain. The main effect of restriction of food intake is a change in fiber types (increase in type I and decrease in type IIb), and an overall decrease in fiber size, animals being compared at same body weight. No significant differences are observed between sexual types four months after castration.

EFFECTS OF pST ADMINISTRATION TO PREGNANT SOWS ON DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE AND SEMITENDINOSUS MUSCLE CELLULARITY OF THE NEWBORN PIGLETS

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Pregnant Landrace sows were treated with 6 mg porcine somatotropin(pST) per day in different periods of gestation to investigate the effects on the developmental stage of their piglets at birth. The sows were divided randomly into a control group and 3 test groups differing in the treatment period, which was between 10 and 24 (I), 50 and 64 (II) and 80 and 94 (III) days of gestation, respectively. After farrowing from each of the 44 litters one piglet of representative birth weight was dissected. Selected organs and hormone glands were prepared and weighed. Body composition was determined by chemical analysis of samples of the autoclaved and homogenized piglet. Semitendinosus muscles were analysed for histological/histochemical fibre characteristics and for protein and nucleic acids.

In response to the pST treatment of the sows the birthweight of the piglets increased by 4.8% in group III ($P<0.05$). The mean litter size was unchanged. In tendency organs, except spleen and pancreas, and thyroid gland were heavier in group III (by 9 to 33%), and the body contained significantly more fat ($P<0.05$).

There was no increase in semitendinosus muscle weight, length or cross area, although changes in microstructure were evident. Group III showed significantly less nuclei per muscle fibre and per mm^2 ($P<0.05$) and in tendency the DNA concentration was lower, RNA concentration and RNA/DNA ratio were higher compared to controls. In each of the treated groups the percentage of fibres with central located nuclei - i.e. recognizable primary fibres - was diminished, with significance in group I ($P<0.05$), indicating a higher maturity of skeletal muscle at birth. In group I total muscle fibre number was enhanced by 27%, that means by 80.000 fibres. In group II rather a delay of muscle development than an acceleration was indicated by lower muscle weight and protein content ($P<0.05$).

The results suggest that a pST treatment of sows in the late pregnancy accelerates the development of the fetuses leading to higher body weights at birth combined with generally higher physiological maturity thereby enhancing the ability to survive. Treatment with pST in the early pregnancy may induce the formation of more muscle fibres in the fetus representing a higher growth capacity of skeletal muscle.

ISOENZYME PATTERN OF PYRUVATE-KINASE FROM PSE-PORK AND MEAT OF NORMAL CHARACTERISTICS

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In order to investigate the cell biological reasons for the fast glycolysis which is observed during the development of the PSE syndrome in muscles of stress susceptible pigs, pyruvate-kinase (PK) as a key enzyme of the energy turnover in the glycolysis pathway was isolated from M. longissimus dorsi of normal and PSE-prone pigs.

Compared with the enzyme from normal muscles, PK from PSE-muscles showed an increased specific activity, a lower K_m value for phosphoenol-pyruvate and a greater K_{cat}/K_m ratio.

According to the results achieved by isoelectric-focusing techniques, PK from PSE-muscles consisted of three isoenzymes, whereas the normal enzyme showed two bands only. The isoenzymes were isolated by preparative isoelectric-focusing and compared with regard to their kinetic properties. Isoenzyme 3, which is specific for PSE-meat, showed a tenfold higher specific activity and a thirtyfold lower K_m value for phosphoenol-pyruvate than isoenzyme 1. Analysis of the amino acid composition did not reveal differences between the isoenzymes 1 and 3. Furthermore for both isoenzymes serine was determined to be the terminal amino acid.

Phosphorylation and dephosphorylation experiments carried out with the isolated isoenzymes 1 and 3 from PSE-muscles and the complete PK preparations from normal and PSE-pigs showed clearly that the PSE-specific isoenzyme 3 is the phosphorylated form of isoenzyme 1. The kinetic properties of isoenzyme 1 are altered by phosphorylation with the consequence of a higher activity at more acidic pH values in the case of PK from PSE-meat.

CHARACTERISTICS OF MUSCLE FIBERS IN BULLS REGARDING GROWTH INTENSITY AND FAT RATE IN CARCASS

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The main objective of this research was to analyse Simmental (S) bulls from progeny and Simmental x Montbeliarde crossbreeds (SxM). Samples were taken 24 to 35 hours after slaughter from the middle part of musculus longissimus dorsi (MLD) after 7th rib in the right carcass half. On the basis of myosin ATPase activity (PADYKULA and HERMAN, 1955) muscle fibers were divided to type I and type II, and to red and white on the basis of their SDHase activity (NACHLAS et al., 1957). By computer aided method (PERNUŠ et al., 1986) it was possible to measure minimal diameter, area and extent of each muscle fiber from the photograph. In 1 mm² of sample area (OSTERC, 1974) the number of muscle fibers of each type was determined. With higher fat percentage in carcass the rate of red muscle fibers decreased, while the rate of white muscle fibers in MLD increased. Due to higher daily gain the rate of muscle fibers type I decreased, and the rate of type II increased. Simmental sires had statistically significant effect on the rate of all four muscle fiber types, while genotype of SxM sires had statistically significant effect on analysed characteristics of type I muscle fibers, as well as on the number of muscle fibers type I and II per 1 mm² of the sample.

LIPID COMPOSITION OF CARCASS TISSUE FROM TRANSGENIC PIGS

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Fatty acid profiles and cholesterol content of whole carcass ground tissue were compared from transgenic (T) pigs expressing a bovine growth hormone gene to 26 control (C) pigs. All pigs were fed a common diet and were slaughtered at five different weights: 14, 28, 48, 68 and 92 kg. At 14 kg slaughter weight, carcasses from T-pigs contained 38% less fat, 44% less saturated fatty acids (SFA), 48% less monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA) and 38% less polyunsaturated fatty acid (PUFA) compared to C-pigs. At 28 kg, T-pigs had 38% less total carcass fat, 42% less SFA, 46% less MUFA and 24% less PUFA compared to C-pigs. At 48 kg, T-pigs contained 48% less total carcass fat, 55% less SFA, 59% less MUFA and 22% less PUFA compared to C-pigs. At 68 kg, T-pigs had 78% less total carcass fat, 78% less SFA, 79% less MUFA and 53% less PUFA compared to C-pigs. At 92 kg, T-pigs contained 85% less carcass fat, 85% less SFA, 91% less MUFA and 66% less PUFA than C-pigs. Cholesterol content was not different between T- and C-pigs at any of the slaughter weights. However, the trend was for cholesterol content to decrease with increasing slaughter weight. These results suggest a dilution effect of fatty acids in carcass tissue from T-pigs with increasing slaughter weight. Furthermore, total carcass fat follows a different pattern of deposition in T-pigs with increases in slaughter weight compared to C-pigs.

SOURCES AND QUALITY OF BEEF PRODUCED IN ESTONIA

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The aim of this study was to determine the growth rate, some quality characteristics of cattle carcasses and beef derived from Red Estonian and Black-and-White Estonian dairy breeds. Beef constitutes ca 39 % of total meat production in Estonia. The main sources of beef are the young fattening bulls, culled cows, heifers and first lactation heifers. Ca 90 % of beef is produced from young fattening bulls. The mean live weight of young bulls at slaughtering was 420... 460 kg and the age about 20... 22 months. The carcasses of the young bulls were estimated to be the best but the carcasses of culled cows and heifers were not acceptable due to the high proportion of subcutaneous fat as well as fat in the body cavity. The results obtained with the Red Estonian young bulls showed that the proportion of subcutaneous fat increased after 18 months of age and therefore carcass quality was decreasing. In order to get desirable beef carcasses meeting the demands of customers and meat industry, body fat must be reduced by regulating the feeding of cattle and by partial introduction of crossbreeding programs.

INFLUENCE OF NUTRITION ON MEAT QUALITY IN DOUBLE-MUSCLED BULLS

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Objectives: Meat color of three groups double-musced Belgian White-Blue (BWB) bulls, put on different rations, has been compared.

Experimental methods: A first group (A) composed of 28 bulls were fed pulp, barley and soya meal and were housed in farm A. A second group (B) consisted of 36 WB bulls, fed concentrate (10 % spelt) and was housed in farm B. A third group (C) consisted of 18 WB bulls, fed corn silage and was housed in farm A (same farm as group A). The bulls were slaughtered at the age of 15 months (group B) and 20 months (group A). Two or three days after slaughtering, a monocolateral cut was collected (M. Longissimus dorsi: LD). Meat color was measured with the Hunter Lab and the pigment content was determined.

Results: A significant difference in brightness (L-value) and hue (a/b-value) between group A and C and between group B and C occurred in that way that the LD of the 18 bulls of group C had a higher brightness and a lower hue compared with the LD of the bulls of the two other groups. Analysing the a-value (stands for red color) and b-value (stands for yellow color), a significant different b-value was assessed: higher for the 18 bulls, fed corn silage. This means that the meat color is yellower. So the pale hue is the result of a more yellow color of the meat, which should be due to the carotenoids of the corn.

Conclusion: The type of ration seems to influence meat quality, in particular meat color of the LD of the double-musced Belgian White-Blue. The meat of the BWB is known to be pale comparing with other breeds. As a consequence, feeding corn silage seems to have a negative effect on the LD of the BWB that is already relatively pale in itself.

THE EFFECT OF BREED ON THE COLOUR OF THE MUSCLE *LONGISSIMUS DORSI* IN CATTLE

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ABSTRACT

A number of factors, are known to influence meat colour, however, information on the genetic influences on meat colour is scarce and the results conflicting. This study concentrated on the effect of breed on meat colour in both *Bos indicus* and *Bos taurus* crosses. A secondary objective of the programme was to assess the reliability of the subjective meat colour score (MCS) by comparing the MCS to the objective assessment of colour using tristimulus colour analysis.

257 cattle from one southern Queensland feedlot consisting of 6 breeds or crosses were surveyed for meat colour of the LD muscle. The meat quality attributes measured were: age (dentition), fat thickness in mm at the P8 site (rump), hot standard carcass weight, marbling (visual intramuscular fat) score 1-6 at the 10/11 rib site, fat (1-8) and meat colour (1-9) scores at the 10/11 rib site. *Longissimus dorsi* muscle was used to assess the meat colour, fat colour, marbling and texture by a certified assessor, using the AUSMEAT Chiller Assessment Scheme (AMLC Chiller Assessment Manual 1990).

The breeds and crosses used in the trial were: Santa Gertrudis (27), Santa Gertrudis X Hereford (14), Murray Grey (92), Hereford X Murray Grey (9), Angus (61), Angus X Hereford (52). All breeds were fed in the same feedlot on the Darling Downs using normal commercial procedures.

The cattle were all slaughtered at one abattoir and the carcasses processed conventionally. After chilling (24 hours post mortem) the carcasses were quartered, between the 10th and 11th ribs, to expose the LD muscle.

A sample steak, at least 1.5cm thick, was taken from the 10/11 rib site of each carcass. The samples were then chilled and transported to the laboratory.

The colour of the lean (meat) of the samples was assessed using a Minolta Chromameter (CR231) using standard procedures (Minolta Chromameter CR231 users manual). Five replicate measurements were made on both surfaces of each sample. Colour was recorded as Light (L), Chroma (C) and Hue (H).

There were significant differences in meat colour between breed groups. Part of the difference is related to breed differences in growth rate and fatness (at a given carcass weight) and apparently, the differing age, weight and fatness at which breed groups were introduced into the feedlot. This means that the apparent breed differences could be different given differing feedlot practices in relation to these factors.

The relationships between meat colour scores and meat colour measurements were not very close. The reasons for this need to be determined urgently, to further the development of a viable meat colour assessment/measurement scheme.

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Session 3

PRESLAUGHTER AND SLAUGHTER

W LAIRAGE SYSTEM FOR SLAUGHTER PIGS - EFFECT ON BEHAVIOUR AND QUALITY CHARACTERISTICS

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Lairage design on abattoirs has only evolved slowly. While most factories are aware that long narrow pens with solid walls are advantageous, that ventilation must be adequate and watering facilities available, most still hold pigs in large groups (up to 60), which makes it difficult for factory personnel to move pigs from the lairage to the stunning without using force, thus reducing welfare.

The Danish Meat Research Institute has developed a fully automatic lairage system where groups of 15 pigs are held separately and the aim of this research was to investigate the effect of this system on pig behaviour and meat quality characteristics.

The experimental material consisted of 1561 pigs. On arrival at the factory pigs were equally divided between 3 experimental pens and the behaviour noted during the 90 minutes lairage period. After slaughter relevant meat quality characteristics were measured. The results of the study were also compared with 1609 randomly selected pigs slaughtered when the factory still had the old lairage installed.

The results showed that keeping pigs in small groups reduced aggression, even though the 15 pigs did not necessarily come from the same pen. This reduced aggression allowed pigs to rest more quickly and reduced skin damage significantly. Filling and emptying the small lairage system was easy and could be carried out with the minimum of force. PSE-incidence on the other hand was unaffected by group size as was the incidence of DFD-meat and blood splashing.

Compared to the original lairage system at the factory keeping pigs in small groups halved the incidence of skin damage and blood splashing and reduced the DFD-incidence even more. PSE incidence was, however, unaffected.

The new lairage system thus leads to a much better welfare and gives some improvements in meat quality. It is now running routinely on the Danish factory.

EFFECT OF TIME INTERVAL BETWEEN BLEEDING AND THE ENTRY OF CARCASSES INTO THE CHILLING CHAMBER ON PORK QUALITY.

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The present study aimed to evaluate the effect of three time intervals (TI), 30, 40 and 50 minutes between bleeding and the entry of carcasses in the chilling chamber and three chilling rates (CR), in which the chilling chamber temperature of 2°C was attained 2:30h, 4:30h and 6:30h after the entry of the carcasses. Three hundred and sixty carcasses of crossbred Landrace, White and Duroc swine weighing 85 to 95kg body weight were used. Each right half carcass was an experimental unit. The variables using the semimembranosus muscle were temperature of the muscle and pH 1, both measured one hour after slaughter; pH 2, and colour measured by photographic means were recorded 18 hours after slaughter. Water holding capacity measured by unfreezing and thawing the longissimus dorsi and semimembranosus muscle were also measured. All carcasses were subjected to nine treatments with 40 replicates each, distributed in a 3x3 factorial arrangement in a completely randomized design. The exceptions were pH 1 and temperature, which were subjected to three treatments with 120 replicates each. Results showed that pH 1 averages 6.24; pH 2 averages 6.12 and 6.12 were different ($P<0.05$) for TI of 30, 40 and 50 minutes, respectively. A higher percentage of carcasses showing PSE was positively related with TI and negatively related with CR. There was an interaction ($P<0.01$) on pH 2, in which long TI associated with a slow chilling rate resulted in an elevation of pH 2 post-mortem. The meat colour was not influenced by treatments. Semimembranosus muscle subjected to TI and CR treatments was more sensitive to pH 1 and pH 2 in the longissimus dorsi muscle in respect to water holding capacity. An interaction ($P<0.01$) between TI and CR was observed in thaw and heat loss. An improvement in water holding capacity of the semimembranosus muscle was observed by reducing the time interval and increasing the chilling rate. More thaw drip occurred when TI was the longest and CR the slowest.

INFLUENCE OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND PRE-SLAUGHTER BEHAVIOUR ON PIG MEAT QUALITY

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In an experiment designed to study the relationship between behavioural responses of pigs from different sources to pre-slaughter management within the abattoir and pig meat quality, groups of 20 pigs from 5 different piggeries situated similar distances from the abattoir were slaughtered on 6 occasions at 3 weekly intervals. The pigs were selected independently by piggery management on the basis of sex and liveweight specification before dispatch to the abattoir. Each group of pigs was assessed for behaviour during lairage and handling at the abattoir and meat quality post-slaughter. Groups of boars and gilts were assessed on alternate occasions.

The mean ultimate pH (pHu) and colour (surface L* reflectance) of the muscle *longissimus thoracis* 24 hours post-slaughter from each group of pigs was significantly correlated to the number of interactions between handler and pigs in lairage pens ($P<0.01$), processing time between stunning and de-hairing ($P<0.01$) and the level of kicking that occurred after shackling post-stunning and sticking ($P<0.01$). The mean incidence of PSE and DFD carcasses from each group of pigs over the period of the experiment was 23.2 and 15.1% respectively. Although there were no overall significant differences in the incidence of PSE carcasses between piggeries and within piggeries, the incidence in PSE carcasses from gilts from 3 of the piggeries was significantly ($P<0.05$) greater than the incidence from boar carcasses (43.9% vs 15.1% respectively).

It was concluded that although pre-slaughter factors and post-slaughter processing may influence meat colour and pHu, a major cause of variation in pig meat quality is the source of slaughter pigs and this may be due to their previous experience and or genotype influencing their behavioural, physiological and psychological responses to pre-slaughter stressors.

PSE IN PORK: THE GENOTYPE, AS DETERMINED BY THE RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASE ASSAY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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The development of PSE in pork after slaughter is associated with the preslaughter management of the pig as well as with its genetic make-up. Research evidence also points to a genotypic-environmental relationship. With recent developments in the detection of the gene responsible for the development of malignant hyperthermia in the pig, it is now possible to investigate this interaction on a large scale under field conditions.

Four hundred-forty-eight commercial pigs were subjected to one of the following preslaughter treatments under field conditions: feed removal, 44 or 30 hours prior to slaughter; feed removal, 20 or 6 hours prior to slaughter; sorting and weighed, 44 or 30 hours prior to slaughter; sorted and weighed, 20 or 6 hours prior to slaughter. The genotype (NN or Nn/nN) of all pigs was determined by applying the restriction endonuclease assay for porcine malignant hyperthermia on a sample of the LD muscle. The quality of pork (PSE) was objectively determined using the coordinates as measured by the Colormet Meat Probe.

The timing of feed removal relative to slaughter had no impact ($P>0.05$) on the development of PSE in pork. However, the timing of sorting/weighing did ($P<0.05$); sorting/weighing 44 or 20 hours prior to slaughter relative to 6 hours, respectively, improved the quality of pork. Furthermore, the magnitude of the response was higher in the Nn/nN genotype. Regardless of the preslaughter manipulations, pigs of the Nn/nN genotype had poorer pork quality than pigs of the NN genotype. The correlation coefficient between L* and genotype was 0.12 ($P<0.05$).

REDUCTION OF DFD CARCASS PERCENTAGE BY SUPPLY OF SORBITOL BEFORE SLAUGHTERING.

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The aim of these trials was to test the supply of sorbitol in cattle at abattoir to reduce the occurrence of DFD carcass.

Three trials were conducted.

The first trial involved 60 holstein young bulls. The sorbitol supply after an experimental stress increased significantly ($p < 0.03$) the glycogen level in the longissimus dorsi taken by biopsy, only 15 hours after the end of the stress.

The second trial involved 42 normand young bulls. Any difference in the glycogen level at 15 hours after the end of the experimental stress was observed as the sorbitol supply was of 1, 2 or 3 Kg.

The third trial involved nearly 2000 cows waiting during one night at the slaughterhouse. The percentage of DFD carcass was 30% lower ($p < 0.05$) by the supply of 1 Kg of sorbitol per animal.

It was concluded that the sorbitol supply before slaughtering is a useful and paying measure to reduce the DFD carcass percentage.

Further investigations are needed to better understand the metabolic effects of sorbitol.

DOUBLE RAIL RESTRAINER SYSTEM FOR HOLDING LARGE BEEF CATTLE DURING STUNNING

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For the last fifteen years, large beef slaughter plants have used a V-shaped conveyor restrainer for holding large beef cattle during

stunning and shackling. During the last two years, this system has been replaced in nine large plants by a double rail system

developed by the author. The plants have a line speed of 200 to 400 large cattle per hour. In the double rail system, cattle ride

between two parallel moving rails. The rails fit up under the animal's armpits. The animals enter the system by walking over a

spread bar in the leadup race. Solid side panels on each side of the moving rails prevent the animal from tipping sideways.

These panels can be adjusted for different sized cattle. A solid cover over the entrance and the first one-third of the moving

conveyor blocks the animal's vision and keeps the cattle calm. Each animal is stunned with a captive bolt gun while it is riding

along on the double rails. At the same time, the shackle chain is attached to one back leg.

The double rail system is more efficient and humane than the V conveyor it replaced. Cattle enter the double rail system more

easily because they can walk in with their legs in a normal position. Stunning is easier because the captive bolt gun operator can

stand closer to the animal's head. Shackling is also more efficient because the animal's rear legs are separated. In the V

restrainer, the rear legs are pushed together. In a slaughter plant processing 350 large cattle per hour, 80% of the animals

voluntarily entered the double rail system. A prod was required on only 20% of the cattle. To obtain these results, the double

system must be properly installed and illumination of the entrance must be adequate. Poor illumination of the entrance can cause

panic. Employees must also be trained in good cattle handling practices.

CARDIOVASCULAR FUNCTION IN STRESS SENSITIVE PIGS

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The object of this work was to learn more about the way in which stress could lead to death in Stress Sensitive (SS) pigs. In particular looked at the interaction between an acidosis and high circulating levels of catecholamines and K^+ on cardiovascular function. The cardiovascular responses to intravenous injections of noradrenaline and isoprenaline were assessed in anaesthetised SS pigs before and after infusing 0.3 M solutions of either HCl, KCl or NaCl. The HCl infusion produced a systemic acidosis (blood pH = 7.01) and the KCl infusion maintained an increase in plasma K^+ of $2.8 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$, a level which was just below that which induced dysrhythmias. In comparison with the NaCl controls, both the HCl and KCl infusions resulted in a reduction in the vasodilatory (and to a lesser extent) heart rate response to isoprenaline. KCl resulted in an increase in S-T segment depression in response to noradrenaline and isoprenaline. It was concluded that a concomitant acidosis or hyperkalaemia could provide some protection against catecholamine overloading during stress, but, the effect of K^+ would depend on the degree of the hyperkalaemia as at high levels it would cause lethal dysrhythmic episodes.

pH VARIATIONS AND CARCASS BRUISING IN BEEF CARCASSES FROM TWO SLAUGHTERHOUSES

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Abstract

The aim of this work was to evaluate the frequency of meat with high pH and to describe the extent and character of bruising in cows and young bulls.

The examination includes 2360 heads of cattle slaughtered at two different slaughterhouses: 62 % young bulls, 33 % cows, heifers and 1 % steers. The following information was recorded: transport method (loose or tied), acquisition through market or delivery from farm, dehorned/horned, lairage conditions at the slaughterhouse, category, EUROP-conformation and carcass weight.

The carcasses were electrically stimulated for 20 seconds (young bulls) or 30 seconds (cows). pH was measured in the longissimus dorsi muscle 20 hours post mortem. The results of the pH measurements were categorised as: "normal" pH = pH 5.4 - 5.9, "slightly elevated" pH = 5.9 < pH < 6.2 and "very high" pH = pH > 6.2. Evaluation of bruising was carried out on the slaughterline immediately after dehiding and evisceration. Observations were made in three areas: shoulder, loin and rump, and the severity described as: bruise, heavy bruise and deep bruise.

3 % of the carcasses had pH > 6.2. The incidence was 5 % in young bulls and 2 % in cows. The incidence of cows with pH > 6.2 was higher than expected, although low. No previous investigations in Denmark have had that many cows with high pH. 2 % of the carcasses had deep bruises on the shoulder and loin, and 5 % of the carcasses had deep bruises on the rump. 6 % of the heavy bruising were found on the shoulder, 8 % on the loin and 13 % on the rump. The bruises on the rump were mostly found on tuber ischiacii and tuber coxae. There was a tendency to find most carcasses with pH > 6.2 among carcasses with deep bruises. 2 % of the young bulls had deep bruises on the rump compared to 12 % of the cows. Transport method, supply route, horns, lairage conditions, category, EUROP-conformation and carcass weight were found to account for about 13 % of the variations in pH, and 19, 22 and 25 % respectively, of the variations in bruises on the shoulder, loin and rump.

THE STUDY OF MICROSTRUCTURE OF SLAUGHTER ANIMALS MEAT UNDER CONDITIONS OF ECOLOGICAL DISBALANCE

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Ecological disbalance influences significantly quality of raw material. For this reason we conducted complex and microstructural research of beef and pork on early stages of ageing including qualitative and quantitative histological and cytological analysis. According to pH value of meat and to its colour characteristics raw material was divided into three groups: normal, PSE and DFD meat. Meat differing from normal meat, dark and firm meat (DFD) was characterized by longer ageing and by increased water-holding ability. Pale, soft and exudative meat (PSE) was characterized by more active ageing and by greater amount of destructive changes in muscle fibers. Water-holding ability of this meat was lower. Thus, ecological disbalance at breeding of meat animals leads to changes of quality parameters of meat, increasing availability of more DFD and PSE meat with changed structure of muscle tissue, character and time of ageing. With this account earlier prediction of meat quality is required along with adjustments of technological regimes of processing aiming at improving quality of finished meat products.

STRESS SENSITIVITY AND MEAT QUALITY VALUATION FROM SOWS BY BIOPTIC METHOD

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Breeding tests for improving stress resistance and meat quality were made from 650 sows of Slovak landras breed. The results confirm that during a two year period no halotan positive individuals were found in this breed. In the 8 year period, when the meat quality was observed by bioptic method, there was a decrease of PSE meat occurrence from 13,6 % to 4,5 %.

In the experiment, we worked with posterity of 30 sows from boars with bad meat quality (B). 326 head were tested in weight of 20-25 kg by halotan (5min., 5 % narkotan spofa). In the weight of 85-90 kg was made meat quality test by bioptic method. Three groups were built: "I" group H; B- n = 10 heads; II. group H; B+ n = 10 heads; III. group H; B- n = 10 heads.

To sows in the weight of 95 kg a canyla was inserted to vena cava superior. It was possible to take blood without stress. CK-test was made in the equipment for compulsory motion of sows in the length of 250-700 m. Blood taking was made before the work and 24 hours later. In blood plasma were searched the important enzymes nad material metabolities. We are inserting into the musculus longissimus thoracis et lumborum - m.l.t. At the 14th thorax vertebra. Sting depth was 5 cm, average taking sample was 0,62 g and varied from 0,52-0,85 g using canyla with Ø 8 mm. Muscle tissue was taken using the spring technique for biopsy 2-3 times. Their advantages are especially, that there is no influence of gun powder waste, taking sample is continual, high sting speed secured that the taking is without stressed and wounds from taking are improved very fast.

In bioplate after tissue incubation these factors were observed: pH, R-value, ATP, IMP, CP, laktat, F.W. The meat colour and percentage of trickle water were also observed after killing the animal.

In the observed posterity, we find the occurrence frequency of H+ sows 26,5 %. Occurrence of sows with bad meat quality tested by the bioptic method was 72,6 % and after killing was 69,8 %. Sows with good meat quality were 4,2 % by bioptic test and 3,8 % after killing.

TIME FROM LAST FEED TO SLAUGHTER IN RELATION TO SKATOLE LEVEL OF ENTIRE MALE PIGS HANNE MARIBO

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Abstract

The aim of this work was to find out whether the length of time from last feed to slaughter had an effect on the skatole level in the of entire male pigs carcasses.

The experimental material consisted of 300 entire male pigs supplied from three farms. The farms were selected according to the skatole content in their previous deliveries. Each farm represented in each of the three groups Low, Medium and High skatole level. They were fed ad libitum. The male pigs were divided into two groups. Group 1 pigs were last feed the evening before delivery. Group 2 pigs had access to feed until dispatch to the slaughterhouse.

The average carcass weight was 70.8 kg and the average meat percentage was 61.7.

Group 1 had a significantly lower skatole content in the backfat than Group 2. The average skatole content in the male pigs was for Group 1: 0.12 ppm and for Group 2: 0.15 ppm. There was a significant difference in average skatole content between the pigs from the three farms. Averages for farms 1, 2 and 3 were 0.08 ppm, 0.12 ppm and 0.23 ppm respectively.

The effect of time from last feeding before slaughter was highest in pigs delivered from the farm with the highest average skatole level.

There was no effect on the weight, meat percentage or meat quality (pH₁, rigor, pH₂, marbling or skin damage).

THE EFFECT OF MIXING, FASTING AND GENOTYPE ON CARCASS SHRINKAGE AND PORK QUALITY

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The effects of genotype for stress susceptibility (NN=homozygous normal, Nn=heterozygous, nn=homozygous recessive), fasting and mixing during the period 24h prior to shipping for slaughter upon carcass traits and muscle quality were investigated. A total of 220 pigs of three genotypes (NN,Nn,nn) were assigned to one of two mixing treatments (unmixed or mixed) and one of two fasting treatments (24h off feed). The number of pigs in each of the 12 genotype/mixing/fasting treatment subclasses ranged from 17-22. Pigs of the nn genotype had higher carcass yields (44 g kg⁻¹), and greater lean content in the major cuts (42 g kg⁻¹) than those of the NN genotype. Nn genotype tended to have intermediate values for yield parameters compared to the other two genotypes. Mixing and fasting both resulted in live animal weight losses and a reduction in warm carcass weight. The net result of the fasting and mixing treatments for 24h was a carcass weight ranging from 15-23 g kg⁻¹ depending on the fasting/mixing treatment. Pigs of both the nn and Nn genotypes produced poorer muscle quality than did those of the NN genotype. Fasting of pigs for 24h pre-slaughter only lowered the frequency of pale, soft, exudative pork by a small extent. Mixing, with or without fasting, improved muscle quality in pigs of the Nn and nn genotypes. However, the gains in meat quality due to mixing and or fasting are negated by the decreases in the carcass yield, by the additional carcass damage due to fighting and finally by their possible detriment to animal welfare.

EFFECT OF ADDING NICOTINIC ACID AND NICOTINAMIDE IN PIGS DIETS FEW DAYS PRIOR SLAUGHTERING ON MUSCLE GLYCOGEN CONTENT.

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The glycogen content of muscle at slaughtering is an important determinant of meat quality. Stress factors at this point like fasting, long journeys, social and physical interactions may negatively influence a correct muscle glycogen storing, depletion and subsequent lactate formation in meat. This situation can easily lead to PSE meats, especially in stress sensible animals. There are evidences that high doses of vitamin PP has a tranquillizing effect and we have postulated the influence of this effect on muscle glycogen content and meat quality.

Two trials have been carry out to evaluate the effect of supplemental vitamin PP in pigs diets on muscle glycogen, lactate and 45 minutes pH. In the first trial twenty-four heavy pigs (LW x L x D, 160 kg l.w.) were assigned to one of four treatments with added nicotinic acid (0, 75, 150 and 300 ppm). The basal diet was the same for both trials and contained corn, barley, soybean meals and oat bran. Treatments have been carried out 7 days prior slaughtering. The second trial differed from the first for: vitamin PP (niacinamide), breed (Seghers) and the slaughtering weight of pigs (110 kg l.w.). A colorimetric assay for tissue glycogen based on iodine binding (Dreiling et al. 1987) and an enzyme assay for lactate (Boehringer) have been used.

In the first trial 300 ppm of nicotinic acid where negatively correlated with glycogen content of *m. semimembranaceus* (- 42.4% vs control) ($P < 0.01$), while 75 and 150 ppm increased it respectively of 116% and 48% vs control ($P = 0.098$). In the second trial the glycogen content of *m. supraspinatus* has been increased of 84% and 60% respectively with the 75, 150 ppm treatments and reduced of 8% with 300 ppm ($P < 0.05$). In both trial no significant differences have been shown on 45 minutes pH and lactate concentration.

In conclusion, high doses of niacinamide (300 ppm) that is 30 - 60 times higher than usual adding, few days before slaughtering, reduce muscle post-mortem glycogen content in 110 and 160 kg l.w. pigs, while intermediate doses of nicotinamide (75 - 150 ppm) greatly increase it only in 110 kg l.w. pigs.

EFFECT OF THE DNA BASED RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASE ASSAY TO DETERMINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA AND PORK QUALITY

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A selection of 913 pork loins were sampled in a commercial abattoir in order to relate meat color, water holding capacity (WHC) and ultimate pH (pH u) to the genotype for malignant hyperthermia (MH). Genotype was determined by the restriction endonuclease assay which detects a C to T transition in the ryanodine receptor of pigs affected by MH. This test constitutes the direct measurement of the genetic mutation associated with MH. Color was determined with a Colormet surface colorimeter, WHC by a modified filter paper method and pH u with a piercing electrode. Results show that 75.9% of loins came from normal pigs (NN), 21.7% came from heterozygotes (Nn) and 2.4% came from homozygotes (nn) for MH. Loins from NN pigs were significantly darker ($P < 0.01$) than loins from Nn and nn pigs. Meat WHC was similar between loins from nn and Nn animals but meat WHC from NN animals was greater ($P < 0.01$) than meat from the other two genotypes. Meat pH u was significantly ($P < 0.01$) lower for loins from Nn animals than loins from NN pigs. pH u of nn loins was intermediate between NN and Nn individuals. The data was then categorized with respect to color, WHC and pH u in order to determine the incidence of the different genotypes within categories. Using a L value of 53.5 to discriminate between normal and PSE loins yielded a genotype distribution of 88.4% NN, 11.02% Nn and 0.55% nn in the normal loin class vs a genotype distribution of 67.24% NN, 28.73% Nn and 3.64% nn in the PSE loin class. Meat WHC and pH u confirmed these findings. Correlation coefficients between L values and WHC was 0.58 ($P < 0.001$) and between WHC and pH was -0.717 ($P < 0.001$). Results confirmed previous studies and show that NN pigs can produce PSE meat while Nn pigs can produce normal quality meat. Preslaughter management techniques to enhance meat quality should be considered and implemented in the future.

THE INFLUENCE OF SOME ANTISTRESSORS TO TECHNOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PORK

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The aim of this work was to find some antistressors, which are effective in our conditions for improving pork quality. We made experiments with two antistressors: "Suacron" and aminazine.

Pigs were separated into two groups: experimental group (was injected with antistressor) and control group (was not injected). When "Suacron" was tested the experimental group consisted of 40 pigs (21 barrows and 19 sows), control group - of 35 (18 and 17 respectively). The experiments with aminazine were carried out on 26 pigs (12;14) and 26 pigs (12) were in control group. Pigs for experimental group were injected on the farm. Then they were transported to the slaughter-house. The period from injecting to unblooding was 4 - 6 hours. The samples were taken 48 hours after slaughtering and cooling.

Protein, water, ash, fat contents, pH, heat loss, water holding capacity and colour were determined in pork.

The analysis of results showed that injecting of antistressors did not essentially influence chemical characteristics of pork, but they improved the technological properties of pork. Better results were achieved with "Suacron" than with aminazine: head loss decreased 2.11 and 0.40 % respectively, water holding capacity increased 1.96 and 1.20 %.

PRE-SLAUGHTER BEHAVIOUR AND MEAT QUALITY OF PIGS FED EXCESS DIETARY TRYPTOPHAN

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The amount of stress an animal undergoes pre-slaughter can markedly influence meat quality but animals will vary in their response to stress. Dietary tryptophan has been used to reduce the stress response in horses, humans, mice and rats. This experiment was designed to investigate the use of excess dietary tryptophan to (i) moderate pig behaviour during the penning period pre-slaughter and (ii) reduce the incidence of meat quality problems. Fifty Large White X Landrace entire male pigs weighing 85-90 kg were allocated to one of two treatments; (i) Control or (ii) tryptophan (diet supplemented with 5g of excess tryptophan/kg of feed for 7 days pre-slaughter). There were no consistent differences in behaviour (monitored by video cameras) or stress responsiveness (blood corticosteroids) on the farm between treatments. During the 16h penning period pre-slaughter, the pigs fed excess tryptophan exhibited less aggression ($P < 0.05$) and reduced mounting activity ($P < 0.05$) than the control pigs. Measurements of meat quality (pHi, pHu, meat colour and protein solubility) of the longissimus thoracis (LT) and quadriceps femoris did not differ ($P > 0.05$) between the treatments. Incidence of PSE (LT pHi < 6.0) and DFD (LT pHu > 6.0) was 24% and 4% respectively for the tryptophan treatment compared to 36% and 12% for the control but these differences were not significant ($P > 0.05$). The results indicate that tryptophan fed for several days pre-slaughter can reduce aggressive behaviour in pigs during the waiting period at the abattoir. Although tryptophan treatment did not improve meat quality in this study, pigs with a greater stress susceptibility may have responded with improved meat quality.

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STATUS OF MEAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN PAKISTAN AND SOUTH ASIA

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resentation shows the meat production, consumption and other regional relevant statistical parameters of Pakistan and South Asia with comments on pros and cons. Meat tecnology, laughter, handling, tranport, consumption, practices are shown. Prospects and projections of meat development in Pakistan and region may be discussed in between. Type and possibilities of desireable technologiogs based on Socio-economic, traditional and eligeous background would be delivered and debated as much as possible. Trendy research and meat product themes drawn and shown for the interest of cooperative, aid and commercial otives of different agencies.

EFFECT OF pH AND GENETICS ON TEXTURE CHARACTERISTICS OF DRY CURED HAM.

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xture is one of the most important characteristics of dry cured ham. The main problems on xture in dry cured ham are: soft and/or pasty texture, making the slicing process more fficult, and the incrustation and formation of holes around the coxofemoral joint, being rmally associated with some flavour and aspect defects. The aim of this paper is to study the ffect of pH of the meat and different commercial lines on texture of dry cured ham. Twenty hams pH24>6,2 in the *Semimembranosus* muscle, twenty of pH24<5,8 and thirty hams of three different mmercial lines of the Pig Improvement Company (L15, Duroc; L10, high muscular development; 3, Comborough) were evaluated after 6 months of ripening by a trained panel test. In the high group, crumbliness, pastiness, adhesiveness and softness were higher than in the low pH up. The crumbliness, pastiness and formation of holes around the hip joint were higher in p than in the other lines. The pH and genetic line influenced significantly on the texture dry cured ham.

USEFULNESS OF SOME CHEMICAL-PHYSICAL ANALYSES TO PREDICT THE SENSORIAL QUALITY OF BEEF MEAT

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A multiple linear regression on data obtained from 33 samples of Longissimus dorsi of beefs, different for sex and slaughtering weight (330 - 680 kg) has been used to study the usefulness of some instrumental analyses to predict the sensory quality of meat.

We have considered as dependent variables the sensory characteristics assessed by a trained panel using an 8-point scale: appearance of raw meat; tenderness (ease of sinking, friability and residue after chewing), juiciness (initial and sustained), overall acceptability. The independent variables included: chemical composition, colour (L, a, b, Hunter system), shear force on raw meat, water holding capacity (weep losses, water bath method, filter paper press method). The determination that resulted more useful was the shear force, correlated with all of the sensory characteristics, especially the ones of cooked meat. Secondly, lightness appeared very useful, especially for appearance. As regard the water holding capacity methods, the water bath loss has been more efficient in relation to tenderness, juiciness and overall acceptability.

The 3 above-mentioned variables explained from the 64% (sustained juiciness) to the 72% (overall acceptability residue) of the total variability. Further contributions were provided by: pH and protein content (appearance); water percentage (sustained juiciness). In our experimental conditions, the ether extract (0.16 - 2.29%) did not appear to be useful to predict the meat sensory quality.

VARIATIONS IN PORK QUALITY: A 1991 U.S.A. SURVEY

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Variations in pork quality affect consumer acceptance and utilization for processing.

However, the extent of this quality variation is unknown. During July and August, 1991, 14 pork processing plants (40% of the nation's hog slaughter) were surveyed. The gluteus medius from 10,753 hams was subjectively scored for color, firmness-wetness and marbling. Based on color and firmness scores, hams were categorized as either PSE (pale, soft and exudative), RSE (reddish pink, dark, firm and dry), RFN (reddish pink, firm and non-exudative), or RSE (reddish pink, dark and exudative). Three-fourths of the observations were soft and floppy and one-third were either too pale or too dark. Over 90% contained less than small quantities of marbling. When color-firmness characteristics were combined, only 15% were identified as RFN ('ideal') whereas 16% were PSE and 10% were DFD. More than half the hams were RSE (questionable quality) due to their firmness-wetness even when color was acceptable. One plant possessed a high incidence of PSE (the minimum was 6%), and the incidence of DFD ranged from 4 to 18%.

However, we conclude that if value differentials would be applied at the market, and if appropriate genetic and environmental precautions would be taken, the variation in quality could be either minimized or completely eliminated.

YIELD AND MARKET QUALITY IN PIGS IN RELATION TO SEX, SLAUGHTER WEIGHT AND MEAT CONTENT
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The aim of this research was to investigate the influence of sex, slaughter weight and meat content on the yield and market quality of pigmeat.

The experimental material consisted of 12 groups of 30 pigs selected at a Danish slaughterhouse during the course of one week. The groups were composed of pigs from 3 groups with different slaughter weight, viz. Low (66 kg), Medium (73 kg), and High (77.5 kg). In each weight group pigs were chosen with meat percentages: Medium ($x = 59$) and High ($x = 63$). Half the pigs chosen from each group were gilts and half entire male pigs. The carcasses were split in the following primary cuts: picnic ham, picnic shoulder, loin and belly for the Japanese market, loin and belly for the U.K. market. The weight of the primary cuts was registered individually, and the market quality of the bellies was evaluated.

The results show that for primary cuts the yield was influenced by the meat percentage. There was no difference in results from the weight groups. Entire male pigs had a significantly larger foreend and smaller loin and ham than gilts. There was no interaction between sex, weight and meat content.

An evaluation of quality requirements showed that bellies from pigs with a high meat content were more suitable for the U.K. market than for the Japanese market, where bellies from heavy pigs were preferred.

SENSORY EVALUATION OF MEAT IN YOUNG BULLS FED WITH DIFFERENT DIETS

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The objective of this work was to study the influence of diet, breed, sire and ultimate pH on the meat sensory traits. 72 Brown Swiss and 36 Pirenaico bulls were fed with forages and different proportions of concentrate. The meat palatability was assessed by trained sensory panel on samples of muscle *longissimus dorsi* for tenderness, juiciness, flavour and acceptability.

Bulls fed with forage supplemented with 2 kg of concentrate and finishing period before slaughter, tended to have higher sensory scores for tenderness, juiciness, and overall acceptability when meat had a pH < 6, but with pH > 6 the sensory scores increased and no significant differences were found owing to the diet. No breed effect was found. The mean sensory scores for tenderness, juiciness and overall appreciation were affected by sire. Sire by pH interaction was significant for tenderness, juiciness, flavour and overall. The results of this study indicate that the effect of ultimate pH on meat palatability was more important than diet, breed or sire effects. Sire had more effect than breed. The interaction of pH and diet suggests that meat palatability could be influenced by diet when pH is lower than 6.0 but this effect tends to disappear when pH is greater than 6.0 when meat presents DFD (dark, firm, dry) palatability attributes.

SENSORY EVALUATION OF SPANISH HAM WITH DIFFERENT SALTING PERIODS

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Four lots of Spanish Ham processed in the same traditional way except with different length of the salting period (3, 5, 7 and 9 days) has been submitted to sensory evaluation. The sensory method applied was the Quantitative Descriptive Analysis (QDA) including the evaluation of six analytical hedonic parameters (color, marbling, odor, flavor, juiciness and saltiness) as well as general acceptability, using a standard uniform 10 points scale for all of them. From each ham three different regions were studied. The analysis of variance shows statistically significant differences among regions on color, marbling and flavor. Differences are also shown among hams in color and flavor. From the mean data descriptive profiles are constructed that allow distinguish among regions and hams.

INFLUENCE OF INTRAMUSCULAR FAT ON THE EATING QUALITY OF PORK.

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There is a trend towards leaner pig carcasses in Sweden and it is often believed that the eating quality will necessarily fall as the intramuscular fat (IMF) content is reduced in the meat. The aim of this work was to investigate the relationship between eating quality and IMF in *M. longissimus dorsi* (LD) of normal pork quality.

30 LD with an IMF level ranging from 0.5 to 3.0 % were selected, where other factors which might affect the eating quality such as pH₁, carcass weight, percentage lean, pH₂₄ and FOP₂₄ were kept as constant and normal as possible. The eating quality was assessed by a 9-member taste panel four days post-mortem. As the IMF level differs along the LD muscle, each muscle was assessed as two samples: one anterior (at the seventh thoracic vertebra) and one posterior (at the fifteenth thoracic vertebra).

The sensory tests showed, despite the wide range in the IMF content, that no positive relationship was obtained between the eating quality and the IMF content. Taking into account the effect of the assessors and the placement of the sample along the muscle with multiple analysis of variance, the IMF content was found to affect tenderness. A higher IMF content did, in fact, deteriorate the tenderness in the anterior sample, but only slightly. Juiciness, on the other hand, did not show any relationship with the IMF level. Of the investigated parameters, pH₂₄ affected tenderness most, even though the pH₂₄ did not vary to any great extent (5.36-5.50). A higher pH-value gave a more tender meat. A notable result is that the anterior piece was more tender and tasted better than the posterior piece, whereas juiciness did not differ in the two pieces. In conclusion, the good eating quality of pork, which was the case in this investigation, was maintained even at low IMF values.

TUDY OF THE EFFECT OF THREE PROTEIN SOURCES TO PROVIDE SATIETY IN HUMANS

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This study involved 26 Texas Tech female and 15 male students of normal weight ranges, recruited after screening for taste preferences and demographics. A preload of beef, chicken and fish were fed to subjects followed by fruit-flavored yogurt shakes as the test meal. Subjects were seated in sensory panel booths where odor, lighting, and conversation were controlled. The preload levels of protein sources were determined by offering unlimited quantities of beef, chicken or fish to the subjects on three successive test days. Preloads of 120 g were selected for females and 200 g for males. Subjects were allowed 15 minutes to consume the protein preload then at time parameters of 20 or 40 minutes after the consumption of the preload, yogurt milkshake was ingested. Subjects were asked to consume 100% of the protein source and at the specified time were given the milkshake to drink until satiety (satisfaction or a feeling of fullness) was attained. Quantitative measurements of the milkshake consumption were used to determine the satiety value of the protein source. The data were treated with a 3-way ANOVA with replications. The four variables were protein source, lean beef, chicken, and fish; time delay; particle size; and gender. There was a significant effect for protein source ($p < 0.0001$) with the mean \pm SEM as; beef 290.1 ± 20.9 , chicken 348.3 ± 20.1 , and fish 361.1 ± 19.0 g. and a difference between gender ($p = 0.026$) with females consuming 302.7 ± 12.2 and males 386.0 ± 23.1 g shake. The protein:gender interaction was ($p = 0.003$). Present results indicate that beef satiates longer than chicken or fish of the same fat levels.

ASSESSMENT OF EGYPTIAN BEEF AND BUFFALO NUTRITIVE MEAT QUALITY

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Both male beef and buffalo longissimus dorsi muscles (sirloin), Psoas major & Psoas minor muscles (Fillet) and Extensor & Flexor muscles (leg) of a marketable age (1-5 years) were used to asses the nutritive meat quality. The gross chemical composition of such muscle was assessed using the official method of analysis. The amino acid composition, fatty acid composition, mineral composition were determined applying Amino acid analyzer, GLC and atomic absorption, respectively. The electrophoretic pattern of beef and buffalo muscle extracts were performed using PAGE electrophoresis. The data revealed that 17 amino acids were detected in all studied beef and buffalo muscles in rather variable levels. Meanwhile, 9 fatty acids were present in all studied muscles. The most predominant saturated fatty acids were palmitic and stearic, while oleic acid was the major unsaturated acid.

8 mineral elements were evaluated among which sodium and phosphorus were the major element, while copper and iron were the least element in all studied muscles.

Moreover, the PAGE electrophoretic pattern of the above-mentioned studied muscles revealed rather variable specific fractionation for both beef and buffalo muscles.

THE EFFECT OF MICROCOMPONENTS IN SALT ON SENSORY
AND PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF PROSCIUITTI

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Five types of salt mixtures (prepared by mixing microcomponents, $MgSO_4$, $MgCl_2$, $CaSO_4$ and KCl , $NaCl$ at levels of 0, 4, 8, 16 and 32%, respectively) were used to study the effect of salt composition on sensory and physicochemical properties of prosciutti. Ripening of prosciutti used each salt mixture was followed by measuring parameters including pH, Aw, weight loss, degradation of proteins and ATP-related compounds, extractability of protein and myosin heavy chain, endogenous enzymatic activity of muscle and organoleptic quality. The pH, Aw, IMP, extractability of both proteins and activities of cathepsins, calcium-activated neutral protease and aminopeptidase C and H gradually decreased with the ripening whereas the amount of free amino acids, peptides and hypoxanthine increased. The effect of microcomponents in salt on these phenomena during ripening was recognized as a tendency that the extractability of both proteins and the amount of free amino acids increased depending on the increase of microcomponents in salt. This tendency was noticeable in the first 10 weeks of ripening but a little later. Sensory evaluation of finished products showed that umami and brothy taste intensity became stronger with the increase of microcomponents in salt used. The results obtained suggested that microcomponents in salt had an action to increase the amount of free amino acids caused by the increase of the protein extractability, contributing to the taste development of prosciutti during ripening.

BEEF QUALITY AND FACTORS INFLUENCING IT

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Due to acute necessity of satisfying consumer market demand in high-quality beef of low cost, research aimed at revealing of factors for achievement of this goal, acquires special importance.

Tests performed on young beef animals allowed to conclude that the main factors, responsible for high indices of meat productivity of cattle and for meat quality are conditions of feeding and of maintenance of cattle, and also its breed and sex.

INFLUENCE OF HALOTHANE SENSITIVITY AND OF MEAT QUALITY ON THE SENSORY EVALUATION OF COOKED HAM

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me of the right carcass side of forty-eight pigs were used for the production of cooked ham
De Smet et al., this conference). Sensory evaluation was performed on samples of the cooked
using an untrained panel of 10 judges. The method used was a rank test. In each of twelve
sessions, the panel ranked four samples of cooked ham, two deriving from halothane-positive (HP)
and two deriving from halothane-negative (HN) animals. Three sensory variables were evaluated
with colour, taste and texture. Rank analysis by means of the rank sum method indicated that the
panel preferred the samples of cooked ham prepared from HN animals for all three criteria
examined ($P < 0.1$). However, correlations of the sensory results with the meat quality
measurements were low. Only small differences were found between the means of the meat quality
measurements of the group ranked first and the group ranked fourth. In conclusion, differences
in the sensory evaluation of cooked ham for colour, taste and texture, although apparent in this
experiment, bore little relationship to differences in fresh meat quality.

MEAT COMPETITION AMONG DIFFERENT TYPES OF MEAT CONSUMED STILL AND ESPECIALLY A QUESTION OF PRICE

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PRODUCTION The choice among the different kinds of meat consumed by households is still largely determined by the relation between
price of the different kinds of meat. Nevertheless, other psychological and sociological factors enter into this determination as well. This
study utilizes the results of panel data from a survey of french households (SECODIP) over the period 1977-1991.

MEAT TEND TO INCREASE ITS SHARE OF THE MARKET

this is the case with respect to chicken, turkey, fresh pork and ground beef. Poultry and pork benefit from low costs of production and a
trend of rising productivity. Ground beef benefits from the decline in demand for meat prepared by braising and other slow methods of
cooking inferior cuts, and also from the mechanization of grinding.

EXPENSIVE CUTS AND EXPENSIVE TYPES OF MEAT TEND TO LOSE MARKET SHARE.

this is the case for the cuts of beef and horsemeat used in grilling and roasting, their price in Europe remaining elevated relative to the other
meat. Nevertheless, for lamb, grilling cuts, which used to be expensive fifteen years ago, are increasing their share of the market as a result
of a decline in their relative price associated with the entry of Great Britain into the EEC.

CERTAIN MEATS HAVE LOST MARKET SHARE INDEPENDENTLY OF THE SHIFT IN RELATIVES PRICES.

this is the case for cuts of beef, veal, lamb and horse prepared by braising or other slow methods of cooking. These cuts and kinds of meats
have drawn no benefit from their low retail price as a consequence of the inadaptability of slow preparation to the modern way of life.
this is also true of veal, which for a long time has suffered the consequences of a certain aversion among a certain class of consumers for
meat produced under "industrial" conditions.

CONCLUSION France, like the EEC, has experienced an erosion in the share of the market for meat held by the ruminants, in spite of the
industrial nature of production of non-ruminants. Future reforms of the CAP could exacerbate this tendency by reducing the cost of cereals
used as feedstocks for pork and poultry.

Common Salt Replacement by Modified Potassium Chloride in Italian Salami and Mortadella Sausages:
Influence on Composition and Sensory Properties

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The effect on final composition and sensory properties of reducing sodium content by replacing part of common salt with modified potassium chloride was investigated in Italian typical sausage products. The modified potassium chloride used in this study was supplied by Takeda Chemical Industries, Tokyo, Japan through the Italian representative S. & Co. Italia S.p.A., Milan, Italy; the product, called RIBO-KCl, is prepared in a proprietary manner by Takeda. Salt replacement levels were 0%, 50% and 75% of the amount given in usual recipes; the substitution ratios of salt: RIBO-KCl were chosen so as to keep the water activity values of the original formulations unchanged. The products investigated were a) one-month-ripened fermented sausages (salami) and b) cooked sausages (mortadella, piece weight 1 kg). Sodium content (expressed as mg/kg meat product) of the final products at the three replacement levels were found to be 15200, 4900 and 11100, 4000, 2200 for salami and mortadella, respectively. Preparation and processing of both products was unaffected by the replacement level.

Taste was the only sensory attribute influenced by salt replacement: sensory evaluations by the triangular test procedure showed the fermented sausages (salami) at the higher level (75%) of salt replacement to be the most prone to taste changes.

THE RATIO OF VARIOUS PARTS OF THE GOOSE CARCASS AND DETERMINATION OF THEIR NUTRIENTS

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20 male and 20 female geese sampled randomly from 400 geese were slaughtered and the carcasses were weighed. The carcass ratio and the weight percentage of breast and leg meat to carcass were calculated. The weight ratios of chest meat, leg meat, neck, leg-bone, frame, as well as the meat to bone weight ratio of leg and wing, were obtained after separation.

Meat samples were ground and vacuum dried at 45°C, -650 mmHg while bones were ground to paste using a superparticle grinder before subjected to assay.

Carcass ratio was 63.41% (Shitou geese 65.3%, Xupu geese 65.2%). The ratios of meat weight to carcass were 53.3% (male) and 50.6% (female). The weight ratios of high-quality meat from chest and legs to carcass were 31.2% (male) and 30.5% (female), respectively. The weight ratio of neck and frame to carcass was 25%.

Protein content of bone was 25-30%. The moisture, protein and fat contents of meat were 70-72%, 22-24% and 3-5%, respectively. The shape of bone particles was irregular. The size of bone particles was smaller than 100µm and over 50% of the particles were smaller than 20µm.

SENSORY PROFILE AND ACCEPTABILITY SCORES OF DIFFERENT RESTRUCTURED STEAKS

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The aim of our present work is to study consumer preference and at first to explain the consumer preference by sensory characteristics. We chose to study the influence of texture and taste on acceptability scores.

Materials and methods: The products were 4 restructured steaks different in the size of flakes and the nature of the binder. So we carried out a profile test and a consumer test in order to assess the effect of different manufacturing processes on the sensory characteristics and the acceptability scores. Preference mapping analysis was used to visualise individual opinions and to relate acceptability scores to the profile.

Preference mapping shows that the majority of consumers are strongly fitted to the first (36 % of variance) and the second (34 %) preference dimension. The 4 products are located in 4 different sites of the preference map. This fact could mean that the restructured steaks are assessed using different sensory criteria. In order to understand consumer preference, we related the sensory characteristics to the preference space. So the first preference dimension is mainly explained by salty taste. The second preference axis is related with texture descriptors. Gristle, greasy, stringy are positively correlated with this axis while tender, granular are negatively correlated. Consumers are equally negatively and positively correlated with the second preference dimension. Thus there is no preference for the tenderest restructured meat.

Conclusion: Consumers split either side of both preference dimensions. So there is no overall acceptability consensus for any sensory characteristic.

MEAT CHARACTERISTICS FROM LIGHT LAMB CARCASSES

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Several types of different products have appeared in the local markets and with trade transactions increasing, they are being marketed under the same label. The result being that consumers are disappointed as they are not able to find a standardised product and they lose the interest on traditional products.

The purpose of this study was to compare sensory meat evaluation from different light lamb carcasses.

Light lamb carcasses (9.5-11 Kg) were obtained as follows: a group of animals from Rasa Aragonesa (RA - control group), Rasa Aragonesa (MA), Lacaune suckling lambs (SLA), Lacaune weaned lambs (LA), were produced indoors (housing) and then marketed at 60-80 days; a second group of animals from extensive pasture and 130-160 days old, British (BRI), New Zealand (NZ) and Argentina (A) carcasses; and finally a group of animals from Merino Precos x Merino crossbreed (ME) and Merino (GME) which were produced in pasture and finished with concentrates.

Meat characteristics, juiciness, flavour, and overall palatability were evaluated by a trained sensory panel as the following results show: RA-BRI-ME, RA-NZ-A, RA-MA-SLA and RA-GME-LA. A number of 64 observations have been made from each breed, except for the control (RA) with 256 observations.

Results indicate a higher score for suckling lambs in sensory properties, and a negative effect of weaning in palatability.

Moreover, it is observed that the same production system (same weaning, finishing period) involves homogeneous quality characteristics.

A canonical discriminant analysis with palatability scores, meat quality traits and carcass quality evaluations was carried out to assess the importance of the production system.

PROGRESS IN THE STRATEGY OF DISCRIMINATION OF MEAT-PRODUCING ANIMALS TREATED WITH GROWTH PROMOTERS*

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The consumer has lost confidence in the food chain as a result of scandals reported in the media in recent years especially of the use of growth promoters in meat production. This is probably one of the reasons which explains the decrease in meat consumption, especially beef. The implementation of EC directives, banning the use of substances with anabolic action in meat-producing animals, must be guaranteed by an efficient system of control. The survey of xenobiotic growth promoters (anabolic β -agonists) is rather well ensured by immunochemical methods for the screening and by chromatographic (TLC, HPLC, GC) and spectroscopic (MS, IR) methods for the confirmation. New molecules introduced in the black market can be identified by mass spectrometry. Multiresidue methods at the ppt-ppb (ng— μ g/kg) levels have yet to be improved; multiple MS is probably the method of choice for the discrimination of animals treated with substances or their derivatives that are also endogenous hormones is still difficult especially in cattle. The discrimination criteria will probably be based on the ratio values between concentrations of hormones and of their metabolic biosynthetic precursors. In the case of protein hormones used as foodstuffs production enhancers like BST for milk and meat, the present approach to solve the problem of treated animal identification is based on immunological, biochemical and high performance spectrometry (electrospray-MS). Reliable and efficient strategies of control are required to reestablish the confidence and the protection of the consumer through official controls performed by the state departments of agriculture and of public health or through responsible label organizations involved in assurance quality certification of foodstuffs.

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INDIGENOUS MEAT PRODUCTS OF INDIA

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The current level of meat production in India is around 1.5 million metric tonnes. Of the meat produced in the country, less than 1 percent is processed into products such as canned meat, bacon, sausages etc. and these products are sold to elite customers in metropolitan cities. These products are of exotic origin. Besides these products there are many indigenous meat products processed and consumed by meat eating population of the country. However, statistics and scientific information are not available regarding their production and processing. In the present article an attempt has been made to describe them. Meat products of Indian origin can be broadly classified into curried, dry cooked, minced, pickled products. Products like Tandoori, various meat curries, Qorma, Kabbas, Rista, Goshtabas and pickles etc. are discussed.

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Abstract

There was studied a sensory profile of colour, texture and flavour of pickle-cured beef LD (young bulls) normal and DFD quality after vacuum packaging, storing (10 days at 0 to 2 °C) and thermal treatment by methods (roasting, boiling). The content of residual nitrite, NO-myoglobine and total pigment was determined too.

The colour and texture properties of DFD cured beef were scored mostly higher after both thermal treatments. Normal and DFD samples did not differ in the juiciness and flavour. In spite of better colour the DFD samples contained significantly ($P \leq 0.001$) less NO-myoglobine and total pigment but more residual nitrite than the normal samples. Boiled samples of both qualities had significantly ($P \leq 0.001$) more residual nitrite but less NO-myoglobine and total pigment than roasted one.

ASSESSMENT OF BACKBACON QUALITY

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Backbacon quality is highly related to the area and distribution of meat and fat areas in the bacon slice. The aim of this experiment was to investigate the variation in meat and fat distribution in backbacon slices along a back. Furthermore, the aim was to develop a model for prediction of backbacon quality.

Female and male pigs of Danish Landrace and Duroc were slaughtered at 100 kg live weight and prepared for backbacon production. Each back was sliced into 230 slices with a thickness of 2 mm. The slices were recorded on video, and then divided into a dorsal (DPS) and a ventral (VPS) part, of which the areas of meat and fat were measured. The areas were obtained semi-automatically using an image analysing programme.

A prediction equation was developed based on areas of meat and fat in slices that were graded subjectively into four quality groups. The equation was tested by cross-validation.

The lean : fat ratio (L/F) in the two parts of the slices showed that especially the L/F of the VPS varied systematically with the anatomical position of the slices. The L/F was high in the VPS from the caudal and cranial parts and low in slices from the medial part of the back. The average L/F of the VPS was higher in backs from Danish Landrace than from Duroc pigs. Furthermore, the average L/F of the VPS was higher in female than in male pigs.

By cross-validation the prediction model classified 87% of the slices into the same quality group as did the subjective classifiers. According to the model slices of the best quality, predicted from the L/F of the whole slice, were from the medial part of the back. The average quality of the backbacon slices was not significantly different in the four groups of pigs.

PORK LIVER: THE FORGOTTEN VARIETY MEAT IN THE U.S.

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Consumption of variety meats is low in the U.S. as reflected in prices paid for variety meats. Pork livers sell for 20 cents/kg. The low demand for variety meats (pork liver) is an indication of consumer preferences. Research has been conducted to produce pork products which have greater levels of omega-3 fatty acids than pork from control hogs. Pork livers from hogs fed diets containing 15% flaxseed for the last 28 days (d) of finishing were higher (P<.0001) for 18:2, 18:3 and 20:5 and lower (P<.0001) for 20:4 than livers from control hogs. Therefore, pork products could be marketed to consumers that have a more desirable n-3/n-6 fatty acid ratio. This research was conducted to determine 1. consumer preferences toward preparation method for fresh pork liver and 2. consumer responses toward Braunschweiger made from control versus pork livers from hogs fed a finishing diet containing flaxseed for the final 28 d and 42 d of feeding. For the first objective, trained taste panelists (n=6) preferred pork liver with caramelized onions in balsamic vinegar sauce over raspberry sautéed liver (P<.05). The variation among panelists was significant (P<.01). For the second objective, two consumer groups (n=48 and n=23) rated Braunschweiger samples on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1=highly favorable and 5=highly unfavorable. Means of 2.4, 2.5, and 2.8 for control, 28 d and 42 d flax, respectively (n=48), and 2.3 and 2.2 for control and 28 d flax treatment, respectively (n=23), did not differ (P>.05). This research indicates consumers found pork liver and Braunschweiger from treatment hogs and control hogs equally favorable. With proper marketing, consumers may allocate more of their food dollars towards the purchase of nutritionally enriched variety meats and products manufactured from variety meats.

CONSUMER EVALUATION OF MEAT QUALITY CRITERIA

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A thousand consumers filled in a questionnaire concerning their meat consumption, the way they purchase meat, and evaluated the importance of various factors on their choice for meat: nutritive value, price, eating qualities... They were asked to score the importance of sensory qualities (colour, tenderness ...) and estimate the role of various factors on meat quality (influence of animal, butcher, cooking...).

The results showed that sensory properties and security aspects (hormones) of meat are of paramount importance for the consumer. Taste and tenderness are estimated as the most important organoleptic qualities.

Most production factors are thought to be important for meat quality, although feeding of animals and meat treatment after slaughter are recognised as the most significant.

Data have been submitted to Correspondance Analysis in order to show the relations between the consumer's characteristics (age, sex, meat purchase and consumption) and the estimated importance of meat qualities. The age of consumers seems to be one of the most discriminating factor for quality perception.

The results may help to find good arguments to promote meat and meat products.

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MUSCLE BIOLOGY, POST MORTEM CHANGES
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ACTIVITY OF SARCOPLASMIC RETICULUM OF FAST AND SLOW RABBIT SKELETAL MUSCLES

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Due to the importance of the sarcoplasmic reticulum and calcium in the transformation of muscle to meat this study was undertaken. The sarcoplasmic reticulum vesicles were isolated from the three metabolic types of muscles in rabbit, by the centrifugation method. The yield of sarcoplasmic reticulum from both types of fast-twitch muscles (the psoas major) and (the gastrocnemius medialis) was almost three times as high as from slow twitch red muscles (the semi membranous proprius). Polyacrylamide-gel electrophoresis profiles of sarcoplasmic reticulum from fast and slow muscles showed a significant difference in the protein pattern. The calcium-dependent ATPase activity and calcium uptake of the sarcoplasmic reticulum vesicles from both types of muscles were measured by the spectrophotometric method and by the filtration procedure respectively. The calcium-dependent ATPase activity and the calcium-uptake capacity of the fast twitch white muscles (the psoas major) were higher than in fast twitch red muscles (the gastrocnemius medialis). Such kinetic measurement, could not be carried out in slow-twitch red muscles because of their relatively low content in sarcoplasmic reticulum.

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NORMAL CALCIUM REGULATION IN CULTURED CELLS FROM NORMAL AND HALOTHANE SENSITIVE PIGS

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The low contracture threshold induced by caffeine in biopsied muscle from animals susceptible to Malignant Hyperthermia is related with an increased cytoplasmic calcium level. The cellular mechanism of this syndrome is poorly understood.

The effect of caffeine on intracellular calcium was monitored in primary cultures of muscle cells from normal pigs and those from halothane susceptible (MHS) pigs. Calcium variations were estimated by recording changes in fluorescence ratio obtained on dual excitation at 340 and 380 nm of myotubes loaded with the Ca^{2+} fluorescent probe Fura-2. Myogenic precursors were satellite cells obtained from Masseter muscle of adult pigs previously tested for their sensibility to halothane. The cells were cultured until differentiation of multinucleated myotubes. Measurements of fluorescence ratio were performed at room temperature in the absence or in the presence of 0.5 to 6 mM caffeine.

The resting fluorescence values were not significantly different in normal and MHS cells. Caffeine induced an increase in fluorescence in both types of cells. The magnitude of this increase was commonly higher in myotubes from MHS pigs for caffeine concentration greater than 2 mM. This result indicates an abnormal Ca^{2+} homeostasis in cultured cells from halothane susceptible pigs which may be a manifestation of the lesion that causes Malignant Hyperthermia. Satellite cells isolated from muscle tissue could therefore provide a good material for investigation on sarcoplasmic calcium regulation.

KINETICS OF CATHEPSINS FROM DIFFERENT PORCINE MUSCLES

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Calpains and cathepsins systems play an important role in the proteolytic changes that take place during the meat tendering process.

The characterization and purification of these enzymes and their endogenous inhibitors open a possibility for a new biotechnological approach to the strategies on meat quality and meat products improvement.

In this study, the kinetic parameters of cathepsins B, L and D from cardiac and *longissimus dorsi* (LD) muscles were compared.

Partial purification of the enzymes was done using fresh muscles and included a precipitation with ammonium sulfate between 25 % and the 65 % of the salt. Cathepsins B and L were assayed with the common substrate Z- Phe - Arg - NHMec; cathepsin

B was assayed with Z - Arg -Arg -NHMec, and cathepsin D with denatured haemoglobin.

Results showed that the enzymes from cardiac muscle had a higher affinity for the substrate (between 30 and 50 %) than the enzymes from LD muscle.

The purified cathepsins now available commercially can not be used in the food industry. The obtention of enzymes with high activity for their substrates, from viscera of low commercial value, gives a tool for the use of cathepsins as additives in the meat industry and related fields in a near future.

THE SLAUGHTERING AGE EFFECT ON THE PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF BROILER CHICKENS INTRAMUSCULAR COLLAGEN

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The objective of this study, realized in collaboration with the "Centre d'Ethologie des animaux domestiques de l'U.C.L.", is to research the influence of slaughtering age on the properties of intramuscular collagen. Broiler chickens were equitably divided according to strain (JA 57, Cou Nu d'Aquitaine), sex and slaughtering age (7, 10 and 13 weeks).

The principal analytic methods are the thermal solubility and the Differential Scanning Calorimetry of Collagen.

The leg collagen is more soluble than the collagen of the pectoral muscle. For the two types of muscle, the solubility decreases when the slaughtering age increases. It's generally weaker for the females. The strain doesn't influence these results.

The Differential Scanning Calorimetry of collagen gives us a peak that we can divide into three parts (S1, S2 and S3) corresponding to links of increasing thermal resistance. We observe that the number of the thermostable links increases with the animal age to a maximum where S3 reaches roughly 20 %. This maximum is generally obtained between 10 and 13 weeks according to the chickens sets.

This study is realized on two chickens strains with slow growth and we show that the intramuscular collagen is stabilized by crosslinkings between 10 and 13 weeks. The collagen reaches then to a "mature" state that allows to obtain a sufficiently firm meat.

PURIFICATION AND CHARACTERISATION OF INTERMEDIATE Mr PROTEINASE INHIBITORS FROM BOVINE SKELETAL MUSCLE

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As most tissues and cells so far investigated skeletal muscle contains proteinase inhibitors inactivating serine and cysteine proteinase. Their exact nature and their physiological function remain however unknown. The present study is part of a more general work dealing with the purification and characterisation of proteinase inhibitors from bovine skeletal muscle.

Gel chromatography on a Sephadex G 100 column (5x100 cm) of a crude extract obtained from bovine *Diaphragma* muscle separated four fractions active again either papain, trypsin or both and with Mr in the range of 40-70 kDa (FI and FII), 20-40 kDa (FIII) and 10-20 kDa (FIV).

In this paper, the purification procedure and the properties of the FIII fraction inhibitor were described. The Sephadex G100 FIII fraction inhibited specifically papain and showed no activity against either trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin.

The Sephadex G100 fraction was first loaded on a Q-sepharose column (2.5x10cm) equilibrated at pH 8.1 and proteins eluted with a linear 0-0.5 M NaCl gradient. An active fraction inhibiting papain but not trypsin was eluted between 0.2 and 0.3 M NaCl. This fraction was then run on a second Q-Sepharose column at pH 7.6 and the activity eluted at about 0.2 M NaCl. Isoelectricfocusing of the pooled active fraction also revealed one band with a pI of 6.7. Under both non-reducing and reducing conditions only one band was obtained after SDS-PAGE suggesting the activity corresponds to a monomeric protein inhibitor.

This proteinase inhibitor is highly heat-stable in a temperature range of 40-100° C. Furthermore, the papain inhibitory activity was stable at mildly acidic pH ranging from 7 to 5.

Regarding papain, the enzyme-inhibitor complex formation was slow and depends on the inhibitor/enzyme molar ratio. This muscle protein inhibitor could be classified as a slow tight binding inhibitor an assumption supported by the very low Ki value ranging between 10⁻¹⁰ and 10⁻¹¹.

Although to various extent, the purified inhibitor bound tightly to cathepsins B and L, two other cysteine proteinases whereas no activity was detected against all serine and aspartyl proteinases tested.

EFFECT OF BRINE INJECTION ON ENERGY CATABOLISM : P-31 NMR STUDIES ON BICEPS BRACHII MUSCLE OF RABBIT

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The catabolism of high energy phosphate compounds was examined by P-31 NMR spectroscopy, in rabbit muscle. The time-dependent *post mortem* changes were analyzed for different technological treatments.

The rabbits were anaesthetized, and the *Biceps Brachii* muscle was exposed, perfused by artery and then removed to be placed in the specific probe. The simulated death of the muscle was performed by stopping the perfusion. The brine was immediately injected by the arterial system. The NaCl concentration was 3 and 5M in brine. The NMR experiments are performed at 162MHz on a homebuilt P-31, H-1 tuned probe. The temperature in the NMR probe was 20°, 4°C and a temperature gradient was also performed. With this experimental system, it is possible to keep muscle metabolism stable, and thus to monitor the initial concentrations of phosphorylated metabolites. The effects of brine on some traits of metabolism were investigated without producing twitching or damage to the tissue during insertion into NMR tubes. The whole muscle was examined in the probe. This process prevented sampling problems because the brine diffusion was heterogeneous. The rate of pH fall and the evolution of phosphorylated compounds were determined. The results showed a dependance on the composition of the

ELECTROPHORETIC AND IMMUNOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF DEGRADATION BY CALPAINS OF LAMB MUSCLE PROTEINS.

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As a part of a comprehensive study on the degradation of high molecular weight muscle proteins by effect of either calpains or aging, present here results concerning changes of proteins of a molecular size larger than α -actinin and smaller than myosin heavy chain (MHC).

SDS-PAGE using 6.5% acrylamide showed that both calpain I and II were capable of degrading at least seven different proteins (peaks I through VII), of a molecular weight between 100,000 and 200,000 Da, when myofibrils were incubated with enzymes at optimal conditions of pH 7.5, 2.5 mM Ca^{2+} and 25°C. Two of these proteins, peaks V and VII, likely correspond to M-protein and C-protein respectively. The same proteins were found to be naturally degraded throughout postmortem meat aging, although proteolysis was significantly slower.

By effect of further proteolysis several degradation peaks appeared at a position close to former peaks I, II, III and VII, as well as a new peak (IV') between peaks IV and V, either after incubation with enzyme or by effect of aging. Three of these degradation products of molecular size between that of C-protein and MHC have been shown, using a Western blotting immunological technique, to proceed from as yet unidentified protein, named by ourselves G-protein but which likely corresponds to filamin. This protein of an approximate molecular weight of 300,000 was previously reported by our group to be extensively degraded, either by incubation with calpains or by effect of aging.

No changes of myofibrillar proteins could be found when myofibrils were incubated in the presence of mM Ca^{2+} and calpastatin without added enzyme; this fact allows to impute the observed myofibrillar protein changes, either after incubation with calpains or by effect of aging, to enzyme action alone and not to an effect due to the mere presence of a high Ca^{2+} level.

OBSERVATION OF ABNORMAL MITOCHONDRIA IN WHITE MUSCLE FIBRES OF CARRIER PIGS

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The RN^- gene affects meat quality by increasing the glycogen content of muscle. Glycogen localization in myofibre ultrastructure were studied in the *Longissimus* muscle from pigs suspected to be RN^- carriers (called RN^- pigs) and pigs considered as normal (called m^+ pigs). White fibres from RN^- pigs showed an excess of glycogen in sarcoplasm and exhibited abnormal mitochondria space. Mitochondria contained scattered particles of glycogen and showed disorganised cristae. No abnormality was visible in red fibres.

Oxygen uptake was measured polarographically using a Clark electrode at 25 °C on mitochondria isolated from *Longissimus* muscle of m^+ pigs and RN^- pigs. Citrate synthase activity was determined. The respiratory control was higher in mitochondria isolated from RN^- pigs as compared to m^+ pigs (means values were respectively 2.5 and 1.5). Respiratory activity was higher in mitochondria from RN^- pigs. Citrate synthase activity was 0.20 $\mu\text{kat} / \text{g}$ of muscle of RN^- pigs and 0.14 $\mu\text{kat} / \text{g}$ for m^+ pigs. Thus, RN^- gene seems to be associated with altered glycolytic and oxidative metabolisms of skeletal muscle. However, the primary cause of these abnormalities remain unclear.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LACTATE AND GLYCOGEN CONTENTS AND pH VALUES IN *POST MORTEM* LONGISSIMUS MUSCLE OF THE PIG.

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ABSTRACT

This study was conducted with the aim of examining the relationships between i/ *Longissimus* muscle glycolytic potential (GP, an estimator of resting glycogen level) determined in *post mortem* samples and ultimate pH (pH_u , 24 h *post mortem*) and ii/ lactate content (pH_1 value at 45 min *post mortem* (pH_1)). The study involved 170 pigs among which 59 Large White, 60 Landrace and 51 Pietrain, slaughtered under commercial conditions. *Longissimus* muscle samples were taken c.a. 45 min *post mortem*.

The best prediction of the relationship between GP and pH_u was obtained using a segmented quadratic model with plateau ($r = -0.96$; $P < 0.001$). Convergence was reached at a GP value of 173 $\mu\text{mol/g}$. Below this value, pH_u decreased curvilinearly when GP increased. Above the convergence point, a plateau was reached ($pH_u = 5.50$). This result confirms that ultimate pH cannot be predicted in a linear fashion from values of muscle glycogen content at time of slaughter.

A segmented linear model with plateau allowed the best prediction of the relationship between pH_1 and lactate content ($r = -0.96$; $P < 0.001$). Lactate concentration remained at a constant level (48 $\mu\text{mol/g}$) for pH_1 values below the convergence point ($pH_1 = 5.82$). Above this threshold, a linear decrease in lactate was observed. This suggests that in the pH_1 range 5.2-5.82 for which a maximum rate of glycolysis seems to be reached, the differences in pH_1 cannot be accounted for by differences in glycolytic rate.

THE RELATIVE EFFECTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND CARCASS PROCESSING FACTORS ON MEAT TENDERNESS

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The aims of this project were to identify key factors in commercial beef production which affect beef tenderness, and to assess their relative importance. Hereford x Friesian heifers and steers were each allocated to a 'fat' and a 'lean' group of 18 animals each.

Al- and silage-fed Limousin x Friesian bulls and cereal finished suckled bulls sired by continental breeds, were represented by 18 animals each, and slaughtered at ages of 11, 18 and 11 months, respectively. Post-mortem treatments, balanced within groups, comprised 700-volt (HES), 85-volt (LES) and zero (NES) electrical stimulation; aitch bone and conventional carcass suspension; and rapid (10°C for 10h) and rapid (1°C for 24h) chilling; and ageing meat for 6, 10 and 14 days prior to freezing. The texture of

Longissimus lumborum was expressed as force at first yield (Fy, kg) and work done in shearing (W, Joules.10⁻²). The texture of

steaks were assessed by ten trained assessors scoring on a scale of 1 (extremely tough) to 8 (extremely tender). There were no significant differences in texture between heifers and steers, or between fatness groups. Suckled bulls were as tender as

heifers and steers and both these groups were more tender than silage bulls (minimum probability <0.05). Barley bulls were intermediate. Differences in Fy, W, and panel scores between silage bulls on the one hand, and combined heifers and steers on the other, were 1.04kg, 4.16 J.10⁻² and 0.49 panel score units respectively, the bulls being tougher by all three criteria. These - the maximum production differences - can be compared with the magnitude of carcass processing effects in the heifers and steers.

Combinations of processing treatments, as in a blueprint, produced additive effects. For Fy and W, the biggest differences were between NES, rapid chill, 6 days conditioning (toughest) versus HES, slow chill, 14 days, giving values of 1.72 kg and 8.94 J.10⁻² respectively. For panel scores, NES, rapid chill, conventional suspension (toughest) contrasted with slowly chilled aitch bone suspension (and little additional effect of ES), with a maximum difference of 1.41 panel score units. It is concluded that

combinations of post-mortem treatments can have larger effects on meat tenderness than even extreme animal type x production combinations.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ULTIMATE pH AND MEAT QUALITY VEAL

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The aim of this study was to evaluate the relationships between the ultimate pH and the colour, the sensorial qualities and the cooking loss in veal meat. Variations in ultimate pH were induced by adrenaline administration (0.1 to 0.4 mg/kg liveweight). Animals were transported 2 by 2 to the slaughterhouse. The control animal of each pair was killed just after arriving. The other animal was injected with adrenaline and killed the day after. Measurements were made on the *Longissimus dorsi* muscle. Sarcomere length and pH were measured at 2 days after slaughter, and colour at 2 days and 9 days after slaughter. Sensorial qualities (tenderness, juiciness, flavour) and cooking loss were measured at 9 days after slaughter. Sensorial qualities were estimated by a trained panel.

Meat from adrenaline-injected animals had a higher ultimate pH than meat from controls (mean values were respectively 6.25 and 5.59), except in one case (pH = 5.65 with 0.2 mg/kg of adrenaline). The ultimate pH and the sensorial qualities were linearly correlated (respectively $r = 0.83$ for tenderness, 0.81 for juiciness and 0.71 for flavour). Meat with high ultimate pH was more tender, more juicy and had more flavour than meat with normal ultimate pH. Moreover, meat from adrenaline-injected animals had shorter sarcomeres and lost less weight during cooking than meat from controls (cooking loss respectively 25 % and 32 %). However, colour of meat from adrenaline-injected animals was darker ($P < 0.01$) and cleared less during the days after slaughter.

THE STUDIES ON TENDERIZATION OF BEEF

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The *Longissimus dorsi*, *Semitendinosus* and *Triceps brachii* were chosen from three years old Inner Mongolian steer, aging at 15°C temperature, 85 % relative humidity. By measuring physical biochemical and ultrastructure of post mortem muscle, the muscle tenderness and tenderization by temperature and time were researched. The results indicated :

- 1- the *longissimus dorsi*, *Semitendinosus* and *Triceps brachii* tenderness were separately increased 20 %, 26 % and 31 % in 24h comparison with 1h post mortem. But controls were decreased 36 %, 25 % and 33 % ;
- 2- the lactic acid content increased evidently, pH value decreased and adenosine triphosphate decomposed rapidly in 15°C for 24h, results, the rigor mortis and autolysis occurred in advance ;
- 3- At 15°C for 24h the electron microscope ultrastructure of myofibril varied evidently ;
- 4- the soluble hydroxyproline had no significant increase in aging for 24h ;
- 5- the volatile amine nitrogen content was in keeping with hygiene standard of fresh meat in China. Maximum value was 11.9mg/kg ;
- 6- the tenderness and flavor of muscle have improved evidently in 15°C for 24h by judgment of specialists.

Objective of this study was to determine changes in myofibrillar/cytoskeletal proteins associated with tenderness differences because of effects of postmortem aging and of animal age and sex. Strip loins were removed from the carcasses (24 hr postmortem) of ten bulls and ten steers of approximately 14 months of age, and those of 44 months of age and older. The thirty strip loins were vacuum packaged and stored at 2°C. Samples removed at 3, 7, 14, and 28 days postmortem and were stored at -20°C until analysis. Purified myofibrils isolated from raw samples of each sex and age category at the four postmortem aging periods and analyzed by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS=PAGE). A 5% polyacrylamide (acrylamide/bisacrylamide = 100:1, w/w) slab gel was used to monitor changes in extremely high molecular weight proteins (e.g., titin and nebulin), and a 12% polyacrylamide (acrylamide/bisacrylamide = 37:1, w/w) slab gel, with a 5% polyacrylamide crosslinking gel, was used to monitor changes in lower molecular weight proteins. SDS-PAGE analysis revealed that the 100,000-dalton component was more intense with increasing time postmortem concomitant with an increase in tenderness. In addition, increasing postmortem aging time was accompanied by loss of the T₁ band of titin. In less tender steaks from cows, the T₁ band of titin persisted longer, and was more frequently observed throughout postmortem aging. SDS-PAGE analysis also revealed that a nebulin band was more frequently present at postmortem in steaks from bulls, and in less tender steaks from steers and cows. The results of this study suggest that the structural proteins titin and nebulin are more resistant to degradation in less tender steaks from older animals and from bulls, and that the amount of structural integrity of these proteins seem to be of significance in tenderness.

GLYCOGEN DEPLETION PATTERN AT EXSANGUINATION OF PIGS FED HIGH OR LOW PROTEIN DIET R. LILJESON¹, B. ESSEN-GUSTAVSSON² and K. LUNDSTRÖM³

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Exsanguination and treatment of pigs pre-slaughter influence muscle glycogen levels which is an important rôle for meat quality. Little is known about glycogen content within different fibre types at exsanguination, and its relation to meat quality. Muscles from pigs carrying the halothane gene contain several glycogen depleted fibres at slaughter and give meat of poor quality. The aim of this work was to study the muscle glycogen depletion pattern in a group of slaughter pigs of halothane-free Swedish Yorkshire (entire males and gilts) fed a low protein diet. Immediately after exsanguination, muscle samples from M. longissimus dorsi at the last rib and blood samples were taken. Serial sections of the muscle were stained for myosin-ATPase and classified as type I, IIA and IIB fibres. Fibre areas and glycogen depletion pattern were evaluated on PAS stains using an image analysis system. Glycogen content in whole muscle was analysed on freeze dried samples dissected free from fat and connective content. pH (pH_s) was measured on homogenates with iodoacetate. Meat pH was measured as surface reflectance (EEL), ultimate pH (pH_u) and drip loss at 24h post mortem. Shear force values (SF) were measured on cooked meat using the Warner-Bratzler method. There were no differences in the meat quality between pigs on the two diets. The muscle consisted of 6% type I, 6% type IIA and 88% type IIB fibres. Low glycogen levels were found in most of type I and IIA fibres while a greater variation in glycogen levels was seen in type IIB fibres. The proportion of depleted IIB fibres was correlated positively to lactate levels and negatively to SF. These results indicate that most type I and IIA fibres and approximately 25% IIB fibres had been recruited in these pigs due to the pre-slaughter treatment. This type of glycogen depletion pattern seemed to have no negative influence on meat quality.

LATERAL CROSSLINKS, POLYMERIC COLLAGEN AND MEAT TEXTURE

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A causative relationship between thermally induced collagen shrinkage and meat texture has been established. The intensity of the compressive force generated by collagen is directly related to the number and nature of thermally induced crosslinks in the tissue. As animals increase in age it is thought that the nature of their collagen crosslinks changes; they become more stable to heat and hydrolysis by acids. We have previously shown that the stability of crosslinks in collagen of young animals is tissue dependent and is determined by the relative prominence of crosslinks formed by the hydroxyallysine pathway. The principal crosslinks on this pathway are pyridinoline and a collagen associated chromogen. We know that the concentration of pyridinoline increases with age by about 30% from birth to 18 months. There is however considerable animal to animal variation in pyridinoline content at any particular age. We have been unable to show a good correlation between the pyridinoline concentration of a muscle and measures of meat toughness. At present we are unable to accurately measure the concentration of Ehrlich chromogen due, we suspect, to its complex structure. Beyond 18 months of age, the concentration of Ehrlich chromogen appears to decline, yet the relaxation time determined by hydrothermal isometric tension shows an increase in the number of thermally stable crosslinks. We consider these to be Ehrlich chromogen residues that are no longer reactive with the detection reagent. Alternatively, the reaction products of the relatively minor allysine system may be implicated, since the relaxation half-times of muscles where these crosslinks predominate also increase with increasing animal age.

EFFECT OF CASTRATION ON SOME MUSCULAR CHARACTERISTICS IN CALVES AND BUFFALO CALVES

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A parallel investigation has been conducted on 40 calves and buffalo calves to establish the effect of castration and type of metabolic composition of muscles and meat quality. 10 animals of each type have been castrated at age of 6 months and slaughtered reaching 450 kg of live weight. Histochemical analyses and qualitative characteristics of meat were conducted on muscles Longissimus, Tensor Fasciae Latae, Diaphragma and Psoas Major.

Castration of calves was accompanied by increasing the part of fast-oxidative-glycolytic and fast-glycolytic fibres in Tensor Fasciae Latae and Diaphragma muscles, whilst in buffalo calves relative part of glycolytic fibres increased in most muscles studied. This improved mainly meat tenderness in both types of animals and increased intramuscular fat content in calves.

DIFFERENTIAL SCANNING CALORIMETRIC STUDIES ON THERMAL PROPERTIES OF MUSCLE PROTEINS IN NORMAL AND PSE PORK

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DSC is used progressively to study thermodynamic properties of muscle proteins, recently. The aim of this study conducted to investigate the thermal properties of muscle proteins in normal pork as compared to PSE pork. Muscle samples were excised from M. longissimus dorsi at 5-11th rib 30 min after slaughter. DSC was performed on a ULVac DSC-7000 (Sinku-Riko, Japan) equipped with thermal analyzer. Samples (15-20mg) were weighed in aluminium pans (No. 201-53090) and then sealed. The scanning temperature was 25°-99°C at heating rate of 10°C/min, triplicate samples were analyzed, a reference containing 12-13mg distilled water was used. The fine ground excised dorsal muscle was homogenized with 0.3M KCl to extract salt soluble protein was run alone, with 0.1mM CaCl₂, 5mM EDTA, as well as 0.1mM CaCl₂ + 20mM ATP. Result was observed thermogram of 0.3M KCl extracted sample with CaCl₂ was similar to the control, and there were two endothermic peaks appearing on thermogram. Tmax of the transition of the control and with CaCl₂ measured were 56.9°-57.9°C for the peak of myosin, and 78.2°-78.9°C for the peak of actin, but endothermic peak of myosin disappeared from thermogram as the control sample added with EDTA. In addition, Tmax of extracted sample with CaCl₂ and ATP was higher than that of the control. Normal whole muscle held for 24.5 hr postmortem exhibited three major peaks of transition which were same as PSE pork. Tmax for myosin in PSE pork was lower than that of normal pork, but actin for PSE pork was higher as compared to normal pork. Both Tmax changed with time postmortem. The enthalpy of denatured (ΔH) for PSE pork was lower than the normal pork under the same conditions. This result was evident by the change of myosin endothermic peak in PSE pork. An exothermic peak was observed on thermogram for normal muscle fibers and showed a progressive decrease in the size with postmortem time. However, the exothermic peak was only slightly evident in PSE pork as affected by pH and temperature. The enthalpy of thermal transition for samples of normal and PSE was also evaluated. In conclusion, the thermograms and ΔH were varied with muscle types, treatments and postmortem times.

STUDIES ON 2,3-DIPHOSPHOGLYCERATE, PYRUVATE KINASE AND MITOCHONDRIAL ATPase ACTIVITIES IN PSS PIG

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2,3-diphosphoglycerate(DPG) is an important factor for oxygen-hemoglobin dissociation curve. It can facilitate regulate hemoglobin to bind oxygen or release oxygen to tissue. Normally, the PSS pigs have oxygen deficiency as they are stressed. The experiment was conducted to study the metabolism of 2,3-DPG and pyruvate kinase (PK) and mitochondrial ATPase activities in the PSS pig. LYD three crossbred pigs were divided into normal and PSS pigs with Halothane test, which were used as test animals. The blood samples obtained from the stressed animals for determining DPG and PK activity before slaughtered, and Longissimus muscle was taken for measuring mitochondrial ATPase activity 30 min postmortem. The concentration of DPG was determined with the method described by de Verdier & Ericson (1981) and NMR-spectrophotometry, and pyruvate kinase activity was measured with the method of Fujii & Miwa (1981). The mitochondrial ATPase activity was measured with the method of Snell & Mullock (1981). pH of the blood of PSS pig was also measured.

pH of the blood in the PSS pig was lower than that of the normal pig (6.70 ± 0.25 and 7.16 ± 0.19 , respectively). Concentration of DPG in blood of the PSS pig was lower than that of the normal pig. This result was in agreement with the structure of DPG changed or dissociated in the blood of the PSS pig. PK activity in the PSS pig was higher than in the normal animals. However, no difference in mitochondrial ATPase was detected in stressed and the normal pigs. The result was also found there was difference in DPG concentration between male and female pigs within the groups, but no difference in PK activity was detected in different sex.

EFFECTS OF THE RN⁻ GENE ON SOME TRAITS OF MUSCLE AND LIVER IN PIGS

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The present study involved 2 experiments. The pigs under study originated from a population where the presence of the RN⁻ gene had been previously demonstrated. The animals were slaughtered in a commercial slaughterhouse where they were classified as normal or RN⁻ carriers on the basis of the Napole yield (Ny) measured on the *Semimembranosus* muscle (normal : Ny > 90 ; RN⁻ carriers : Ny ≤ 90). In experiment 1, the contents of water and protein were measured on the *Semimembranosus* muscle of 90 pigs slaughtered in 4 weekly series. Samples were taken from the *Semimembranosus* muscle around 30 min after slaughter, for determination of Ny and protein and water contents. Muscle from RN⁻ carriers (n = 54) contained less protein (P < 0.01) and slightly more water (P < 0.01) than muscle from normal pigs (n = 36). In experiment 2, samples were taken from the *Semimembranosus* muscle and from the liver of 27 pigs around 30 min after slaughter for determination of protein and glycolytic potential levels. Muscle from RN⁻ carriers (n = 17) contained a higher glycolytic potential (P < 0.01) than muscle from normal pigs (n = 10), while no difference was observed in liver between the 2 groups of animals. It was concluded that the increase in muscle glycolytic potential induced by the RN⁻ gene does not result from a hormonal deficiency, but from a defect inherent in skeletal muscle cells.

THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MYOFIBRIL FRAGMENTATION AND TENDERNESS FOR BEEF MEAT.

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Myofibril fragmentation (MF) has been shown to correlate with tenderness of loins from conventionally handled carcasses. The aim of this study was a) to refine the method and b) to evaluate the effect of different pre-rigor and conditioning temperatures on the MF and tenderness evaluated by instrumental and sensory measurements. The MF was followed by measuring the length, using an image analysis system, of myofibrils on micrographs instead of absorbance measurements. In experiment 1, the influence of different pre-rigor temperatures (1, 4, 7 and 10°C) on MF and shear force for *M. longissimus dorsi*, during storage at 4°C (3, 7 and 14 days), was investigated. Sensory properties were assessed 14 days post mortem. In experiment 2, the influence of different temperatures during conditioning (7, 14 and 21 days at 2 and 4°C and 3, 8 and 14 days at 6 and 8°C) on MF and tenderness of *M. longissimus dorsi* and *semimembranosus*, excised 24h post mortem, was studied.

There was a significant decrease in length of the myofibrils between day 2 and day 14 at all four temperatures in experiment 1. However, at three of the temperatures, no decrease in the shear force was registered. The only correlation between length and shear force was found at the pre-rigor temperature 4°C (0.77**). This means that no overall correlation (0.12) between length and shear force existed. Moreover, although there was no difference in length at day 14, tenderness increased with increasing temperature. In experiment 2, no reduction of myofibrillar length as a function of time or temperature was found. Tenderness, on the other hand, increased with time and temperature. These results suggest that the fragmentation of the myofibrils is not a determining factor for tenderness since no correlation was found between the length of myofibrils and shear force or tenderness in this investigation.

C ACID TREATMENT OF PRE-RIGOR BEEF AND DISTRIBUTION OF CATHEPSIN B+L ACTIVITY.

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of lactic acid in pre-rigor meat can be used to create a rapid pH-fall. The combination of low pH and high temperature is conditions for release and action of lysosomal enzymes.

of this work was to study the influence of different concentrations of lactic acid on the stability of the lysosomal membrane. It was assumed that a decrease in membrane stability would result in a larger release of lysosomal enzymes.

mandibularis was removed 45 min. post-mortem, from 3 young bulls slaughtered at approximately 450 kg live weight. The meat was cut into small pieces and immersed in 0,015 M; 0,045 M and 0,060 M lactic acid solutions and incubated in a water bath ($\approx 18^{\circ}\text{C}$). At 0 hour and 24 hours of incubation, samples were gently homogenized with a Colson cell-disrupter (a method which showed to be effective in "preserving" the lysosomes during homogenization) and a microsomal fraction was obtained by centrifugation. The relative distribution of cathepsin B+L activity between the soluble fraction and the microsomal fraction was calculated as: relative-free activity = soluble activity in percent of (microsomal + soluble) activity.

It was shown that the relative-free activity was approximately: 76%; 73 %; 91% and 95% for lactic acid treatment of 0 M; 0,045 M and 0,060 M, respectively. There was no difference in the relative-free activity between 0 hour and 24 hours incubation, but the total activity (microsomal and soluble activity) increased during incubation. The 0,045 M lactic acid treatment resulted in a final pH-value of 5,50, after 24 hours of incubation. The two other lactic acid treatments (0,015 M and 0,060 M) produced either a smaller or larger pH-decrease, respectively.

concluded that a lactic acid-treatment can induce a fast pH-fall in pre-rigor meat and that the relative-free activity of B+L will increase with increasing concentration of lactic acid.

TYPE AND MEAT TENDERNESS: POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIPS

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ness greatly varies between muscles from the same animal and, for a given muscle, between animals. In the present work, we studied in detail the variability in the tenderising rate between 8 different bovine muscles of an heterogeneous set of 10 animals (experiment 1) and the variability in the ultimate tenderness of Longissimus muscle from an homogeneous set of 12 animals (experiment 2) in relation with a muscle biochemical (contractile and metabolic types) and physicochemical (pH) parameters characterising muscle biochemistry. Meat tenderness was assessed by using the biochemical index (BIMA) previously described. Ultimate meat tenderness was mechanically determined by force measurement on cooked samples. In the first experiment muscle contractile and metabolic types were assessed by measuring enzyme activities [Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GDH), myofibrillar ATPase (ATP)] and water content whereas muscle type was determined by histochemistry in the second experiment.

RESULT 1: The most efficient predictor variables for ageing rate extracted by backward stepwise multiple regression analysis applied to the whole set of data were mLDH, Fe, GDH and Δ pH. Ageing rate predicted for each muscle by using the established equation were highly related to the experimental values ($r = 0.63$; $P < 0.001$). This correlation increased by comparing predicted and experimental mean values for each muscle classes ($r > 0.80$; $P < 0.001$).

EXPERIMENT 2: As above, the main variables extracted by backward stepwise multiple regression were % of type IIB fibres, the cross-sectional area of both type I and IIC fibres and the ultimate pH value. Comparison of the shear force values calculated for each animal by using the experimentally established equation to the experimental values determined 14 days postmortem led to a significant linear relationship ($p < 0.05$) with a correlation coefficient value of 0.92.

Separate experiments clearly showed that apart from pH, the most efficient predictor variables for both ageing rate and ultimate tenderness were the metabolic and contractile types of muscles but the underlying mechanisms are unknown. The present work suggests that muscle biochemistry account for a large part of the animal variability in tenderising rate and ultimate tenderness of meat.

ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF PROTEASOMES (PROSOMES) FROM RABBIT MUSCLES
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Proteasomes (Prosomes) are involved in various intracellular metabolisms of degradation. They are involved in the degradation of protease-, peptidase-, as well as RNase activity and block the in-vitro translation of various viral RNAs.

A combination of ultracentrifugation low- and high pressure chromatography was used to isolate proteasomes from rabbit muscles. Muscle tissue is relatively poor in proteasomes, the amount of proteasomes was about 10% of the quantity we got from calf-liver. They eluted from Mono Q columns (Pharmacia) in Tris-buffered solutions at 320mM KCl while proteasomes from calf-liver eluted at 400mM KCl. Thus the ionic charge of both particles is quite different. Proteasomes of rabbit muscles consist of a specific set of proteins which band in Laemmli polyacrylamide gels in the range of 19 000 - 35 000 Da. However in two dimensional gel systems its protein components migrated rather differently than those of calf liver proteasomes. It exists a wide gap of about one pH unit between the acidic and basic components.

Furthermore we have shown that rabbit muscle proteasomes have protease activity and some of the proteins reacted strongly with polyclonal antibodies raised against calf-liver proteasomes. These antibodies are usefull for subcellular localisation of proteasomes in muscle cells or immunoprecipitation chromatography.

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EFFECTS OF APPLICATION OF PAPAIN ON THE MUSCLE PROTEIN OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

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This paper reported the effect of application of pure papain and meat tender agents, one of the papaya proteinase products, on the various parts of livestock and poultry at different dosages. The results demonstrated the muscle fibrin and collagen fibrin had been undertaken a strongly hydrolytic process through the degradating effect of papain. It was determined that the content of coarse protein in the enzymolytic solution was 2.15--3.15 fold higher than those in the hydrolytic solution, especially the level of proline degradation was high.

The grains of muscle fibre became unclear and some of them broke into small pieces after the treatment of papain. The result suggested that best dosage for tendering the flaky meat and bloated meat should be at the concentrations of 0.05%--0.1% and 0.2%--0.5% of meat tenderizer.

CATHEPSIN B GENE STRUCTURE AND EXPRESSION

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The lysosomal cysteine proteinase cathepsin B plays an important role in intracellular proteolysis. *Post mortem*, the cathepsin B could be a potent contributor to meat tenderization. Recently, it has been reported that this enzyme is also involved in tumor metastasis.

In vivo, cathepsin B activity has to be highly regulated and this might be controlled through at least two ways:

- 1- at the level of gene expression (transcriptional induction).
- 2- at the level of the enzymatic activity by tissue-specific inhibitors.

In order to better understand the regulation of expression of cathepsin B, the mouse cathepsin B gene and its putative promoter were cloned and characterized. The gene spans about 12 Kbp and contains 9 exons encoding the 339 residues of mouse preprocathepsin B.

The 5' flanking region of the gene was identified and sequenced: It shows promoter activity, variable upon cell types tested by transfection. The precise location of transcription initiation site(s) is now investigated by primer extension: the results indicate the presence of two putative leader sequences. Primer extension products cloning and sequencing are in progress.

ULTRASONICATION OF LAMB SKELETAL MUSCLE FIBRES ENHANCES POSTMORTEM PROTEOLYSIS.

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The ability of ultrasound treatments to disrupt membranes and to release enzymes from cellular compartments is well known. The aim of our work was to investigate if such a treatment would be able to activate endogenous proteolysis in muscle fibres. We first demonstrated that ultrasonication was indeed effective in releasing lysosomal enzymes from liver cells, as shown by the presence of acid phosphatase activity in cytoplasm extracts. Cell membranes were damaged only to a limited extent, as revealed by turbidity measurement of buffer medium.

Proteolysis brought about by endogenous proteinases, after one day of fibre storage at 4°C, was assessed by means of SDS-PAGE in controls as well as in fibres treated with ultrasounds varying in intensity and time of exposition. The incipient appearance of a number of faint bands in the 30000 Da region was the only evident change of control gels. Results revealed that ultrasonic treatment of fibres strongly enhanced proteolytic degradation, depending on time and output of sonication, as shown by the increased intensity of 30000 Da region bands. A distinct change featuring sonicated fibres was the degradation of a 87000 Da protein and the appearance of a 83000 Da peptide. It is discussed whether calpains or cathepsins are to be responsible for observed changes.

Cell damage appeared to be not very extensive, although it was dependent upon ultrasonication conditions. As a consequence, ultrasonication of muscle fibres may be regarded as a novel method for increasing postmortem proteolysis, and thus meat tenderisation, despite technical problems derived from ultrasound application must be previously solved.

PURIFICATION OF HIGH-MOLECULAR-WEIGHT PROTEINASE INHIBITORS FROM BOVINE SKELETAL MUSCLE.

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High-molecular-weight proteinase inhibitors were purified from bovine *Diaphragma* muscle using selective extraction prior to conventional gel filtration and ion exchange chromatography techniques. These inhibitors were discriminated on the basis of their efficiency to inhibit papain, trypsin, papain or both.

Sephadex G100 column chromatography resulted in four peaks of papain inhibiting activity. Only the first fraction eluted just after the void volume and containing inhibitors of highest molecular weight (>30 kDa) was investigated.

This fraction was first loaded on a S-Sepharose column (16 x 2.5 cm) equilibrated in acetate sodium buffer pH 5.4. Non adsorbed material (S_0) and a peak (S_1) eluted from the column at about 0.08 M NaCl inhibited papain and trypsin. Another peak (S_2) eluted at about 0.2 M NaCl inhibited trypsin but not papain. Each active fraction was further purified by anion exchange chromatography on Q-Sepharose column (16 x 2.5 cm) equilibrated in Tris-HCl buffer pH 8.

- Non adsorbed material from S-Sepharose (S_0) was separated in two fractions eluted between 0.2 and 0.3 M NaCl. The first one (S_0Q_1) was active against papain and trypsin while the second (S_0Q_2) inhibited only papain. SDS page showed one band with Mr of approximately 65 kDa for this second peak. Characterisation of the S_0Q_1 fraction is under progress.

- The first fraction eluted from S-Sepharose (S_1) contained only one peak (S_1Q_1) inhibiting both papain and trypsin. SDS page showed two bands of Mr 40 and 65 kDa further separated by gel filtration on Sephadex G75. Both inhibitory activities were associated with the 65 kDa proteins but whether these activities are brought by only one protein is not yet known.

- The trypsin inhibiting fraction from S-Sepharose (S_2) contained one active peak (S_2Q_1) corresponding after gel filtration on Sephadex G75 to an inhibitor of about 65 kDa as assessed by both SDS page and gel filtration.

EFFECT OF DIVALENT CATIONS ON HEAT-INDUCED GELATION OF MYOSIN

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Gelation of protein is an important phenomenon which takes place in all structured meat products during thermal processing. It involves both intramolecular and intermolecular changes in proteins. We pointed out that only myosin in the myofibrillar protein had the ability to influence the heat-induced gelation of model system. However, the heat-induced gelation of myosin is affected by many factors such as temperature, pH, ionic strength, protein concentration, storage period and myosin isoforms. The molecular structure of this protein is highly complicated. In this work, we report the effect of calcium and magnesium on the rheological properties of thermal gels of myosin since no detailed information is available on the influence of divalent cations on heat-induced gelation of myosin.

Myosin was isolated from rabbit back and leg muscles. The effects of Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} on the changes in properties of the thermal gel of myosin were judged from the measurements of turbidity, rigidity, fluorescence intensity, differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) and scanning electron microscopic observation.

Turbidity of myosin upon heating was maximum at about 5~10mM of Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} at 0.5 M KCl. The changes of apparent rigidity on Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} for myosin thermal gel was similar to those of the turbidity. The results obtained from fluorescence spectra was consistent with those of the turbidity measurements. The dramatic decrease in apparent enthalpy of heat denaturation of myosin was observed by the addition of Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} from the measurement of DSC. The net work structures of heat-set myosin with or without Ca^{2+} or Mg^{2+} corresponded to the results of their rigidity.

From these results, we concluded the enhancement on the rigidity of myosin thermal gel was due to the conformational change in myosin molecule induced by the addition of calcium or magnesium.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ULTIMATE pH AND TENDERNESS OF BEEF

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A total of 620 steers were grown on four planes of nutrition and slaughtered at the same abattoir. The carcass weights at slaughter were 180, 260 or 320 kg and age at slaughter varied from 500 to 1250 days. All carcasses were electrically stimulated. Samples of *M. longissimus dorsi* (LD) were taken, at 24 hours postmortem, and frozen. The ultimate pH value of each sample was determined directly (at 22°C) after thawing. Samples of 250 grams were cooked, at 80°C for an hour. Warner-Bratzler initial yield (IY) and peak force (PF) measurements, and Instron Compression (IC) measurements were determined.

Over all 620 samples, ultimate pH and (ultimate pH)², together, explained no more than 10% of the variation in IY, PF or IC measurements. However, within age groups (determined by number of erupted incisors) they explained up to 42% of the variation in IY and PF values, but only a small proportion of that in IC values. It was concluded that ultimate pH influences tenderness by effects on the myofibrillar component of tenderness.

THE STUDY OF THE DYNAMICS OF BROILER MEAT AGEING

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Modern industrial technology of poultry processing and the use of poultry meat for semi-prepared and ready foods imply the use of mainly chilled poultry meat, though there is certain interest in including hot poultry meat into technological cycle, however, data on this subject are contradictory.

The aim of the present work was to study broiler meat at early stages of ageing for development of the technology of its hot boning.

As object of research served *M. pectoralis major* and *M. quadriceps femoris* taken 15, 30 min. and 1, 2, 4, 24 hrs post mortem. We used methods of microstructural analysis, pH, structural, mechanical and rheological properties of raw materials as well as cooking losses were also determined.

It was established that hot-boned meat has lower cooking losses, but tougher consistency and lower viscosity as compared to meat, aged during 24 hrs. The obtained data evidence about inexpediency of use of hot meat (15 min p.m.), namely of pectoral cuts for manufacturing of frozen semi-prepared foods.

PRESSURE EFFECTS ON THE TEXTURE, ULTRASTRUCTURE AND MYOFIBRILLAR PROTEIN OF BEEF SKELETAL MUSCLE

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High hydrostatic pressures of 100 MPa to 300 MPa were applied to beef post-rigor muscle to investigate the efficiency of pressurization as a meat tenderizer.

The hardness measured by Rheometer decreased and the fragmentation of myofibrils increased with increasing pressure applied to the muscle. The degree of fragmentation reached to its maximal level after briefly exposing (5min) post-rigor muscle to the highest pressure (300 MPa). Electron microscopic studies of the pressurized muscle revealed that marked rupture of I-band and loss of M-line materials had progressed in the myofibrils with increasing applied pressure. However, degradation of the Z-line in myofibrils that can be observed naturally in conditioned muscle was not apparent in the pressurized muscle. There was no significant difference in the electrophoretic pattern of myofibrillar protein among the control and pressurized muscles in spite of the marked change of ultrastructure.

From the results, it is suggested that the application of a high hydrostatic pressure to post-rigor muscle causes tenderization of the meat in a different manner from that of conditioning.

POSTMORTEM CHANGES IN SKELETAL MUSCLE CONNECTIN

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Connectin (also called titin) is a long, filamentous protein of striated muscle, and was found by Maruyama et al (Nature, 282,58-60,1976). Connectin links the thick filament to the Z line. This protein is also responsible for positioning the thick filament at the center of a sarcomere. There are two types of connectin, α -connectin and β -connectin, and their molecular masses are estimated as 2,800 kDa and 2,100 kDa, respectively. In this paper, we report the postmortem changes in connectin of chicken muscles.

Chicken leg muscles were stored at 5°C. At the appropriate postmortem time, myofibrils were prepared from the muscles. Then myofibrillar proteins were separated by sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) to detect the changes in connectin. Furthermore, myofibrils prepared from freshly excised muscles were suspended in a Ca^{2+} solution containing 0.1 mM CaCl_2 , 30 μg of leupeptin/ml. This suspension was stirred gently. Then these Ca^{2+} -treated myofibrils were also applied to SDS-PAGE. In both stored muscles and Ca^{2+} -treated myofibrils, the 1,200 kDa peptide appeared. Polyclonal antibodies against this 1,200 kDa peptide were obtained in a rabbit. Immunoblot analysis, the origin of the 1,200 kDa peptide was investigated.

The amount of α -connectin decreased with storage time in chicken leg muscles. The other hand, the amount of β -connectin increased, and the 1,200 kDa peptide appeared during storage. The densitometric analytic data showed the 1,200 kDa peptide was stoichiometrically produced from α -connectin. The same changes also occurred in Ca^{2+} -treated myofibrils. Using immunoblot analysis, it was shown that the origin of the 1,200 kDa peptide was α -connectin.

We concluded that α -connectin was divided stoichiometrically into β -connectin and a 1,200 kDa peptide in postmortem chicken leg muscle, and this division was induced by 0.1 mM Ca^{2+} .

EFFECT OF LOW VOLTAGE AND HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL STIMULATION ON PORK QUALITY

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Pigs from 36 Large White gilts, 70-80 kg live weight, were randomly allocated to three experimental groups. Pigs from Group A were electrically stimulated during bleeding (85v, 14Hz for 64 sec) before splitting. The left sides were rapidly chilled in air at -15°C for 75 min and the right sides were chilled conventionally in air at 1°C for 23h; the right sides were chilled conventionally in air at 1°C for 24h. Carcasses from Group B were unstimulated, and after bleeding, sides were chilled either rapidly or conventionally. In Group C, two different stimulation treatments were used at 20 min post-slaughter; the left sides were low voltage stimulated (85v, 14Hz for 64 sec), while the right sides were stimulated with high voltage (700v, 14Hz for 90 sec). Both sides were then rapidly chilled.

Texture parameters such as drip loss, colour and texture were measured in *M. longissimus thoracis et lumborum* at 3 and 10 days post-slaughter.

High voltage ES treatment gave the most tender meat at 3 days post-slaughter, by all the measured texture parameters ($P < 0.01$) and did not produce meat which was pale in colour or lost more drip than non-stimulated controls. Low voltage ES during bleeding gave meat which was 8% more tender than the non-stimulated controls, but the improvement in tenderness was not as great as the 28% achieved with high voltage ES. Unexpectedly, low voltage ES, applied 20 min after slaughter, was almost as effective in improving tenderness (by 17%) as low voltage ES applied during bleeding.

Tenderness improved from 3 days to 10 days in all stimulated samples, but not in the non-stimulated controls, suggesting a degree of cold-tolerance in the latter, even with conventional chilling.

EFFECT OF CHILLING, ELECTRICAL STIMULATION AND CONDITIONING ON PORK EATING QUALITY

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The effect of three different post-slaughter treatments and subsequent conditioning times on the eating quality of pork was studied, using a total of 120 gilts and 36 gilts (80-90 kg live wt.). The treatments were,

A - holding in air at $>10^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 3 hrs, followed by chilling in air at 1°C

B - chilling in air at 1°C

C - high voltage electrical stimulation (ES) at 20 min post-slaughter, followed by treatment B.

Texture attributes were measured in *M. longissimus thoracis et lumborum* (LTL) and in *M. semimembranosus* (Sm). Carcass characteristics of weight, backfat thickness and marbling fat were also recorded.

There was little difference in cooling rate between the three treatments; major effect on quality came from the use of ES in treatment C. ES lowered pH at 45 min. by approx 0.3 units, and achieved pH values at 3h post-slaughter of 5.64 (LTL) and 5.87 (Sm). Under these conditions, ES did not produce PSE meat. Drip losses were generally low, but were slightly higher with treatment C. By all three instrumental texture measures, LTL from treatment C was significantly more tender than from A and B at 4, 7 and 12 days post-slaughter, suggesting that either cold-toughening with A and B was overcome by ES in treatment C or that ES had some other action. Conditioning at 1°C gave consistent improvement in tenderness of LTL from 4 days to 7 days and further to 12 days. Taste panelling of loin chops and Sm roast confirmed that treatment C gave significantly more tender meat than A and B, and that ageing from 4 to 7 and further to 12 days gave significant improvements in tenderness. Treatment C, with ES, produced loin muscle which was more tender at 4 days than at 12 days with other treatments.

IMPROVING PORK QUALITY BY ELECTRICAL STIMULATION OR HIP SUSPENSION OF CARCASSES

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This investigation compares the separate and combined effects of electrical stimulation (ES) and hip suspension of pig carcasses chilled rapidly or conventionally on the important meat quality attributes. Sides from 80 pigs, 80-90 kg live weight, were allocated to one of four treatments followed by either conventional chilling (1°C for 24h) or rapid chilling (-20°C for 2-3h, before 1°C until 24h post-slaughter). Four treatments were

(a) & (b) Achilles suspended, with and without high voltage ES

and (c) & (d) Hip suspended, with and without ES.

Quality attributes measured in *M. longissimus thoracis et lumborum*, at 10 days post-slaughter included pH, colour and opacity, drip loss, instrumental and sensory texture. Rapid chilling reduced evaporative weight loss by 0.5%.

There were no significant effects of treatment on colour or opacity, although ES samples were slightly paler. Drip loss was slightly lower with ES, particularly when combined with hip suspension, but in no case was PSE meat observed. All three instrumental measures of texture showed improved tenderness with either ES or hip suspension, even after 10 days ageing. The improvement was less pronounced when ES and hip suspension were combined. Taste panelling confirmed that samples treated by ES or hip suspension, separately or combined, were significantly more tender than samples from non-ES, Achilles hung sides, although juiciness tended to be lower in stimulated samples.

ES and hip suspension were equally effective in improving tenderness of pork. Hip suspension did not suffer the disadvantage of increased drip loss that occurred with ES.

EFFECTS OF IN SITU INJECTION OF EXOGENOUS PROTEASE EFFECTORS IN BEEF MEAT

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Post-mortem storage of bovine carcasses improves meat tenderness. Although there are indications that proteases such as the cytosolic calpains, the lysosomal cathepsins B and L, even other enzyme systems play a major role, the precise mechanism responsible for tenderizing has not yet been identified. In this paper we have investigated the effects of exogenous inhibitory and activating substances added to meat, on texture and proteolysis. At 24h pm LD steaks adjacent to the 6th, 7th and 8th thoracic rib of three one year old Belgian white-red bulls (East Flanders) were removed and cylindrical cork bore cores (d=1.27 cm) were taken parallel to the fiber direction. The effect of injection (± 10 mm) into the cylindrical cork bore samples of 400 μ M leupeptin, 2mM calpain inhibitor I, 1mM EDTA, 300 mM Ca^{2+} and 1% Triton X-100 at 24h pm, on Warner-Bratzler shear force, myofibrillar fragmentation and selective myofibrillar solubility in 0.3 M NaCl at pH 7 was investigated by means of SDS-Page after 7 additional days of ageing. Injection of leupeptin and calpain inhibitor I, both inhibitors of cysteine proteinases as the calpains and cathepsins B & L, resulted in a very significant increase of shear force. This was also reflected in significantly higher amounts of titin and troponin-t, and reduction of the 30 kDa peptide. Less proteolysis also resulted in a sharp decrease of solubility in 0.3 M NaCl at pH 7 and 5.5 of several myofibrillar proteins such as actin, myosin and α -actinin. Although changes were less spectacular, injection of Ca^{2+} respectively resulted in significantly higher and lower shear forces with corresponding changes in proteolysis and solubility. Injecting Triton X-100 decreased shear force and resulted in significant higher 30 kDa and lower troponin-t levels, possibly due to release of bound enzymes by this detergent. These results provide evidence for a relationship between shear force and cysteine proteinase activity, indicating that it plays a key role in development of beef tenderness.

SIGNIFICANCE OF CONSISTENCY OF PORCINE SEMIMEMBRANOSUS MUSCLE IN PROCESSING PROPERTIES

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Percentage of severe stiffness measured by rigorometer at 40 mins and 24 hrs post mortem in porcine semimembranosus (SM) muscles varied in different meat quality groups. At 40 mins post mortem 1.7, 28.3, 41.17 and 33.33 %, while at 24 hrs post mortem 12.7, 39.62, 29.40 and 66 % rigid muscle was found in normal, slight DFD, extreme DFD and PSE group, respectively. Further 34 SM muscles were selected on the basis of pH_1 and rigorometer measurements for examination: pH, rigidity, cooking and processing properties (cured meat) as well as sarcomere length were determined 24 hrs post mortem in order to compare normal and slight DFD muscle groups including both rigid and non-rigid subgroups. Rigid muscles - mainly the uncured slight DFD - proved to be less tender. Furthermore, irregular shape and insufficient binding of the cured ham model prepared from rigid muscles were observed. Sarcomere length of rigid muscle samples was reduced. The results suggested, that severe rigor observed in the slaughterline and rigidity of post rigor porcine SM muscle could be related to rigor shortening which was expressed more frequently in muscles of higher ultimate pH. As regards the eating quality (tenderness) and also the selection of raw material for cured product, porcine muscles of higher pH should be critically viewed.

EFFECT OF VARIATION OF ANTE-RIGOR TEMPERATURE ON MEAT AGEING.

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Porcine Longissimus Dorsi and Semimembranosus muscles from 5 old cows were removed 1 h 30 min after slaughter and divided into 7 parts. Two of the parts were maintained at 15° C (sample T15) and 30° C (sample T30) during 24 h. Each of the five other parts were stored at 15° C except for a period of 3 hours where they were maintained at 30° C. The time at which they were transferred at 30° C was changed between about 0.1*Tr and 1*Tr where Tr is the duration of rigor onset determined by low deformation measurements. This time had no effect on ageing state measured at one day (D1) and nine days (D9) post-mortem. The ageing amplitude is the difference between the resistance of myofibrillar structure measured at D1 and the resistance measured at D9. Keeping a sample during 3 h at 30° C in the ante rigor period decreased the resistance of myofibrillar structure compared to the T15 at D1. This decrease represent approx. 30 % of the ageing amplitude of the T15 for LD muscles and only 10-20 % for SM muscle at D1. At D9 no difference remained between these treatments and the T15. The effect of 24 h at 30° C was dependent on the muscle. At D1, T30 samples were more aged than T15 ones but the ageing amplitude of Longissimus Dorsi T30 samples were reduced.

THE EFFECTS OF COLLAGEN CHARACTERISTICS ON SENSORY ASSESSMENT AND SHEAR VALUES OF COOKED SHEEP *SEMIMEMBRANOSUS* MUSCLES

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The concentration and heat-dependent solubility of collagen were measured in *semimembranosus* muscles of 36 sheep aged to five years. Collagen concentration was unaffected by age, but solubility by the Hill test (*J. Food Sci.* 31, 161) declined from 17 to 4 % over the five years. Collagen extracted from a subsample of muscles was analysed for pyridinoline concentration. Concentration increased from about 0.30 to 0.55 mole per mole of collagen. For the ages examined, this was higher than reported elsewhere for other species or muscles. The high pyridinoline content might be responsible for the high thermal transition temperatures of collagen previously noted in this ovine muscle.

In an experiment to assess the relative importance of collagen concentration and collagen solubility on tenderness and texture, the muscles were cooked in boiling water to an endpoint of 75°C before sensory panel assessment and Warner-Bratzler shear tests. The panel data showed collagen concentration was the more important determinant of eating quality, while the shear data were better correlated with solubility. In view of the relative insolubility of collagen in this muscle, compared with the *gluteus* muscle (unpublished data), we propose that *semimembranosus* collagen is so insoluble throughout an animal's life that collagen solubility hardly matters in sensory perception after the muscle is quickly cooked. For ovine *semimembranosus*, the collagen concentration is more important.

PURIFICATION AND CHARACTERISATION OF LOW Mr PROTEINASE INHIBITORS FROM BOVINE SKELETAL MUSCLE

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As most tissues and cells so far investigated skeletal muscle contains proteinase inhibitors inactivating serine and cysteine proteinases, the exact nature and their physiological function remain however unknown. The present study is part of a more general work dealing with the purification and characterisation of proteinase inhibitors from bovine skeletal muscle.

Gel chromatography on a Sephadex G 100 column (5x100 cm) of a crude extract obtained from bovine *Diaphragma* muscle separated fractions active against either papain, trypsin or both and with Mr in the range of 40-70 kDa (FI and FII), 20-40 kDa (FIII) and 10-20 kDa (FIV). In this paper, the purification procedure and the properties of the FIV inhibitory fraction were described. Although to various degrees, the Sephadex G100 FIV fraction inhibited efficiently papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin but not pepsin or cathepsin D.

This fraction was then loaded on a chromatofocusing PBE column (1x10cm) equilibrated at pH 7.0 and proteins eluted with a 7.0-4.0 pH gradient obtained with a polybuffer 74 solution adjusted at pH 4. This step separated five activity peaks called P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 in the order of their elution from the column.

P1 and P2 eluted at pH 6.6 and 6.4 respectively were active against serine proteinases, i.e. trypsin and chymotrypsin, but showed no activity against cysteine proteinases when incubated with either papain or aspartyl proteinases (pepsin and cathepsin D). By SDS-PAGE analysis of these fractions, P1 and P2 were shown to contain only one band with a Mr of 15 kDa and 12 kDa respectively. P3, P4 and P5 fractions eluted at pH 5.8, 5.2 and 4.8 respectively, inhibited papain but neither serine (trypsin and chymotrypsin) nor aspartyl (pepsin and cathepsin D) proteinases. SDS-PAGE analysis of these fractions revealed that each of them contain only one band with a Mr of about 14 kDa. Cathepsins B and L, and cysteine proteinases, were also strongly inhibited by the last P3, P4 and P5 fractions.

The five different purified low Mr skeletal muscle protein inhibitors exhibited a high heat and pH stability in the range of 40-100°C for 3-10 h.

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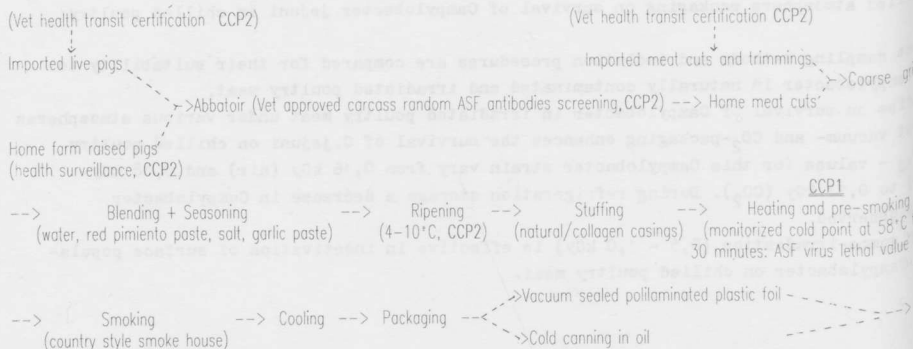
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A SPECIFIC HAZARD ANALYSIS CRITICAL CONTROL POINT PLAN FOR THE QUALITY ASSURANCE OF PORTUGUESE PORK CHORIZO TO WARRANT A SWINE FEVER VIRUS-FREE CONDITION

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Swine fever has been eradicated in Portugal and no more outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) have been declared North of Tagus. In order to ensure the safety of the Portuguese Chorizo, a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan, based upon ASF virus transmission studies, epidemiology and the EEC approved eradication measures controlled by Portuguese Veterinary Services, has been worked out for quality assurance of Portuguese Chorizo which is heat processed but not full sterilized. The veterinary health hazards and the critical points to keep them under control (CCPs) are presented in the flow-sheet.



This plan, fulfilling the seven HACCP principles, will be submitted for approval and certification by the veterinary health authorities.

AN ASSAY FOR SCORING OF PLASMID ENCODED BACTERIOCCIN EFFECT IN FERMENTED FOOD

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The effect of the bacteriocins sakacin A and lactocin S, both from *Lactobacillus sake* produced *in situ*, have been assayed in meat, vegetable and dairy fermentation products. Sakacin A, produced by *L. sake* Lb 706 acts inhibitory against *Listeria monocytogenes* in fermented meat (1). Production and secretion of sakacin A is plasmid encoded. Lactocin S, produced by *L. sake* Lb 45 inhibits closely related bacterial species and is, like sakacin A, plasmid encoded, (2).

An assay, based on transformation of plasmid cured, sensitive strains (Bac⁻, Imm⁻, Cam^S) with pVS 2 to construct Cam^R strains have been developed. Provided that the growth characteristics of the uncured (Bac⁻, Imm⁻, Cam^S) and the cured (Bac⁻, Imm⁻, Cam^R) strains are the same, a mixture of the two strains can be used to demonstrate "the true bacteriocin effect" in fermented food experiments. If environmental influence can be neglected. Transformation with pVS2 was achieved by electroporation in 30 % polyethylene glycol (setting: 1.5 kV, 400 Ω, 25 μF and 2 mm cuvettes) at a transformation efficiency of approximately 10⁴ transformants per μg DNA. Dry fermented sausage, fermented carrots and cheese (St. Paulin) were made with a mixture of the producer and the bacteriocin-producing, sensitive, antibiotic resistant strains. Growth was followed for both strains through the fermentation period by means of Cam^R growth after bacteriocin production c.f.u. Preliminary experiments disclosed that addition of amino acids, Mn and glucose was needed for both strains to grow well in milk and brine for vegetable fermentation. With these additions, production of bacteriocin could be demonstrated in cheese, however, no bacteriocin effect could be demonstrated, although the number of bacteria reached a level sufficient for bacteriocin production to be detected. During fermentation of carrots, both strains produced active bacteriocin. In dry sausage, lactocin S production could be demonstrated, while the effect of sakacin A production from *L. sake* Lb 706 was more uncertain when scored in this assay.

EFFECT OF STARTER CULTURES ON THE DEGRADATION OF ORGANOCHLORINE PESTICIDES

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This study was conducted to determine the effect of starter cultures of *Lactobacillus plantarum* strain K₆ and *Micrococcus varians* strain L₆ as single strains and in combination on the degradation of some organochlorine pesticides.

Starter cultures of *L. plantarum* strain K₆ and *M. varians* strain L₆, isolated from Bulgarian fermented sausages, were used as a suspension with an initial count of $10^6 - 10^7$ cells/ml. The organochlorine pesticides lindan and garlon were added in different concentrations (from 0,1 mg/ml to 5 mg/ml) in liquid medium. The degradation ability of the starter cultures was evaluated by gaschromatographic of the pesticide residues in the medium after 24, 48 and 120 hours incubation at 30°C.

Obtained results show that the starter cultures of *L. plantarum* strain K₆ and *M. varians* strain L₆ degrade the examined pesticides in the used concentrations. *M. varians* strain L₆ degrades to the highest extent the pesticides. The intensity of degradation depends on the concentration of the pesticides.

CONTROL OF LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES IN MEAT PRODUCTS BY A STRAIN OF L. PLANTARUM.

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Studies done in recent years have shown that *L. monocytogenes* occurs frequently in meats including cured and fermented meats. A potential means of preserving fermented meats from this pathogen is through the use of bacteriocin-producing lactic acid bacteria as starter cultures. Inhibition of *L. monocytogenes* by *Pediococcus* and *L. sake* strains was observed only in culture medium, but also in meat and meat products. Strains of *Lactobacillus* spp. isolated from Italian dry salami were found to have antilisteria activity in culture medium. The objective of this study was to assess the bacterial activity of a *L. plantarum* strain against *L. monocytogenes* in culture medium, minced meat and ripening salami.

METHODS: Growth of *L. monocytogenes* was monitored by an impedometric method in APT broth at pH 6.0 and 5.5 as well as in filtered (0.2 micron) pH-adjusted supernatants from 24 h cultures of *L. plantarum* MCS and of mutant strain MCS1. Minced raw pork with added curing agents and salami batter were inoculated with *L. monocytogenes* strains (10^3 to 10^8 cells/g) alone or in combination with *Lactobacillus* MCS and MCS1 strains ($10^6 - 10^7$ cells/g). *Listeria* growth was monitored at 18°C and in salami during ripening were enumerated on Palcam agar.

RESULTS: In MCS and MCS1 culture supernatants adjusted to pH 6.0 *L. monocytogenes* growth was differently affected, with delays in detection time of 32-50 h and 5 h respectively. At pH 5.5 no growth was observed in 96 h in MCS supernatant while in MCS1 supernatant *Listeria* did grow. In minced meat inoculated with MCS strain *L. monocytogenes* growth was declined by a logarithmic cycle in 15 days at 18°C, while in samples inoculated only with *Listeria* growth was not affected. During ripening, in salami inoculated only with *Listeria* the pH value remained almost constant at 5.7-5.8 and no growth was observed after 7 days. However in the presence of *L. plantarum* MCS and MCS1 strains, pH decreased to 5.2-5.4 after 7 days and the viable number of *L. monocytogenes* remained more or less constant. After 14 days *Listeria* counts were reduced to 10² cells/g in all samples; at 28 days small differences were observed in the survival of *Listeria* in the samples inoculated or not inoculated with *Lactobacillus*.

CONCLUSION: *Lactobacillus* strains suppress multiplication of *L. monocytogenes* in cured meat and salami; however, this inhibition is less effective in meat products than in culture systems.

MICROBIAL ACTIVITY OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA FROM MEAT ORIGIN AGAINST SELECTED INDICATOR MICROORGANISMS

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Lactic acid bacteria have the potential to inhibit the growth of pathogenic and spoilage bacteria and the possibility exists of using them to improve the hygienic quality and to extend the shelf-life of different meat products. Bacteriocins produced by lactic acid bacteria are also interesting to the food industry for possible uses as food preservatives, once they have been adequately characterized. We report in this communication the antimicrobial activity of lactic acid bacteria isolated from Spanish dry fermented sausages against selected indicator microorganisms.

The antimicrobial (bacteriocin) activity of the isolates was evaluated not only against related microorganisms the genera *Lactobacillus*, *Pediococcus*, *Leuconostoc*, *Lactococcus* and *Streptococcus*, but also against spoilage and/or pathogenic representatives of the genera *Bacillus*, *Clostridium*, *Listeria*, *Propionibacterium* and *Clostridium*. None of the isolates was active against any of the Gram-negative bacteria tested, which included among others, *S. typhimurium* and *Y. enterocolitica*.

Results confirm the existence in dry fermented sausages of lactic acid bacteria with antagonistic (bacteriocin) activity against selected pathogenic and spoilage bacteria. Further work will be done towards the partial chemical, immunological and genetic characterization of the bacteriocin(s) of some of the isolates showing the broadest antagonistic spectrum.

MONITORING OF SPOILAGE BACTERIA DURING BEEF PROCESSING USING CONDUCTANCE TECHNIQUE, PLATE COUNT AND PROLIFERATION INDEX

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Conventional plate counting for determining the numbers of spoilage bacteria on beef carcasses and meat during processing does not perform satisfactorily with regard to the detection of very low numbers of bacteria. The application of the conductance technique may facilitate improvement of the detection of spoilage bacteria.

The contamination of beef carcasses with different types of spoilage bacteria during slaughter, chilling, cutting/deboning was monitored. The growth of bacteria over a period of five weeks of storage of the corresponding beef cuts in vacuum packages was also monitored. *Pseudomonas*, *Enterobacteriaceae*, and other bacteria were estimated by conductance monitoring (Malthus 2000) and conventional plate counts of excised meat samples. Storage of the excised meat with plate counting at fixed intervals (0, 7, 14 d) was performed to obtain a proliferation index (sum of bacterial counts) in order to estimate the low numbers of bacteria present prior to storage.

The detection of *Pseudomonas* and *Enterobacteriaceae* by conductance monitoring was performed using designed selective media. The conductance measurements showed significant correlations with the corresponding plate counts. The bacteriological survey along the processing line, including three methods for the detection of spoilage bacteria, indicated that conductance monitoring performed better than conventional plate counts and almost equal to the highly sensitive proliferation index.

The use of designed specific media for the conductance monitoring of spoilage bacteria in meat products ensures that accurate detections are made. The application of the conductance method will produce appropriate results in a matter of hours, compared to plate counting, which takes days, or the proliferation index which takes several days.

SAMPLING PLANS TO MONITOR MICROBIAL QUALITY OF COMMERCIAL BEEF CARCASSES

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The aim of this study was to design an adequate sampling scheme for monitoring microbial quality of commercial carcasses. Two consecutive trials (I and II), corresponding to two important considerations involved in deciding suitable assessment procedure, were performed.

Trial I : In the purpose to choose which parts of a carcass to examine, 24 forequarters were sampled at 20 defined sites that characterized the best the hygienic quality of whole quarter surface, were selected.

Trial II : As it is necessary to sample a limited, but representative, number of carcasses, variability between different of the same batch has to be determined. With this object, bacteriological quality of 18 batches of carcasses was assessed sampling around 50 quarters per batch. Precision of sampling plans versus the numbers of sampled carcasses was established.

As bacteriological index, we choose to seek Total Viable Counts (TVC), *Pseudomonas* (PS) and indicator of faecal (Coliformes, CF). Carcasses were sampled by excision.

Results from trial I showed that the most contaminated sites were not the same for all the carcasses. Consequently, sites had to be sampled. The restriction of sampling to 3 defined carcass areas (outside of the neck, central post-shoulder, forerib) and a single sample (by bulking the 3 sites before bacteriological analysis) was acceptable. Coefficient of this subset of sites to the mean of the 20 single sites (used as the bacteriological index of the whole carcass) was 0,93 for TVC, 0,91 for PS and 0,87 for CF.

In trial II, it was found great variation in microbial load between different carcasses in the same batch. Contamination normally distributed for TVC, but not for PS or CF. Consequently, average contamination could not be estimated by sampling a limited number of carcasses when PS or CF were used as bacteriological index. With TVC as index, precision on contamination was 1,2 log/cm² when only one carcass was sampled, 0,5 log/cm² for 4 sampled carcasses, and 0,3 log/cm² for 12 sampled carcasses.

YERSINIA ENTEROCOLITICA 0:3 AND SALMONELLA SSP. ON FRESH PORK COLLAR

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The presence of *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 and *Salmonella* ssp. on the surface of deboned and derinded pork meat was surveyed. Collar was chosen as the object of the survey. Samples were taken from collars after deboning and derinding and reference samples taken from tonsils at the veterinary inspection. 304 tonsil samples were examined for *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 and 1124 collar samples for *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 and *Salmonella* ssp. Three pig abattoirs participated in the study.

The three abattoirs showed (A) 12%, (B) 0% and (C) 11% *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 positive pork collar samples, respectively. Corresponding amount of *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 positive samples in tonsils were 58%, 59% and 36%.

Salmonella ssp. were not detected in the 1124 pork collar samples investigated.

It is surprising that abattoirs A and B showed equal *Yersinia*-frequency in tonsils but differed significantly in *Yersinia*-frequency on collar. This finding indicates that - despite the fact that Danish pig abattoirs are considered very uniform - local differences in techniques or equipment can significantly affect contamination and/or survival of *Yersinia enterocolitica* 0:3 on fresh pork meat. Slaughter, refrigeration, handling and storage.

The complete absence of *Salmonella* ssp. in the samples surveyed supports the perception that *Salmonella* ssp. is not a major problem in fresh Danish pork meat.

LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT PROTEINS FROM PSYCHROTROPH *PSEUDOMONAS* OVEREXPRESSED AT LOW TEMPERATURE.

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A psychrotrophic bacterium, *Pseudomonas fragi* K1, isolated from minced beef, was cultured at low and optimal temperature (4°C and 30°C). The comparison by 2-D SDS-PAGE and autoradiography of intracellular proteins labelled with methionine has revealed some qualitative and quantitative differences between the two physiological conditions. Several proteins were overexpressed or specifically expressed at optimal growth temperature whereas about twenty other proteins were overexpressed at low temperature. Among these latest, two low molecular weight proteins, named C7 and D7, were particularly important.

Eight other *Pseudomonas* (*P. fragi* and *P. fluorescens*) isolated from different food products, meat, milk or cheese, presented the same characteristics. The cartography of their intracellular proteins, extracted after a culture at low temperature (4°C or 10°C) or at optimal growth temperature (from 26°C to 30°C) and labelled with ³⁵S-methionine, has shown similar qualitative and quantitative differences to those observed for *P. fragi* K1. The two low molecular weight proteins, identified as C7 and D7 in the K1 strain, were also strongly overexpressed in the eight other strains cultured at low temperature.

The spots of these two proteins have been extracted from about 400 2-D electrophoresis of intracellular proteins from the K1 strain. They have been used to raise antibodies into rabbits. The anti-C7 and anti-D7 sera recognized specifically intracellular proteins from the eight *Pseudomonas* tested. For each strain, the positions in 2-D gel electrophoresis of the recognized proteins were identical with those of C7 and D7 proteins from *P. fragi* K1.

The proteins C7 and D7 have been partially copurified by gel filtration chromatography from crude extracts of *P. fragi* intracellular proteins. These are monomeric proteins of 7,2 kDa and 8,0 kDa respectively.

The works now in progress aimed at knowing the nature and the conditions of overexpression of these small peptides and are really overexpressed in all the *Pseudomonas* species cultured at low temperature and also in other psychrotroph bacteria.

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EVALUATION OF SPOILAGE MICROORGANISMS ON PORK CARCASSES DURING SLAUGHTER AND FABRICATION IN 3 U.S. PORK PACKING PLANTS

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Microbial quality of pork was evaluated at four consecutive sites throughout the slaughter and fabrication processes of typical U.S. pork plants. The objective was to identify the point(s) in pork processing where contamination was greatest, in order that selected areas could be changed to decrease contamination. One ham and one loin from each of fifteen carcasses were swabbed at the following sites: immediately after carcasses were singed and polished; after the final showering during slaughtering; after 18 hours of chilling, immediately prior to fabricating. The final sampling site was immediately before packaging of boneless loins only. Standard methods were used to quantitatively evaluate the following types of bacteria: aerobic, anaerobic, lactic acid, psychrotrophic and coliform bacteria. The greatest contamination, due to psychrotrophic and coliform bacteria, was found during the cutting of carcasses and counts at this point were significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher than those found at the first sampling site on the slaughter floor. Psychrotrophic and coliform numbers declined after polishing of carcasses and immediately prior to packaging. Aerobic and anaerobic counts were highest after polishing, and decreased as the carcasses progressed through the processes. Lactic acid bacteria showed no change in numbers throughout the processes. Assuming that the psychrotrophic data is the most important of the data evaluated, cutting and fabrication caused the greatest increase in contamination to U.S. pork.

STABILITY OF A TRADITIONAL PORTUGUESE BLOOD SAUSAGE "MOURA"

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Portugal has a large variety of traditional blood sausages. "Moura" is one of them, produced in a small area at the North of the country. Its composition differs according to the producers, but it's basically made with: pork meat and fat, chicken, beef, bread, blood, salt, garlic, pepper, onion, and red wine. This sausage is eaten boiled or grilled and it's highly appreciated by the consumers. In the last few years its demand has been increasing considerably.

The aim of this work was to study the chemical and microbiological composition of this type of blood sausages, and to control some parameters of stability at different stages of processing. The experiments were conducted at a commercial meat plant, following the traditional recipe, in four batches weighing 100 kg each. The sampling for chemical and microbiological determinations were made at different times: 1) on the paste before stuffing, 2) 5 days after smoking, 3) 10 days after. At the last time the blood sausage had good taste and firmness after boiling, which is similar to the traditional ones.

The chemical composition on the final product showed the following mean values: aw - 0.87 ± 0.03 ; pH - 4.89 ± 0.26 ; moisture - 27.19 ± 3.45 %; protein - 22.15 ± 1.43 %; fat - 28.20 ± 0.82 %; NaCl - 3.79 ± 0.36 %; ash - 4.60 ± 0.37 %; nitrogen free extract - 17.87 ± 3.26 %.

All final samples were free from *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella* and sulfite - reducing *Clostridium* spores.

With the time of processing and the drying effect of smoking the aw and pH values were reduced. This two parameters of stability, mainly the aw value makes "Moura" a stable product classified as an Intermediate Moisture Food.

Considering that chemical and microbiological determinations are an indicator of the quality of raw material and technological process, this study has shown the possibility of making safety products similar to those of the traditional type, if the critical points during the processing are controlled.

SURVIVAL OF *YERSINIA ENTEROCOLITICA* IN MINCED MEAT STORED AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

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The survival of *Yersinia enterocolitica* 19174 in minced meat stored at 5°C , -10°C and -25°C was evaluated by inoculating the test organism into 250 g of freshly ground beef samples. Two different inocula levels (ca. 10^6 and 10^8 cells per g) were used. At both inocula levels number of *Y. enterocolitica* cells increased two logs in samples held at 5°C for 3 days. Viable cells in numbers corresponding to the initial inocula levels were still detectable in minced meat samples stored at -10°C for 4 weeks. Although 1 or 2 logs decreases were observed in the final number of cells depending on the initial inocula size the organism survived up to 6 weeks in the samples held at -25°C .

INFLUENCE OF COMPETITIVE FLORA AND STORAGE CONDITIONS ON GROWTH OF LISTERIA

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Objective: To investigate growth of *Listeria monocytogenes* as influenced by level of natural occurring microflora or added acid bacteria on different types of products and storage conditions.

Materials and Methods: Cured pork loin or pork back fat was inoculated with suspensions of either *Pediococcus pentosaceus*, *Listeria monocytogenes* or both. Storage temperature 5 and 10°C, either vacuum packaged or incubated in normal atmosphere in anaerobic storage vessels. Total counts as well as number of lactic acid bacteria, *Brochothrix thermosphacta*, listeria and negative bacteria were observed during storage for 6 - 7 weeks.

Results: In cured pork the natural microflora consisted mainly of lactic acid bacteria and after a few weeks a considerable number of *B. thermosphacta*. The total count reached 10^6 cfu/g. Gram negative flora were negligible at 5°C, and only reached 100 cfu/g at 10°C. The inoculated listeria rapidly disappeared within 1 week at 5°C, but at 10°C growth took place during reaching numbers of 10^4 to 10^5 cfu/g. After 4 weeks growth stopped and the number of bacteria fell to less than 10 cfu/g. The pure pork fat was heavily contaminated from start (10^7 cfu/g), the normal flora consisting of mainly Gram negative and lactic acid bacteria. The total count in aerobic incubation reached 10^{10} cfu/g, while the number of bacteria under anaerobic incubation remained nearly constant. When inoculated with a high level of listeria (10^3 cfu/g) growth took place during storage, the number reaching 25×10^4 cfu/g in 3 weeks. Under anaerobic conditions growth was much slower, the level of listeria remaining nearly constant at about 10^3 cfu/g throughout the period.

Conclusion: Addition of the starter culture *P. pentosaceus* seems to suppress growth of both *B. thermosphacta* and especially listeria slightly at both incubation temperatures. No inhibition due to growth of normal flora - mainly lactic acid bacteria - Gram negatives - could be observed on samples of pure pork fat.

TOTAL SCREENING, IN VITRO, OF INHIBITORY AND STIMULATORY EFFECTS OF NATRIUM CHLORIDE, NITRITE AND TRIPOLIPHOSPHATE ON PATHOGENIC AND SAPROPHYTIC MEAT MICROFLORA

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About 3600 growing curves got by turbidity measurements technique in "Cobas-Bact" instrument were tested by the potency of "single" chemicals and "in combination" to inhibit and/or to stimulate bacterial growth in Nutrient Broth No 2 (Oxoid). Six bacterial strains: *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella agona*, *Proteus vulgaris*, *Streptococcus faecalis*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus* were examined. Very strong inhibitory action of tripoliphosphate (0.5%) was detected on *Staphylococcus aureus*, weaker on *Bacillus subtilis*, *Proteus vulgaris* and *Streptococcus faecalis*. No action was noticed on *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella agona*. Stronger inhibitory action was noticed in application of NaCl (1.5% and 3.0%), then of NaNO_2 (0.005% and 0.0125%), except of *Staphylococcus aureus*, where stimulatory effects resulted. "In combination" NaCl and NaNO_2 were acting stronger inhibitory than in "single" application, and stimulatory to *Staphylococcus aureus*. Stronger inhibition or less stimulation was noticed at the pH 6.5, then 5.5. Other additives: sodium ascorbate and sodium citrate brought additional inhibitory effects to the agents mentioned above.

1. NaCl could act stronger inhibitory than NaNO_2 , especially in higher pH.
2. Stimulatory effects of NaCl and NaNO_2 on *Staphylococcus aureus* could be canceled by tripoliphosphate, sodium ascorbate or sodium citrate.
3. Tripoliphosphate could be considered as the potential chemical agent for partial replacement of NaCl and NaNO_2 in meat products due to its strong bacteriostatic activity on positive microflora and with the condition that it could act as efficiently in meat as in nutrient broth.

PURIFICATION AND PARTIAL CHARACTERIZATION OF A SECRETED COLLAGENASE FROM THE PHYTOPATHOGENIC BACTERIUM *CLAVIBACTER MICHIGANENSE*

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Clavibacter michiganense is a pathogenic coryneform bacterium which is pathogen for a variety of plants of agricultural importance such as tomato, potato, and maize. In this paper, the purification and the general properties of an extracellular collagenase from *C. michiganense* are presented.

Material and methods

The strains used in that study are taken from the French National Collection of Phytopathogenic bacteria (INRA d'angers, France). Cultural conditions and purification protocols are made according to previously published methods.

Results and conclusion

The purification steps include ammonium sulfate precipitation DEAE cellulose chromatography and Sephadex G200 chromatography. The purified collagenase migrate with a $M_r = 105\ 000$ upon sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The enzyme displays a broad pH activity profile in the neutral to basic range. It is not inhibited by histidine, slightly by cysteine and strongly by EDTA and 1,10-phenanthroline suggesting that it is a metalloprotease like the other known collagenases. The inhibition data show many properties similar to those of other known bacterial collagenases particularly the enzyme from *Corynebacterium rathayii*. This new collagenase is able to degrade collagen and gliadins extracted from wheat indicating that the enzyme could be necessary for the bacterium to multiply into seeds from which it is frequently isolated. Works are in progress to improve the collagenase synthesis and to sequence the collagenase gene that was recently cloned.

EFFECT OF PACKAGING ON FRESH LAMB CUTS SHELF LIFE

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Packaging and storage time of lambs cuts were examined for their effects on the appearance of meat, the development of the micro-flora, and the eating quality. Fresh lamb chops and leg steaks were either wrapped up in high oxygen permeability film, or in modified gas atmosphere containing 60% O₂, 29% CO₂ and 11% N₂, or under vacuum, and stored at 0/+2°C for periods from 0 to 21 days. The last day of storage, cuts were transferred to a retail display cabinet operating at 7/8°C under continuous lighting. Storage times were 2, 5 and 8 days for cuts wrapped up in film ; 2, 5, 8 and 14 days for packaging in modified gas atmosphere ; and 5, 8, 14 and 21 days for vacuum packaging. Controls and analysis were made after opening packaging. Meat appearance and microbiological growth, the two variables that determine shelf life, are directly related to the packaging treatment and, for each packaging, to the storage time. Color and microbiological counts of cuts wrapped up in high oxygen permeability film quickly caught unacceptable levels. The longest shelf life observed did not go over 5 days. After a storage of 8 days, cuts held in modified gas atmosphere remained acceptable, but after 14 days, even if bacterial counts were correct, we observed unacceptable colors. Vacuum packaging gave the best results, in particular concerning appearance. After 14 days of storage, bacterial counts were still acceptable. Deboned cuts could be stored for up to 21 days, whereas cuts with bone were spoiled by putrid odors at the same time. These odors were attributed to the development of *Brochotrix thermosphacta* and *Enterobacteriaceae*. Packaging treatment and storage time influenced taste panel assessments on lamb chops. One more time, vacuum packaging gave the best results ; flavour and tenderness increased with storage time. The same trend was observed on cuts wrapped up in high oxygen permeability film. On the other hand, there was no organoleptic change as time goes on for meat stored in modified gas atmosphere : after 2 days, these cuts were rated lower than others. Effects observed are complex and many factors influenced them, like chilling conditions, initial microbiological spoilage, equality of the films used, so that further work is necessary to be more specific about these results.

AFLATOXIN PRODUCTION IN A MEAT MIX MODEL SYSTEM IN THE PRESENCE OF PEDIOCOCCLUS AND LACTOBACILLUS: LEVELS OF GLUCOSE NECESSARY TO INDUCE PRODUCTION.

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Aflatoxin production has been related to the presence of readily utilizable sugars. A study was conducted in an axenic cultural system in APT (modified) and PMS media. Irradiated meat was also employed in the formulation of a meat medium. The medium composition and incubation temperatures were simulations of Brazilian salami processing conditions. Eight individual strains of Pediococcus and Lactobacillus were used. Toxin and residual sugars were determined by ELISA and HPLC, respectively.

All single cultures of Aspergillus parasiticus supported aflatoxin production. Aflatoxin was not detected when A. parasiticus was grown with lactic acid bacteria, although visible mould growth was observed in all such cultures. There was a correlation between the level of toxin produced and the concentration of glucose to which the mould had been exposed in the pre-incubation period. The combination of lower levels of sugar, low temperature of incubation and the presence of an active competitor, probably had an effect on the level of sugar that were taken up by mould, thus compromising aflatoxin production.

Effect of Time Length of Frozen Storage and Vacuum Packaging on Survival of *Vibrio vulnificus*

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Vibrio vulnificus, an exceptionally virulent and invasive gram-negative bacteria, is found in warmer environments worldwide. *Vibrio vulnificus* infection manifests itself in three clinical forms. Primary septicemia following ingestion of contaminated seafood is the most serious and fatal of the three. Wound infection is sometimes accompanied by a secondary septicemia, and gastrointestinal illness may also occur. Presently, no programs exist to limit harvesting of shellfish to areas free of *V. vulnificus*. Therefore, public education is of utmost importance. Shellfish consumers, especially those with liver or other chronic underlying illnesses, need to be aware of the dangers of eating raw or undercooked seafood.

For this study, oyster samples were split into 2 treatment groups: those used for controls and those inoculated with 1×10^6 CFU/g of *V. vulnificus*. Half of the samples in each group were then normally heat sealed. The other half were heat sealed under vacuum. Oysters were then frozen at -20°C for 7, 14, 30, and 70 days.

Concentrations of total aerobic bacteria were estimated at each interval using the FDA-BAM 3-tube Most Probable Number determination. Length of storage had a significant effect ($P < .05$) on decreasing total bacterial counts. The type of seal had a less significant effect ($P = .08$) on decreasing counts.

Concentrations of *V. vulnificus* were also estimated using the 3-tube Most Probable Number determination with positive confirmation on *V. vulnificus* selective agars: Cellobiase-polymyxin B-colistin (CPC) and Modified CPC (Mod. CPC). Length of frozen storage, treatment group, and type of seal all had significant effects on survival of *V. vulnificus* in the oysters. Statistically significant decreases in *V. vulnificus* were observed at each successive time interval. Greater numbers of *V. vulnificus* were, not surprisingly, found to survive in the inoculated samples than in the control samples. Vacuum packaged samples also showed significantly lower concentrations of *V. vulnificus* over the length of the study than did the normally sealed samples.

These results show that storage of samples in vacuum packaged bags at -20°C over 70 days is an effective method of reducing *V. vulnificus* concentrations in oysters.

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The aim of this study was to evaluate the relative importance of microbial growth in the hydrolysis of lipids in bovine adipose tissue under refrigerated storage.

Fourteen samples of bovine brisket fat, first to fifth sternbrae, from a recently (2 hours) slaughtered animal were refrigerated at 5 °C in an aerobic environment. Identical number of samples were treated with a tetracycline solution to stop microbial growth.

Regow method modified by Margaria and García, and the lipid content were determined.

show that psychrotrophic ($8.20 \log 10/\text{cm}^2$) and lipolytic microorganisms ($9.30 \log 10/\text{cm}^2$) were able to reach high count number on refrigerated bovine adipose tissue. The lowest levels of FFA observed, 34 and 26 μmoles of FFA /gram of lipid, matched with the psychrotrophic counts.

increase of 1.35 $\mu\text{moles/g/day}$ of FFA was calculated by regression analysis. There was no less significant increase in the FFA levels for samples with no apparent microbial growth (0.7 $\mu\text{moles/g/day}$).

data obtained allow us to conclude that in refrigerated bovine adipose tissue the microbial growth mostly contributed to the hydrolysis of lipids, specially after reaching the counts.

COMPARISON OF ORGANIC ACIDS FOR *CLOSTRIDIUM BOTULINUM* CONTROL IN AN UNCURED TURKEY PRODUCT.

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septennial concerns have led consumers toward purchasing nitrite-free and low salt meat and poultry products. Lacking these barriers to

growth of bacterial pathogens such products carry heightened public health risks, especially if temperature abused. To

Under this threat 5 organic acid salts were evaluated as potential antibotulinal agents. Ground turkey breast was formulated with 3% NaCl, 0.3% sodium pyrophosphate, 0.2 or 6% organic acid salts and 10% ice, then mixed. The pH level was adjusted to

Five hundred spores/g of a 6 strain proteolytic *Clostridium botulinum* mix were added to the product, which was vacuum packaged in high oxygen barrier material. Packages containing 10g of product were heated in 80°C water for 20 min, cooled, and

for 0-18d at 28°C. Samples without acid were positive in 2d. With 2% acid neurotoxin was detected by mouse bioassay

Antibiotulinal efficacies of these weak acids varied directly with their dissociation constants (pK_a). This study reveals that a variety of organic acid salts possess activity that can be used alone or possibly in

information to enhance food safety.

CHILLING AND TRANSPORT OF PORK

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ABSTRACT

To provide consumers with meat in a good hygienic condition both temperature and distribution time had to be reduced. For prevention of the growth of micro-organisms the surface temperature is far more important than the deep leg temperature.

It has been shown in previous investigations that transport of pig carcasses with a low surface temperature, but with an internal temperature above + 7°C, has no adverse effect on the hygienic condition of the meat. Therefore this kind of transport is allowed in the Netherlands for the market. The objective of this study was to develop a monitoring system to guarantee that chilling and transport has been carried out correctly.

The monitoring system was based on the experience with the transport of partly chilled pork from about 25 slaughterhouses to meat cutting and packaging plants.

It appeared that temperature measurements in some well defined sites give a good insight in the performance of the chilling procedure in the slaughterhouse.

It is concluded that shipping of meat before the deep leg temperature has reached + 7°C gives no additional risks for the hygienic condition of the meat. This makes it possible to reduce the distribution time considerably and debone the carcasses at the cutting plant the day after slaughtering. However the results only can be obtained if chilling procedures and chilling equipment of slaughterhouses and refrigerated vehicles fulfil special requirements.

IDENTIFICATION OF SOME LACTIC ACID BACTERIA FROM CO₂ PACKED MEAT BY 23S rRNA-TARGETED OLIGO NUCLEOTIDES PROBES

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Storage of raw, cured or fermented meat and meat products in atmospheres of CO₂, CO₂/O₂ or in vacuum packs leads to a flora dominated to a greater or lesser extent by lactic acid bacteria (LAB). To evaluate the relative importance of different LAB to meat and/or fermentation processes and to determine the microbial consequences of changes in product formulation, processing parameters etc., it is important to have rapid, reliable, easy to perform identification tests. Present tests are often difficult to interpret with changes in medium composition and/or growth conditions giving equivocal results. As an alternative we have evaluated the use of RNA-targeted oligo nucleotide probes labelled with ³²P, using a colony hybridization technique.

Of 96 LAB strains isolated from CO₂ packed pork 25 hybridized with the probe for *L. sake*, 17 with the probe for *L. curvatus* and 11 with the probe for *L. pentosus/plantarum*. With a few exceptions the identities coincided with these obtained from tests of morphology/Gram reaction, the ability to grow on acetate agar and to produce CO₂ from glucose and NH₃ from arginine. Of 52 strains 25 were shown by the same tests to be *Leuconostoc* spp, the remainder being unidentified.

Results from the identification of the LAB with the oligo probes were available within 4 days and the availability of probes for other common meat LAB will make this assay an easy and reliable, if somewhat more expensive, way to classify LAB spoilage bacteria. Preliminary work shows that commercial fluorescein labelled probes can reduce detection time to 2 days as well as be more user friendly.

Pseudomonas GROWTH AS INFLUENCED BY AUTOCLAVING OF STERILE BEEF EXTRACT

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ABSTRACT: Non-autoclaved sterile beef extract (SBE) medium and autoclaved sterile beef extract (SBEA) medium were prepared and inoculated with *Ps. fluorescens* and these samples were also compared to controls that were not inoculated with *Ps. fluorescens*. The *Pseudomonas* count, pH, glucose and total volatile nitrogen (TVN) were measured at 0, 6, 12, 24, and 48 hours of incubation. In uninoculated media all variables except glucose were very stable and no microorganisms were detected during the incubation time. The results indicated that autoclaving caused an increase in the pH, glucose and TVN values. There was a significant increase of *Pseudomonas* numbers due to autoclaving when non-autoclaved and autoclaved media were compared at 0 to 12 hours. Significant difference in pH was also observed at 24 to 48 hours. Glucose and TVN also showed significant differences at 0 to 24 hours. *Pseudomonas* was significantly correlated with pH and glucose in both SBE and SBEA. A significant correlation was also observed between *Pseudomonas* and TVN in SBE.

INFLUENCE OF PREVIOUS BACTERIAL GROWTH ON THE BIOCHEMICAL AND MICROBIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF BEEF EXTRACT MEDIUM

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ABSTRACT: Uninoculated sterile beef extract (SBE) and previously inoculated with "normal flora" and autoclaved beef extract media (IBE) were prepared and then inoculated with *Ps. fluorescens* and these samples were also compared to controls that were not inoculated with *Ps. fluorescens*. The *Pseudomonas* count, pH, glucose and total volatile nitrogen (TVN) were measured during 48 hours of incubation at 25 °C. In uninoculated media the variables were stable and no microorganisms were found. IBE contained less glucose than SBE resulting from the previous inoculation with "normal flora". But in both media inoculated with *Ps. fluorescens* a normal shaped growth curve for *Pseudomonas* was obtained. Glucose decreased significantly ($P < 0.05$) after 24 hours due to *Pseudomonas* growth. *Pseudomonas* also caused a significant increase ($P < 0.05$) of pH and TVN values after 12 and 24 hours of incubation. There was a significant ($P < 0.001$) correlation between *Pseudomonas* numbers and pH or glucose.

LACTIC ACID AND NISIN EFFECT ON BEEF SPOILAGE BACTERIA ATTACHMENT

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An experimental model involving the use of sterile beef longissimus dorsi (LD) muscle, lactic acid, 10^3 IU/ml nisin or a combination of 500 IU/ml nisin plus 1% lactic acid and attachment medium was utilized. LD was immersed in the different antimicrobial agents then placed in contact with approximately 1×10^7 CFU/ml of Pseudomonas fluorescens, Lactobacillus casei, Brochothrix thermosphacta or Escherichia coli at room temperature. Attachment was checked up to 120 min. and the organisms were enumerated. Lactic acid proved to have a strong inhibitory effect on the attachment of P. fluorescens but did not exert a marked reduction of the attachment of E. coli; nonetheless, it was the most effective treatment for E. coli. Lactic acid did not show any effect against L. casei. Nisin proved to be effective in preventing the attachment of L. casei but did not have an effect on fluorescens or E. coli. The combination of lactic acid-nisin reduced the attachment of fluorescens; however, its effect was not as marked as 2% lactic acid.

ATTACHMENT OF SPOILAGE BACTERIA TO BEEF MUSCLE TISSUE

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Sterile beef longissimus dorsi muscle was exposed to a liquid attachment medium containing approximately 1×10^7 CFU/ml of Pseudomonas fluorescens, Lactobacillus casei, Brochothrix thermosphacta or Escherichia coli at room temperature and adherence was monitored at 0, 60, 90 and 120 min by enumerating the microorganisms firmly attached. There were no differences in the attachment of P. fluorescens, E. coli and L. Casei at 0 min. There were no differences in the percentage of attachment, calculated considering inoculum concentration, between P. fluorescens and L. casei for every attachment time tested. Data suggest that P. fluorescens was the most readily attached and L. casei was the least. E. coli was intermediate. The strain of B. thermosphacta used in this assay did not show attachment. SEM studies at 120 minutes of attachment time showed well-defined attachment fibrils. The importance of preventing or blocking bacterial adherence become evident when the spoilage bacteria tested in these experiments were greatly attached to the muscle surface at "zero" min.

EFFECTS OF THE ADDITION OF ACETILATED MONOGLYCERIDE ON THE MICROFLORA, WEIGHT LOSSES AND COLOR BLOOM OF VACUUM PACKAGED BEEF

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In order to establish the effects of the addition of acetylated monoglyceride 2% w/w, Dermatec Food Grade (DFG) - on the microflora, weight losses and color bloom of vacuum packaged beef, eighty four cuts of Longissimus (H < 5.8) were packed in 2 - commercially coextruded films with or without DFG (42 cuts of each). Packages were stored at 0 - 2°C for 60 days. Microbial surface counts (25 cm²) were carried out for aerobic mesophilic, psychrotrophic, lactic acid bacteria. *B.thermosphacta*, *C.perfringens*, *S.aureus* and *V.enterocolitica* every 12 days. *Salmonella* investigation was tested in 25 g. Samples were weighted before and after storage period once meat pieces were dried. Color bloom was visually evaluated on a lean surface after exposure to cold air during 20 min. No differences (p > 0.05) were detected among treatments on the mean counts of spoilage and pathogenic microorganisms. The highest count was 6.92 logCFU/cm² for lactic acid bacteria on the 52nd day of storage. *B.thermosphacta* increased up to the 24th day; after this period a decrease in counts was observed. *Salmonella* and *V.enterocolitica* were absent in all samples; *C.perfringens* counts were < 2 logCFU/cm² and *S.aureus* was not detected after 24 days of storage. Weight losses increased with storage time and at the end were about 4-6%. No differences (p > 0.05) were observed among treatments, however numerical values were lower in those treatments using DFG. A slight decrease in pH was observed during storage time, but no significant differences were detected. Also the average values for color bloom did not show significant differences among treatments. The results showed that DFG had no effect on the microbial counts, pH decline or color generation.

HEAT RESISTANCE OF TWO STREPTOCOCCI ISOLATED FROM THE CORE OF COOKED MEAT PRODUCTS MADE OF COARSELY GROUND PORK

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The thermal death of two streptococci strains isolated from the core of cooked meat products made of coarsely ground pork was investigated during heating at 72°C and during the heat treatment used for the heat processing of cooked sausages (diameter 75 mm). Both heat treatment tests were made in APT-broth and in coarsely ground cured pork. At 72°C the number of colony forming units (cfu) of the strains decreased in APT-broth more steeply than in coarsely ground cured pork in which the decrease was about 1 log unit over 15 min. When heated in APT-broth according to the heating process used for cooking sausages thermal death began steeply at 60°C (strain 3b1) and at 65°C (strain 7b1) diminishing when the maximum temperature of 72°C had been attained. Strain 3b1 did not survive after the heating process in APT-broth. When heated in coarsely ground cured pork according to the heating process for cooking sausages the thermal death process happened more slowly than in APT-broth, the cfu number decreasing by 3 (strain 3b1) and 2 (strain 7b1) log units during the heating process. When the heat treated and cooled coarsely ground cured porks were stored for 4 weeks at 4°C the cfu number rose by a maximum of 1 log unit. In cooked meat products lactic acid bacteria appear which survive the cooking process. However, these bacteria probably do not constitute a spoilage problem because their cfu number decreases some log units during cooking and rises only a little during storage.

Bacterial adhesion to cooked sausages: development of a model experimental system

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A study was undertaken to determine the events leading to the contamination and colonization of cooked sausages by bacteria prior to packaging. In a first phase, a model system was developed to study bacterial adhesion to processed collagen casings. Square pieces (ca. 1 cm²) of the casings were introduced into a specially designed flow chamber and exposed for 20 min to concentrated suspensions (ca. 10⁸ CFU.mL⁻¹) of *Brochothrix thermosphacta* and of a *Lactobacillus* sp. The flow chamber was then rinsed under controlled conditions so that bacteria in contact with the casing surface were submitted to a constant shear stress of 0.05 N.m⁻². The remaining (adherent) bacteria were stained with basic fuchsin and subsequently observed and enumerated under light microscopy.

Typically, *Brochothrix thermosphacta* cells adhered to casings in large numbers (ca. 10⁵ CFU.cm⁻²), regardless of the casing composition (100% collagen or collagen-sorbitol-cellulose) and mode of rehydration (30 min in water or 5 min in a 10% NaCl solution; room temperature). During the same time, the *Lactobacillus* sp. adhered in lower numbers (ca. 10⁴ CFU.cm⁻²). This was shown to be due to a lower sedimentation rate of the *Lactobacillus* sp. rather than to a difference in adhesive properties between the two organisms. In all cases, about 10% of the cells which reached the casing surface remained adherent after rinsing. There was no preferential location for the adhesion of both organisms and adhesion was affected by the presence of NaCl (100 mM) in the adhesion medium. This study illustrates that the model system developed is indeed convenient to study bacterial adhesion to cooked sausages.

Antibacterial effectiveness of a pediocin AcH-based biopreservative against spoilage and pathogenic bacteria from vacuum packaged refrigerated meat.

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Refrigeration in combination with vacuum packaging has been a popular means of extending shelf-life of unprocessed meat products. However, good manufacturing practices, vacuum packaging and refrigeration at low temperatures to overcome these problems use of a suitable preservative has been advocated.

Among the bacteriocins of lactic acid bacteria, pediocin AcH from *Pediococcus acidilactici* H, beside nisin, has been studied for its physical and chemical characteristics, stability, toxicity and antigenic properties and mode of bactericidal action. It is produced in large quantities in media containing food-grade ingredients. The trait is plasmid encoded, the gene codes for a 62 amino acid prepediocin molecules which is not bacteriocidal. Following translation the prepediocin undergoes an enzymatic posttranslation modification that removes an 18 amino acid leader segment from the NH₂-terminal of the 44 amino acid molecule.

The 44 amino acid molecule of molecular weight 4,628 Dal is pediocin AcH and has bacteriocidal property against many gram-positive and pathogenic bacteria that can grow in vacuum packaged unprocessed and processed meat. By some combination a pediocin AcH based biopreservative has been prepared that is bacteriocidal to both gram-positive and gram-negative spoilage and pathogenic bacteria that can reduce the shelf-life and safety of vacuum packaged refrigerated meat products.

MEAT SLAUGHTER HYGIENE MONITORED BY CARCASS BACTERIAL CONDITION

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Microbial condition of meat and meat related surfaces is of prime interest to all the meat industry. Association of meat with food-borne diseases and the need of increasing meat shelf-life have suggested monitoring microbial carcass condition. Sampling techniques for microbiological studies must be accurate and precise to make valid microbiological comparisons of either processes along the slaughterline or abattoirs. Several techniques have been applied to evaluate carcass contamination. However, due to an uneven distribution of carcass bacterial contamination it seems to be appropriate to consider sampling area size as a key factor in determining carcass bacterial status. The aims of this paper are to discuss the significance of sampling size, in relation with beef carcass contamination and abattoir hygiene condition, and the feasibility of using a precise, rapid, safe, and inexpensive sampling technique that consider the whole carcass area. Studies on 613 beef carcasses have been conducted at Argentine abattoirs evaluated as having different visual hygiene conditions. Data gathered showed that no differences were found on carcasses from different abattoirs when analyzing small sampling areas. Differentiation of carcasses from abattoirs close related in GMP's were attained by using a polyurethane sponge to sample the whole carcass area. This sampling technique should allow QC people and meat inspectors to establish microbiological guidelines on beef carcasses, to monitor processes and to control manufacturing practices. It would allow also to compare abattoirs, which might be important in terms of domestic and international meat trade. In addition, the sponge technique might provide a tool for ecological studies during carcass chilling and carcass fabrication. Finally, meat safeness and consumer confidence on meat products should be increased anytime at the slaughter process might be strictly controlled.

COMBINED PROCESSES TO INHIBIT Clostridium botulinum TOXINE PRODUCTION IN A BEEF PRODUCT STORED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE

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A combined process involving curing, cooking, vacuum-packaging and gamma irradiation was applied to a beef product stored at 28°C to prevent C. botulinum toxine production. Beef fore flank samples were cured by pumping and immersion (7.7% NaCl and 0.064% NaNO₂). Samples were cooked to an internal temperature of 75°C during 20 min in brine (5% of NaCl and 0.064% NaNO₂) and challenged with a composite of three different strains of type A C. botulinum in two different levels: 2.0 x 10³ spores/g and 2.0 x 10⁵ spores/g. Samples were vacuum-packed in two different plastic containers composed by (from outside to inside): A) EVA-polyethylene-EVA-SARAN-EVA and B) NYLON-adhesive-SARAN-adhesive-LDLP. Finally, samples were frozen and irradiated to a 7.5 and 15 kGy and stored at 28°C. They were weekly monitored to check for swollen packages or any other organoleptic change. Inoculated samples were monthly analyzed to check for cell viability and toxine formation. In addition, non inoculated samples were prepared and monthly analyzed to check their microbiological condition, lipid stability, a_w, clorures, residual NO₂ and, organoleptic characteristics. Samples subjected to a 10³ spore inoculation and 15 kGy irradiation did not show toxine production up to 2 months storage, at 28°C, for the two analyzed packages. While, viable cells (unable to produce toxine) were detected. Low TBA numbers, off-flavors, and no differences in tenderness were found on non-inoculated samples for both irradiation doses. Based on the experimental data a process involving curing, cooking and irradiation might be safe to prevent Clostridium botulinum toxine formation in beef inoculated with 10³ spores/g.

EFFECT OF USING SORBIC ACID ON THE SHELF LIFE OF CHILLED TURKEY MEAT.

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Spoilage due to growth of bacteria during the storage in stretch film packaged turkey meat in plastic container is a concern of the industry. The inhibition of the aerobic psychrotroph microorganisms has economic importance by extending the shelf life.

In this study, the effects of sorbic acid on inhibiting microbial growth and on lipid oxidation in stretch film packaged turkey breast and thigh were investigated. For this purpose 16 of turkey were slaughtered and thigh and breast meats were deboned and dipped in a 0,5% sorbic acid solution and then packaged with stretch film in plastic container. Control and sorbic acid treated samples were stored in a refrigerator at $+4^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 10 days. Total viable count and TBA values were determined at the beginning and at the end of the storage period. After 10 days.

As a result, it was observed that treatment with 0,5% sorbic acid solution slows down the microbial growth. The TBA values slightly increase on all samples during storage.

MICROBIOLOGICAL STABILITY OF VACUUM-PACKED POULTRY LIVER PATÉ

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The present investigation was undertaken to determine the effect of 2% sodium lactate, 1,2% propylene glycol and 1,2% glycerol on the microbiological stability of vacuum-packed poultry liver paté stored at 7°C for 12 weeks. The physical and sensory characteristics were also evaluated during storage time.

Microbiological results showed the effectiveness of propylene glycol and glycerol in retarding growth of lactic acid bacteria and psychotropic aerobic and anaerobic bacterias, kept within the initial level of counts (CFU/g). The inhibitory effect of lactate was more pronounced only for lactic acid bacteria, keeping its count at the level of 10^2 CFU/g. Results suggest that the humectants evaluated had an inhibitory effect on the growth of the tested bacterias by lowering the a_w from 0,96 to 0,94.

Objective measurements of color for the treatments studied revealed that the lightness increased slightly with the storage time while redness decreased and yellowness did not change markedly. The sensory results indicate that storage time did not affect significantly the taste and overall acceptability for all treatments but off-flavour developed significantly for the products containing the humectants tested after 28 days of storage.

THERMAL DESTRUCTION OF *LISTERIA MONOCYTOGENES* IN MEAT PRODUCTS

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Listeria monocytogenes is a human and animal pathogen which has caused some recent foodborne infection outbreaks fatal to sensitive individuals. The organism is found widely in nature and in meat plant environments contaminating meat products. Thus, regulatory authorities, food microbiologists, meat processors, health professionals and consumers are concerned about the fate of the organism in meat products and its potential to result in food safety concerns. In addition to being able to proliferate at refrigeration temperatures and in vacuum packages, *L. monocytogenes* has been presented as more resistant to thermal destruction than other vegetative cells. This heat resistance is usually higher in the presence of curing ingredients and following product tempering. Since there is a tendency in recent years to develop meat products low in fat and high in moisture, studies in our laboratory have examined thermal destruction of *L. monocytogenes* in ground pork formulated with variable levels of fat, water and nonmeat ingredients. Inoculated ground pork of the appropriate formulation was cooked in small (140 g) glass jars to various internal temperatures in heated water baths. The rates of heating were recorded and surviving organisms were detected and enumerated after thermal processing. The results indicated that even though variable fat and moisture levels affected heating rates, cooking to constant final temperatures resulted in similar extents of destruction of *L. monocytogenes* cells among various meat formulations. Although curing ingredients reduced the extent of thermal destruction of *L. monocytogenes*, their effect was more pronounced at temperatures below 65°C. Cooking uncured or cured ground pork of variable fat and moisture levels to temperatures of 63°C and higher resulted in reduction of *L. monocytogenes* cells by more than 6-7 log/g of meat.

HYGIENIC QUALITY OF FROZEN BEEF IMPORTED IN SENEGAL

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ABSTRACT

Since august 1986, senegalese business men are regularly importing frozen beef from the E.E.C. Canada and U.S.A.. In doubt of the true origin and conditions of preservation of this meat, Dakar Port veterinary authority has imposed its bacteriological examination. In order to assess their hygienic quality, 400 samples of frozen packed beef have been examined by our laboratory, using french official method. The counts carried out are : aerobic plate, fecal coliform, anaerobic sulphite reducing organisms, *staphylococcus aureus*. *Salmonella* were also searched. The following results have been obtained :

235 samples (58.75 p.100)	are SATISFACTORY
132 samples (33.00 p.100)	" ACCEPTABLE
33 samples (08.25 p.100)	" UNACCEPTABLE

The survey of the unacceptable samples revealed that storage conditions were faulty (defreezing-freezing operations- bad storage temperatures).

Imported frozen beef have in the whole, a good hygienic quality.

HURDLE TECHNOLOGY APPLIED TO THE PRODUCTION OF CANNED POULTRY LIVER PATÉ

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ABSTRACT: Processing conditions to reach a minimum heat treatment for canned poultry liver paté (83x96x16 mm format) were optimized. Poultry liver, pork back fat, milk, egg, wheat flour and cognac with or without additions of various combinations of the humectants sodium lactate (1 to 3%), propylene glycol (0,5 to 3%), (0,5 to 3%) and glucono-delta-lactone (0,2 to 0,5%) were used to formulate the patés, that were prepared and tested within one week. Products were evaluated for proximate composition, sensory quality and microbiological characteristics.

Preliminary trials revealed that the preserving effect of humectants tested was best maintaining the control of the water activity of the product through regulation of added water or the use of glucono-delta-lactone.

Preference tests results showed that the paté processed with sodium lactate, propylene glycol, and glucono-delta-lactone at levels of 2%, 0,8%, 0,8% and 0,3% was the most preferred among the treatments investigated. Water activity (a_w) and pH values of the selected product varied from 0,91 to 0,92 and 6,17 respectively and F_0 -value of 0,73 was enough to inhibit the *Clostridium sporogenes* PA 3679 inoculated at 10^2 spores per gramma.

On the basis of the results obtained, it can be drawn that the hurdles investigated (F_0 , a_w and Eh) leads to quality improvement of canned poultry liver paté.

EXTENSION OF POULTRY SHELF-LIFE BY AQUEOUS CHLORINE AND ORGANIC ACIDS

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Freshly processed poultry carcasses were dipped into chlorine solution (5 and 10 ppm), association of ascorbic acid 1% and lactic acid 1% and distilled water. The storage temperature was +5°C. Changes in aerobic plate counts, coliforms and psychrotrophic bacterias were monitored. The association of acids treatment provided an effective inhibitory system against the poultry spoilage organisms. The shelf life of the association acids samples was extend 6 days over the control (distilled water).

The treatments did not affect the organoleptic quality of the samples.

PREVALENCE OF BACILLUS CEREUS IN SOME SELECTED MEAT PRODUCTS

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A total of 220 random samples of some selected meat products (70 samples from manufactured raw minced meat and 50 samples from sausage, luncheon and basterma) were collected from different shops and supermarkets, Assiut city, Upper Egypt and subjected for enumeration and isolation of *Bacillus cereus*.

The mean value of *B. cereus* count was 2.2×10^5 , 7.8×10^5 , 5.8×10^5 and 3.8×10^5 per gram of examined raw minced meat, sausage, luncheon and basterma respectively.

The percentage of strains produced at pH 9 and pH 6.7 increased by 44.23 % & 80.77 %, 10.71 % & 28.57 %, 4.17 % & 66.67 % and 35.71 % & 50 % of strains isolated from manufactured raw minced meat, sausage, luncheon and basterma respectively ; while TNase was produced at pH 9 by 62 % and 7.14 % of strains isolated from manufactured raw minced meat and sausage respectively.

ROBIAL BEHAVIOR OF FRESH SAUSAGES CONTAINING LAMB OR GOAT MEAT

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This study to evaluate the bacterial content of fresh sausages manufactured with lamb or goat meat and stored for 30 days was conducted. Meats were used to formulate sausages containing different levels of pork fat (16% and 27%) and two sodium nitrite concentrations (0 ppm and 100 ppm). Sausages stuffed into natural casings and packaged into nylon/polyethylene film with vacuum (76 cm Hg) or without vacuum were stored at 5 °C. Mesophiles, psychrophiles, coliforms, *S. aureus* and bacteria from genus *Salmonella*, *Clostridium* and *Yersinia* were searched for on meat and on the sausages with 0, 15 and 30 days storage.

Results indicated initial levels of mesophilic bacteria of about 10^4 CFU/g in lamb and goat meat and 10^2 MPN/g coliforms in goat raw meat. After 15 days storage sausages packaged without vacuum had increased mesophiles, coliforms and *S. aureus* bacteria to levels of 10^5 CFU/g, 10^2 MPN/g and 10^2 UFC/g, respectively, and psychrophiles to 10^6 to 10^7 UFC/g.

After 30 days storage without vacuum lamb sausages presented obnoxious odours and faded color and goat sausages reached levels of about 10^7 UFC/g, 10^2 MPN/g, 10^7 UFC/g and 10^3 UFC/g for mesophiles, coliforms, psychrophiles and *S. aureus*, respectively.

Sausages with vacuum packaging kept levels of bacteria in both lamb and goat sausages around 10^3 UFC/g, 10^2 MPN/g, 10^5 UFC/g and 10 UFC/g for mesophiles, coliforms, psychrophiles and *S. aureus*, respectively, to the end of the 30 days storage period.

Sausage fat content seemed not to affect the growth of bacteria in this study. Although no *Salmonella*, *Clostridium* or *Yersinia* were found in this experiment. Sodium nitrite (100 ppm) did not inhibit *S. aureus* growth in lamb or goat sausages.

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FERMENTED PRODUCTS

INFLUENCE OF STARTER CULTURES ON THE VOLATILE CONTENT AND AROMA OF DRY SAUSAGE.

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The purpose of this work was to study the impact of starter cultures on the production of flavour compounds in dry sausages.

The effect of six starter cultures corresponding to different combinations of lactic acid bacteria (*Lactobacillus* like L110, *Pediococcus acidilactici* 725, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* 716) and different *Staphylococcus* species (*Staphylococcus carnosus* 833, *Staphylococcus warneri* 863, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* M31) strains were tested on a total number of 30 dry sausages without spices.

At the end of ripening, volatile components from the sausages were extracted by a dynamic headspace method and identified by gas liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry.

Type of starter and especially the type of *Staphylococcus* species were proved to have major effect on the level of volatile compounds in the dry sausages. Sensory analysis showed that the butter odour of the sausages was largely dependent on the catabolism of carbohydrates, and that curing and rancid odours were correlated with typical compounds of lipids oxydation.

This study has shown that sausage flavour is highly modified by microbial combinations.

EFFECT OF MEAT SPECIES ON PROTEOLYSIS DURING DRY SAUSAGE FERMENTATION

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Proteolysis during fermentation and drying of dry sausage seems to involve the collaborative and consecutive action of both muscle and bacteria proteases. Muscle proteinases of the cathepsin D type, are mainly active during fermentation, whereas both bacterial and muscle peptidases, are mainly active during drying (Verplaetse et al, this conference). Eventual differences in meat species proteinase activity may exist analogous to differences in the calpain/calpastatin system observed by Ouali & Talmant (Meat Science, 28, 331, 1990). Such differences should then be reflected in different patterns of proteolysis in fermented sausages, prepared from different meat species but using the same inoculum. Sausage batters (10 kg, standard formulation without lard) were prepared consecutively from frozen horse, pork and beef, using a 3d. old sausage mix (1%) as starter. Sausages (90mm, ca. 1 Kg) were fermented and dried up to 21 days after filling. Samples were taken for determination of pH, lactate, myosin and actin (SDS-PAGE), free and peptide bound α -NH₂-N, ammonia and cathepsin D activity 0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 14 and 21 days after filling. The results indicate that total exo- and endopeptidase activity is equivalent to 400, 249 and 243 mmols of released N per Kg DM in horse, beef and pork sausages respectively. In horse sausages, and to a less extent, in beef sausages higher amounts total free and peptide bound α -NH₂-N are produced with higher proportions of peptides, more actin and myosin degradation and higher cathepsin D activity than in pork sausages. Differences are apparent, mainly during the fermentation period. No differences were observed in rate of pH drop and amounts of lactate produced. Differences only slightly. Such differences in pattern of proteolysis, independent of bacterial inoculum may contribute extensively to flavour development.

EFFECT OF THE ADDITION OF THE ASPARTYL PROTEINASE FROM *Aspergillus oryzae* ON DRY FERMENTED SAUSAGE PROTEOLYSIS DURING RIPENING

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Proteolysis is a phenomenon leading to the release of small molecular weight compounds, which are precursors of, or directly present in, the final flavour of dry fermented sausages. The present work is an attempt to enhance the proteolytic activity during ripening of sausages by using the aspartyl proteinase (AP) from *Aspergillus oryzae*.

Three batches of dry fermented sausage ("salchichón") were made using the common industrial method and adding no protease (control, C), 800 (P1) or 4500 (P2) enzyme units of AP. One unit represented the amount of enzyme that produced an increase of 1 unit of absorbance at 440 nm per hour, using azocasein (Sigma) as substrate (0.8% in TRIS buffer 0.2M, pH 6.5). Ripening was carried out for 45 days, controlling the temperature, the relative humidity and the air flow in a laboratory ripening cabinet.

Microbial, pH and moisture changes showed a similar pattern in all batches, and also similar to that observed in conventional dry fermented sausages. However, water activity (A_w) was similar in C and P1 batches, while A_w of P2 batch was lower throughout the ripening process, probably due to the accumulation of proteolysis products. All nitrogen fractions, i.e. water soluble (WSN), non protein nitrogen (NPN), phosphotungstic acid soluble (PTN), 5% sulfosalicylic acid soluble (SSN) and total volatile basic (TVBN) nitrogens were much greater in the protease added batches than those in the control. At the end of the ripening, the values (g nitrogen/100 g dry matter) reached in the P2 batch for the above mentioned fractions were 1.26, 0.48, 0.33, 0.23 and 0.12, respectively. The same nitrogen fractions reached, in the control batch, values about 150, 300, 250, 350 and 200% for the P1 batch and 250, 350, 300, 600 and 250% for the P2 batch.

At the end of ripening, sausages were organoleptically judged by a 20 members panel. The added proteinase amounts and the ripening conditions used in this work produced an excessive proteolysis which led to a remarkable softening in the proteinase added batch. This effect was in accordance with the nitrogen fraction increases observed throughout the ripening process.

THE INFLUENCE OF NITRITE ON THE FORMATION OF BIOGENIC AMINES IN DRY SAUSAGES

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Dry sausages were manufactured in the pilot plant with three different levels of nitrite (1 = 50mg/kg NaNO_2 , 2 = 120mg/kg NaNO_2 , 3 = 200 mg/kg NaNO_2). The fermentation was performed with five commercial starter cultures: Backtoferment 62, Duploferment 85, Pentoferment 85, Condi-Rasant 820/10 and Flora-Carn SL. Amines, nitrite, nitrate, pH, a_w and microbiological counts were determined during ripening of sausages. Nitrite eliminated during fermentation process. After 49 days of fermentation the nitrate concentration was less than 10mg/kg in all samples. The amines of different nitrite levels were compared to each other by calculating biogenic amine index (BAI) for each sausages. Addition of nitrite had no effect on amine formation when fermentation was performed with Duploferment 85 cultures than Pentoferment 85. With this starter culture the lowest BAI was achieved as 200 mg/kg NaNO_2 was added.

EFFECTS OF 3 BACTERIA ISOLATED FROM DANISH CURING BRINES IN A STERILE MEAT MODEL SYSTEM.

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Effects of *Vibrio proteolyticus* (168), *Halomonas elongata* (16) and *Staphylococcus carnosus* (65) isolated from danish curing brines were examined in a sterile meat model system by monitoring pH, nitrite and nitrate changes, by head space gaschromatography (HSGC) and semiquantitative sensory analyses by smell. The effect of disrupted bacteria was examined as well. Microbiology was determined by standard plate counts.

Sterile meat cuts were injected with brine containing bacteria, disrupted bacteria or control. The meat cuts were subsequently repackaged and stored at 20°C for 14 days. They were sampled 2, 6, 8, 10 and 14 days after production. Smell analyses were carried out after 4 days.

Disrupted bacteria produced nitrite and reduced nitrate, while there was no effects from 16 and 65. No effects of the bacteria on pH could be observed. Sensory analyses showed that 168 produced 2 peaks after 6 days, while there was no effects of 16 and 65. The smell analyses showed that 168 had a characteristic smell called cheesy, but it was not possible to smell difference between 16 and 65 and their controls, respectively. Plate counts showed that 16 and 65 did not grow in the meat, but remained at approx. 10^5 cfu/g, while 168 died out after 8 days. This was associated with changes in nitrite, nitrate and HSGC which became significant after 6 days. Injection of disrupted bacteria did not produce effects, and 168 was therefore probably entering a state of dormancy after 8 days.

It could be concluded that 168 was able to induce effects in a sterile meat model system, but whether these effects had a positive influence on the overall flavour is still not known.

CHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF LACTOBACILLI FROM DRY FERMENTED SAUSAGES

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Chemical characterization of 254 strains isolated from dry fermented sausages from 15 different manufacturers at different stages of ripening time is presented.

Species identified were *L.sake* 55%, *L.curvatus* 26%, *L.bavaricus* 11% and *L. plantarum* 8%. The criteria for the identification of isolates to species level were: production of lactic acid isomers, presence of mDpm acid in cell walls, deamination of arginine and fermentation of mannitol and melibiose.

In processors *L.sake* was the main species present followed by *L.curvatus*. In the rest of manufacturers *L.curvatus* was the predominant species. In every stage of sampling *L.sake* was the species most frequently isolated.

Deamination of arginine was tested in aerobic and anaerobic cultures and in different media checking the production of ammonia and detecting the production of citrulline. In 94% of strains tested both methods agreed. In two *L.sake* strains arginine catabolism was dependent on culture media, in two other *L.sake* strains the deamination of arginine only occurred when oxygen was scarce.

EFFECT OF STARCH ADDITION IN THE QUALITY OF FERMENTED SAUSAGES

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Fermented, shelf stable meat products, such as salami, represents a safe alternative for protein source in tropical zones where refrigeration facilities are not easily available. However, because of raw material and production costs, this type of product is not accessible for low-income populations.

The addition of low cost starch materials to cooked meat products is commonly done in order to decrease the cost to the producer and the consumer. Although there are many reports in the literature regarding microbiological and chemical changes associated with lactic acid fermented meats, the information about the effect on quality of fermented meat products extended with starches is very limited.

The objective of this work was to study the changes in quality (volatile production, sugars and fat content) in fermented sausages extended with starch, during the fermentation and ripening processes.

Fermented sausages were prepared in a traditional way, imitating Italian salami. Part of the meat was substituted with potato or corn starch up to 4% w/w. Production of short-chain fatty acids and lactate followed during a 30 day ripening period. Other response variables were pH, acidity, colour (by Hunter) and diamine production; this last as an indication of decomposition.

During the initial fermentation period, the samples did not show significant differences for any of the variables. However, colour and texture (evaluated by a taste panel) as well as fatty acid production showed significant differences at the end of the ripening process.

It is assumed that during the fermentation period (first 24 hours) the metabolic pathway of lactic acid bacteria was not altered by the presence of starch, due to the fact that these microorganisms make use of the sugar added to the meat formulation (sucrose). However, at the end of the ripening period, probably due to the presence of moulds, production of lactic acid became of second importance due to the production of some metabolites which produce off-flavours and aromas, as well as colour fading.

Predictive Microbiology: Targeted Control of Fermentation Processes

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In the production of dry sausage it is important to adjust the ripening conditions precisely to the selected starter. Optimum acidification performance has to be achieved. However, the effect of ripening parameters are not sufficiently known, and so far it has been impossible to achieve targeted control during the fermentation process. Therefore, a concept of determining the acidification performance of starter cultures in dry sausage was developed. It is distinct from the fact, that the chosen experimental conditions correspond largely to the conditions present during dry sausage ripening, thus provide results, that can be applied under practical conditions. The combined influence of temperature and water activity as ripening factors on the lag-phase and acidification capacity of different strains of *Lactobacillus* and *Pediococcus* was investigated. By applying the modified linear Arrhenius model of DAVEY on the data it was possible to predict the effects of temperature and water activity on the acidification performance and the lag-phase. The model is easy to use by using linear least squares regression procedure of nearly every spreadsheet. Therefore, the acidification performance during ripening can be predicted and influenced in a targeted way by means of a simple mathematical model.

Bacteriophages in Commercial Meat Fermentations

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Bacterial strains used as starter cultures for fermented meat products are susceptible to bacteriophage lysis. The presence of bacteriophages has now been shown in starter cultures themselves as well as in commercially fermented meat products from Germany, Italy and Spain. Phages lysing strains of *Lactobacilli*, *Micrococi* and *Staphylococci* used as starters have been isolated and characterised by electron microscopy, microbiological and biochemical techniques. Despite the widespread distribution of these phages they do not apparently cause such serious problems as with fermented milk products -or do they?

It was shown that a *Lactobacillus plantarum* strain isolated from a commercial starter culture is lysogenic. The phage released was partly characterised and compared to a virulent phage lysing the same strain. The virulent phage was isolated during a commercial production of fermented raw sausage. The fact that phages can be isolated from starter cultures and fermenting sausages shows, that there is an influence which may explain the poor competitiveness of many commercial starter strains. The growth of the indigenous flora may mask the action of phage lysis of the starter strains. These circumstances should be taken into consideration when choosing starter cultures.

MEAT-BASED MODEL SYSTEM FOR FERMENTATION STUDIES.

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The simulation of raw meat fermentation attempts to deal with difficulties related to solid-state fermentation systems. A liquid model-system was devised using pork, beef, sucrose, glucose, manganese, phosphates and nitrite. Refrigerated lean pork tender loin and beef topside were minced, vacuum packed in double layer plastic bags and irradiated to 4.5kGy by the submersion technique. A solution was prepared with salt, sugar, and water ingredients and sterilized by autoclaving at 121°C for 15 min. The cold meat (5°C) was mixed with the cold (4°C) salt-sugar solution and homogenized in a Waring blender. Filter sterilized nitrite solution was added to the medium to a final concentration of 100 ppm immediately before inoculation. The pH, buffering capacity (B), and a_w of the particulate medium were simulations of those found in salami mix. *Pediococcus* sp. CCM 822, *P. pentosaceus* NCFB 1220, *P. pentosaceus* NCFB 559, and two commercial strains (Chr. Hansen's *P. pentosaceus* and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus*) were subcultured as axenic cultures into the liquid system and showed similar pattern of growth compared to laboratory-prepared salami mix. Similar results were also observed with a cocktail culture of *Staphylococcus aureus* strains. A further development to allow simulation of water losses during early stages of fermentation was tested against those strains and commercial cultures of *Lactobacillus alimentarius* and *L. sake*. The pH profiles were similar in both media.

FORMATION OF HISTAMINE IN VACUUM PACKED FERMENTED SAUSAGES

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During the fermentation of raw sausages different amounts of histamine are formed due to the age of the raw material and the presence of histidine decarboxylating microorganisms. The increasing number of self service shops and a changed consumer behaviour require sliced and vacuum packed fermented sausages. The objective of this study was to investigate, whether histamine will be formed during storage in vacuum package and the causes of its formation. Investigated materials were raw sausages fermented under different conditions and stored up to 8 weeks in vacuum package - sliced and unsliced - at 5°C or room temperature. Additionally pH-value was measured and a bacteriological examination was carried out.

The content of histamine of vacuum packed fermented sausages did not increase during storage regardless to storage temperature and the initial amount of histamine as long as the water/protein ratio remained below 1.3. Differences between sliced and unsliced vacuum packed sausages and non vacuum packed samples could not be obtained. If the water/protein ratio exceeded 1.3 (fermented sausages ripened for a shorter period) the formation of histamine increased more than sixfold (e.g. from 22 mg histamine /kg dry matter to 145 mg/kg). Storage of fermented sausages in vacuum package also did not affect the pH-value or influence the count of microorganisms significantly.

It can be concluded that only long ripened raw sausages are suitable for vacuum package. Regarding the formation of histamine fermented sausages with a water/protein ratio of above 1.8 cannot be recommended for this kind of storing conditions.

STUDY OF A "UŽICE BACON" - TRADITIONAL FERMENTED MEAT PRODUCT : PROCESSING AND CHARACTERISTICS

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Processing of well-known fermented meat products of beef, pork and mutton has a long and very rich tradition in the region of mountain Zlatibor in Yugoslavia (south-west of Serbia). Processing process is seasonal and lasts from November to February. Usually, it is an additional activity for farmers households, but sometimes it is also a part of manufacturing program of export slaughter-house JM "Čajetina", situated in a small mountain town Čajetina. In the structure of these high quality and in Yugoslavia widely appreciated and demanded products, the significant portion is taken by "UŽICE BACON" (about 25%) which is the object of the present study. "UŽICE BACON" is processed according to traditional technology that has been used for many decades and passed on from generation to generation. This shelf-stable fermented product is made of whole, boneless and formed pork sides with skin, including bladebone cartilage (cartilago scapulae) and tip of breast bone (cartilago xypoides), but without head, forequarter hock, hindquarter hock and processed pork sides is usually from 17-20%. Final product has extraordinary favourable sensory characteristics and optimum salt content of about 3%.

PEPTIDASIC ACTIVITIES OF STARTER CULTURES

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During the ripening of sausage the levels of free amino acids increase. Some amino acids have an effect on the flavour of meat products by themselves or because they are metabolized into carbonyl compounds. Besides endogenous peptidasic activities the peptidases from the bacterial starter cultures could be also involved in the production of amino acids. This study was undertaken to determine what are the proteolytic system of the species of *Lactobacillus*, *Pediococcus*, *Staphylococcus* used as starter cultures.

Proteolytic and peptidasic activities were measured in resting cells and in supernatant cultures. Specificity of aminopeptidases was determined with amino acid naphthylamide or nitroanilide derivatives as substrates. None species tested hydrolysed hemoglobin, casein, bovine albumine. Only *Lactobacillus plantarum* showed activity on azocasein.

Each species was characterized by arylamidase pattern. *Pediococcus pentosaceus*, *L. plantarum* and *Lactobacillus* were active on a large number of substrates, whereas *Carnobacterium piscicola* and *Staphylococcus carnosus* were active on a few. *Staphylococcus xylosum*, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* only hydrolysed a few.

In particular *L. sake* showed a high activity with hydrophobic amino acid (leucine, alanine or phenylalanine) and diaminomonocarboxylic (Lysine or arginine). Some activities were released in the supernatant by lysis of bacteria. The peptidase activities were more important in lactic acid bacteria than in *Staphylococcus* strains but their effect on the occurrence in the production of amino acids in sausages remains to demonstrate.

FERMENTATION OF DRY SAUSAGE - THE EFFECT OF ADDED PROTEINASE AND LIPASE FROM LACTOBACILLUS

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Various groups of microorganisms are used to ferment dry sausage. The lipolytic and proteolytic activity of the involved microorganisms contribute to flavour formation. Thus, experiments where proteinase (from *Lactobacillus paracasei* ssp. *paracasei* NCDO 151) and lipase (from *Lactobacillus plantarum* MF 32) were added to the sausage mix were performed. Colour development (L*, a*, b*), pH, degradation of water soluble proteins, NPN, individual amino acids and total fatty acid composition were followed during 42 days, after which sensory analysis and triangle test were performed. In the triangle test experiment, the proteinase sausage was found significantly different from the control and lipase sausages. With the addition of proteinase, colour developed differently compared to control and lipase sausages, although after 42 days all three colour coordinates were equal to those found in the control and lipase sausages. Proteinase also caused a rapid decrease in pH, down to 4.5 in three days as compared to 4.95 for the control and lipase sausages. NPN showed no differences between the three sausages at any stage of the fermentation and maturation period. Degradation of water soluble proteins as determined from SDS-PAGE revealed differences when comparing the proteinase sausage with both the control and lipase sausages. Extraction with saline buffers did not disclose any significant differences in the protein patterns of the three sausages. The amounts of free individual amino acids as quantified in percentage of internal standard, after extraction and analysis on HPLC, are of equal quantities, developing at the same rate in all three samples. Fatty acid analysis showed large differences. Proteinase and control sausages have the highest quantities of all the fatty acids analyzed, from C-14 to C-22, after first 21 days. After 42 days, virtually no differences appeared between the three sausages.

IDENTIFICATION OF VOLATILES FROM ITALIAN DRIED SALAMI

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part of an on-going project concerning the development of aroma in fermented sausages. Different types of commercial Italian dried salami were investigated. Volatile compounds from salami without casing were collected on adsorbent tubes by a flow of nitrogen and the adsorbed compounds extracted from the tubes with a minute amount of diethylether. The resulting extracts were analyzed by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. Most of the identified volatiles were classified as either ketones, aldehydes, alcohols or acids. Many of the compounds were common for all the different salamis, some, however, seemed to be specific for a particular type. While some of those evidently came from added spices, others may have originated from the action of bacteria or fungi.

LIPOLYTIC ACTIVITY OF MICROCOCCACEAE

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Micrococcaceae are used as starter because of their ability to reduce nitrate, to produce catalase and to contribute to flavour. Lipolytic activities are often mentioned to play a role in flavour. However few data are available on these activities and most of the strains studied were not identified. So, fifty two strains of *Micrococcaceae* identified in the laboratory have been studied for their lipolytic activities. The screening was done by the method of Kouker and Jeager (1987) using three substrats : tributyrin, triolein and pork

lipolysis of pork fat by the most lipolytic strains was measured at 0, 3, 10, 17 and 30 days incubation by titrimetry according to the method of Flechet and Chilliard (1985). Viable counts were enumerated with Chapman medium incubated at 24°C for 48h.

Saprophyticus, *S. warneri* and *M. varians*, strongly lipolytic on triolein and pork fat, were selected to measure the lipolysis of pork fat during long incubation period.

These species showed different patterns in lipolysis of pork fat. The strains of *S. saprophyticus* released the fatty acids during all the incubation period. For the strains of *S. warneri*, after an increase in free fatty acids (FFA) during the first three days of incubation, the FFA stayed at the same level during the 7 following days and rose again until the end of incubation. Only the sample inoculated with *M. varians* had a level of FFA that dropped after 10 days of incubation.

PROCESSING OF FERMENTED SAUSAGE USING STARTER CULTURES

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In India the meat fermentation technology has not been developed and commercial starter culture is not available for the production of fermented sausages. The purpose of the present research was to employ the starter cultures used by the dairy industry and to study the relative effects of starter cultures over the natural fermentation for processing of fermented sausages. Three strains of lactic acid bacteria namely Lacto bacillus acidophilus, Lacto bacillus plantarum and Streptococcus lactis were used. Titration of titratable acid and percent loss of weight were monitored during ripening.

The type of starter culture and duration of fermentation significantly affected the pH, titratable acidity and percent loss of weight of sausages during ripening. The control group of sausages without starter showed highest ultimate pH and L. acidophilus showed lowest ultimate pH. Titratable acidity (Lactic acid) was found highest in the sausages treated with L. plantarum followed by S. lactis, L. acidophilus and control group. Sausages had lost their weight significantly during fermentation and ripening phase. The lowest weight loss was recorded in control group. Among the starter cultures, the weight was highest for the sausages made with L. plantarum and no significant difference was observed between the groups containing L. acidophilus and S. lactis. Treatment with L. plantarum produced acceptable sausage over the other two starters and natural fermentation.

OGHRATOXIN A PRODUCTION IN DRY SAUSAGE BY PENICILLIUM VERRUCOSUM VAR. CYCLOPIUM STRAINS

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The objective of present study was to examine the possibility of ochratoxin A (OA) production in "dry sausage", a type of sausage, by four P. verrucosum var. cyclopium strains.

Penicillium strains tested were isolated from the air in smoke-house and from the surface of a dry sausage. In preliminary experiments this fungal strains were analyzed on OA production in laboratory conditions growing on ground and whole grains at 26 to 28°C for 20 days. In further experiments, the possibility of OA production in dry sausage during the storage periods by toxigenic P. verrucosum var. cyclopium strains were investigated.

After filling, sausage surface was inoculated with a suspension of fungal conidia (10^6 /mL). Sausage was dipped in the suspension for 10 to 15 min, and then strained and smoked for 2 to 3 days. Mycotoxicological analysis were done on the 10th and 20th day of the ripening and on the 10th and 15th day of the storage period. Experiments were carried out in a processing plant. All tests were done in triplicates. Determination of OA was performed by using a method according to et al. (1978), which was slightly modified.

The results obtained indicated that dry sausage was a good substrate for fungal growth and for toxin production. Fungal strains tested produced OA already after ten days of the ripening (12.0 to 20.0 µg/kg). The highest concentration (50.0 µg/kg) was found at the end of ripening period synthesized by P. verrucosum var. cyclopium, strain L II 14A.

BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF DRY SAUSAGES IN RELATION WITH STARTER CULTURES

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Starter cultures are extensively used in the manufacturing of dry sausages. They consist of lactic acid bacteria (*Micrococcaceae*). Their metabolic activities play a role in acidification and could be involved in the flavour of the products. So it is important to know their effects in the products.

Three strains of lactic acid bacteria - *Lactobacillus sake*, *Pediococcus acidilactici*, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* - and two strains of *Staphylococcus* - *Staphylococcus carnosus*, *Staphylococcus saprophyticus*, *Staphylococcus warneri* - were selected for their acidifying properties, peptidasic and lipolytic activities. They were inoculated in sausages mixture 40 days of ripening, in control and inoculated sausages, the following measures were done: pH, D and L lactate, acetate contents by enzymatic methods, free fatty acids by titrimetry.

At the end of ripening, the sausages inoculated with different starter cultures and the control were well discriminated by biochemical characteristics studied. It appeared that sausages inoculated with *L. sake* had the higher D lactate content and the lower pH. These two parameters seemed well correlated. Sausages inoculated with *S. saprophyticus* were characterized by a high acetate content. Lipolysis occurred in control sausages but was greater in those inoculated with *S. warneri*.

The effects observed in the sausages were in agreement with the biochemical properties of the starters studied in vitro.

COMPARISON OF THE RATES OF pH REDUCTION AND LACTIC ACID ACCUMULATION DURING GLUCOSE FERMENTATION IN BEEF SAUSAGE

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The rates of glucose fermentation by *Pediococcus acidilactici*, *Pediococcus pentosaceus* and *Lactobacillus plantarum* were studied in ground beef mixes at temperatures from 24.3 to 45.0°C using general chemical reaction kinetics. Fresh ground beef sausage mixes containing curing agents, seasonings, salt and 1.0% glucose were inoculated with one of the respective starter cultures, stuffed into casings and then placed at one of five temperatures for fermentation. Fermentation measures of pH reduction (hydrogen ion concentration) and lactic acid accumulation (g/100 g mix) at each temperature were generally found to fit first order reaction rates for each of the bacterial species during their active growth phase. Arrhenius plots of the two fermentation measures did not agree when resulting activation energies were compared. Activation energies determined from pH reduction were 2.4 to 4.3 times higher than the activation energies determined by lactic acid accumulation. These results indicated that the buffering capacity of muscle proteins and other sarcoplasmic substances for hydrogen ions is an important variable in measuring the extent of fermentation through pH reduction.

ENDOGENOUS AND BACTERIAL PROTEOLYSIS IN DRY SAUSAGE FERMENTATION

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N concentrations up to 20% of total N (TN) have been reported repeatedly for dry sausage. Major production of NPN takes place during the fermentation period, whereas in the drying period there is a shift in NPN composition from peptide N to amino acid and ammonia N and from nucleotide to nucleoside N. Proteases comprise two groups called proteinases or endopeptidases and peptidases or exopeptidases. The former seem to be active mainly in the fermentation period, the latter in the drying period. In dry sausage, both may be of bacterial and/or endogenous origin. Using antibiotics and specific protease inhibitors it was tried to evaluate the relative importance of bacteria and muscle enzymes in both peptidase and proteinase activity. Sausages were prepared using backslopping as starter, with and without an added antibiotic - antimycotic cocktail (streptomycin, penicillin G and nystatin). The cocktail was used with and without glucono - delta - lactone (GDL), whereas the specific protease inhibitors pepstatin and leupeptin were used with GDL. After 3 and 21 days of ripening, meat proteins were analysed by semi-quantitative SDS-PAGE and acetate, acetate, ammonia, free and peptide bound α - NH_2 - N determined. Results show that, in the presence of GDL, myosin degradation is inhibited (ca. 80%) by pepstatin but not by antibiotics. Total NPN production is inhibited by antibiotics and GDL (ca. 60%) and by pepstatin with GDL (ca. 70%). Both, antibiotics and pepstatin, shift NPN composition to free peptides, less free α - NH_2 -N and less ammonia, but the effect is more pronounced with antibiotics. Results are consistent with a collaborative and consecutive rôle of muscle cathepsin D and bacterial enzymes in proteolysis, the former preparing peptide substrates for the latter.

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NON-ENZYMIC CATALYSIS OF MICROSOMAL LIPID PEROXIDATION BY ACTIVATED-METMb. DETECTION OF MYOGLOBIN-DERIVED RADICALS BY ESR SPECTROSCOPY.

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Membranal lipid peroxidation and myoglobin oxidation are closely coupled in beef meat but the basis of these relationships are always largely unknown. Enzymic system(s) and "activated-metmyoglobin" leading to free-radical chain reaction, are involved in lipid peroxidation and development of WOF in raw meat.

The aim of this experiment was to study the non-enzymic catalysis of microsomal lipid peroxidation by "activated-metmyoglobin".

Two bovine muscles (*longissimus lumborum* and *psaos major*) different from the viewpoint of colour stability, microsomes were prepared (Apgar and Hultin, 1982) and oxymyoglobin, purified on a Mono-Q column (Gatellier et al., in press), was transformed in metmyoglobin. After interaction of H₂O₂ with metmyoglobin, to obtain "activated-metmyoglobin", non-enzymic lipid peroxidation of microsomal fraction (Kanner and Harel, 1985) was followed by the determination of TBA-reactive substances (Sunderman et al., 1985). Oxidation of myoglobin-derived radicals was recorded by optical and electron spin resonance spectroscopy (Davies, 1990). ESR spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Bruker ER 200D after mixing of metmyoglobin, H₂O₂ and the spin-trap DMPO.

As shown that non-enzymic lipid peroxidation followed during 24 h was much more pronounced with microsomes extracted from *psaos major* muscle which is more color-labile. By optical spectroscopy, it was noted that myoglobin (IV) species may be formed. The addition of microsomal fraction to the mixture H₂O₂-metmyoglobin gave rise to a competition between the spin-trap and membranal phospholipids and free-radicals species leading to a decay of ESR signal. The protein-derived radical may be responsible for initiating membranal lipid oxidation in muscle.

EVOLUTION OF INTRAMUSCULAR LIPIDS DURING PROCESSING OF DRY-CURED HAM

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The quantitative and qualitative evolutions of intramuscular lipids were studied during the processing of "french type" dry-cured hams. The amounts and the fatty acid composition of glycerides, polar lipids and free fatty acids (FFA) were determined in the *Biceps femoris* muscle at different times in the course of processing. Thirty fresh hams were analyzed. The 30 symmetric hams were processed, and groups of 10 were taken at 2, 6, and 9 months after the beginning of processing.

Lipolysis occurred and continued during the whole processing time, as shown by the increase (+ 80 %) in free fatty acid level. This phenomenon seemed to affect chiefly the polar lipids, since this fraction decreased dramatically (- 70 %) during processing. By contrast, the amounts of glycerides, which represented 86-88 % of the intramuscular lipids in the ham meat, did not change significantly. This indicated that glycerides were little hydrolyzed.

No significant change was found in the composition of any fraction. This observation indicated that probably the fatty acids underwent little oxidation.

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The consumption of heated sunflower oil resulted in significant reductions in α -tocopherol dark and white broiler muscle and in heart, lung, liver and brain. Heated sunflower oil increased rates of oxidation in all the tissues studied.

SPANISH DRY-CURED HAM : PHYSICAL AND PHYSICOCHEMICAL STUDY

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The Spanish processed meat industry traditionally made Dry-Cured products like "Salchichón", but the most important of these type of products is the Dry-Cured Ham. The highest consumption of this product in the world. In 1991 the Spanish processed meat produced 173.000 Tm.

The aim of this work is the study of physical and physicochemical parameters in the dry stage. The study was made with 6 female hams. The zone under study were delimited between the part of the femur bone and the perpendicular zone at that bone. The muscles under study were : **Semimembranosus**, **Semitendinosus** and **Biceps femoris**. The samples were taken after the beginning of the process. The physical parameters under study were CIE L^* , a^* , b^* , nitrosation (nitrosation index), pigment discolouration (red colour stability), and the physical parameters were water activity, pH, fat, salt concentration, residual nitrite level, and moisture level. **Semimembranosus**-muscle showed different behavior in all parameters except in pH and residual nitrite level. Water activity, moisture and salt concentration showed a gradient between all muscles. Regression analysis were made for L^* , a^* , b^* . L^* was related to water activity and moisture with correlation coefficient of 0.823, a^* was related to residual nitrite level and red colour stability with correlation coefficient of 0.907, b^* was related to red colour stability and water activity with correlation coefficient of 0.890.

EFFECTS OF SOME FOOD ADDITIVES ON MUTAGEN FORMATION DURING FRYING OF GROUND BEEF

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have shown earlier that several of the synthetic antioxidants (BHA, PG and TBHQ) decrease meat mutagen formation, apparently by blocking free radical pathways. Not all blocking of mutagen synthesis, however, is due to the free radical pathway. Thus, we have used different food additives to ground beef and determined their effects on mutagen formation during frying. Mutagenicity was assessed using the Ames Test. The food additives utilized included bisulfite, nitrite, pyrophosphate, citrate, ascorbic acid, vitamin E and liquid smoke. All of the food additives studied inhibited formation of the mutagens in variable amounts at different concentrations, except for pyrophosphate at 10ppm which was ineffective. Bisulfite at 10ppm was the most effective blocker of mutagens was followed in order by liquid smoke (100ppm), ascorbic acid (100ppm), vitamin E (10% fat), nitrite (10ppm) and citric acid (100ppm). Results suggest that blocking of meat mutagen formation may occur through a mechanism that inhibits lipid oxidation or formation of Maillard reaction products. Another explanation could be the effect of the different additives in stabilizing the sugars in meat to prevent free radical formation during the early stages of the browning reaction.

PHYSICAL AND PHYSICOCHEMICAL STUDY OF SPANISH " SALCHICHON " DURING RIPENING

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ABSTRACT

"Salchichón" is a Spanish dry fermented sausage that has a similar processing to Salami. In Spain is popular than "Chorizo", but now has a significative increase in production. The aim of this work is to study the differences of diameter in raw fermented sausage in the production of physical and physicochemical parameters during the "Salchichón" process. The study was made with 50 "Salchichón" samples. The "Salchichón" samples were filled with artificial casings with diameters of 55 and 65 mm, the weights of "Salchichón" samples were 500 g approximately. The sausage samples were collected at different times: at mixing time, and 0, 1, 2, 4, 11, 18, 25, 30 days after stuffing. The physicochemical parameters under study were: CIE $L^*a^*b^*$, pigment discolouration, pigment nitrosation, and the lactic acid percent. Physicochemical parameters were: water activity, moisture, pH, nitrite residual level, salt concentration. Visually the samples darkened, L^* vs process time shows no correlation, b^* decrease during stuffing. Only found no significative differences between the different diameters. For the other parameters under study only Lactic acid percent and pH show no significative differences between diameters.

HEME PIGMENTS EVOLUTION DURING RIPENING OF DRY CURED IBERIAN HAM

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In the elaboration of dry cured ham, nitrate and nitrite are generally applied to the surface of the thighs obtaining a stable red colour. A long time is necessary to allow these salts to reach deep muscles. However, the high content of both inter- and intramuscular fat slows down the diffusion process. Knowing the rates of nitrate and nitrite diffusion and myoglobin nitrosylation would be necessary to suggest any change to the processing of dry cured ham.

The aim of the present work was to analyze the evolution of heme pigments during ripening of Iberian ham, and its relation to the conditions of processing.

Twenty five thighs from pure Iberian and 25 from IberianxDuroc (75/25) pigs were rubbed with a mixture of salts containing nitrate and nitrite. Then, they were processed at environmental conditions, following the traditional method for 18 months. Sampling was carried out at different stages of processing at both superficial (*semimembranosus*) and deep (*biceps femoris*) levels. Moisture, lipid, cholesterol, nitrate and nitrite content, and pH were determined. Total heme pigments, nitrosyl and metmyoglobin were quantified after extraction with acetone/water (40/10).

According to the levels of nitrate and nitrite found in deep muscles, curing salts diffuse faster in Iberian thighs probably due to its weight. In spite of that a relatively high content of nitrate and nitrite was reached in both muscles on the 15th day of salting. The formation of nitrosylmyoglobin was found even after 75 days of processing. This could be due to the unfavourable pH (close to 6) and temperature (5°C) for the transformation of nitrite in nitric oxide. However, when the temperature rises a high level of nitrosylmyoglobin was observed, reaching in less than 100 days a level of myoglobin nitrosylation of about a 70% of the total. Therefore, from the point of view of the colour, there is no reason to extend the maturation process for more than 9-10 months, so that the temperature of maturation be of 20-30°C.

FACTORS AFFECTING PROTEIN AND LIPID EXTRACTABILITY IN MEAT PRODUCTS

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In a study of the evolution of different components of dry cured hams during ripening an unexpected reduction in the extractability in protein and lipids was observed. The main factors related with this are the presence of salt and the time of processing. To evaluate the possible influence of these factors, 75 *Logissimus dorsi* were processed, simulating the first stages (salting and postsalting) of dry cured ham processing.

Moisture, NaCl, lipid and Non Protein Nitrogen (NPN) content, and the amount of protein soluble in 0.6M NaOH and 1.1M IK buffer were determined. The pellet obtained in the extraction of soluble proteins was stained with hematoxylin-eosin and observed by light microscopy.

Data obtained confirms the decrease in the extractability of both proteins and lipids during ripening. The amount of fat extracted after 60 days at refrigeration temperatures reached the initial levels.

No correlation between salt content and reduction of extractability was found. However, the time of processing and the amount of protein extracted are correlated (-0.91).

RELATIONSHIP OF RARE AND MEDIUM ROASTED NORMAL AND DFD BEEF

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Abstract:

Colour of rare ($T_r = 50^\circ\text{C}$) and medium ($T_r = 65^\circ\text{C}$) roasted *m. longissimus dorsi* (LD) of normal and quality of young bulls after aging (10 days at 2°C) was investigated with instrumental (Minolta D-50 chromometer, FOP apparatus) and sensory methods, before and after oxygenation (at -5°C , - The depth and area of oxygenated layer and pH of meat were also measured.

Oxygenation b-values of rare and medium roasted normal and DFD meat always increase ($p \leq 0,001$). Lower a-values for colour of rare roasted normal and DFD samples increase ($p \leq 0,01$). Only roasted normal beef shows optimal oxygenated bright red colour.

Depth and area of oxygenated layer in roasted DFD meat is higher than in roasted normal meat (differences are nonsignificant). FOP-values at roasted DFD meat are significantly ($p \leq 0,001$) lower than at normal meat. This results for DFD samples are probably consequence of the relation ($50^\circ\text{C}/6,6$), which inhibits myoglobin denaturation.

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIPID OXIDATION, ANTIOXIDANT ENZYME ACTIVITIES AND COLOUR STABILITY IN RAW BEEF MEAT DURING STORAGE

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It is well established that beef muscles exhibit a wide range of colour stabilities, the mechanisms involved are not yet well determined. Myoglobin autooxidation, in relation with lipid oxidation, is one of the main factor responsible of these oxidative processes.

The aim of this experiment was to appreciate with two bovine muscles different from the viewpoint of colour stability (*M. longissimus thoracis* and *psaos major*), the relationships between lipid oxidation and haemic pigment oxidation. In addition, the antioxidant enzyme activities were carried out during meat storage.

Meat samples were packed on fibreboard trays and overwrapped with PVC meat grade film. Reflectance spectra were obtained by spectrophotometry. Colour coordinates were calculated from the spectra in the $L^*a^*b^*$ system and metmyoglobin content was measured according to Krzywicki (1979) on days 1, 3, 7, 10, 13 storage. During the same time, lipid oxidation was followed by the determination of reactive substances (Sunderman et al., 1985).

Antioxidant enzymes, SOD and catalase activities were measured spectrophotometrically, on days 0 and 8 storage, by using the techniques respectively described by Agergaard and Thode Jensen (1982), Marklund and Marklund (1974) and Aebi (1974).

During the considered period, and whatever the examined muscle, concentration of TBA-RS and metmyoglobin accumulation were increased about two-fold between days 1 and 13. After a storage of 13 days, it was shown that *psaos major* muscle displayed a greater rate of lipid oxidation and was more color labile than *longissimus lumborum* muscle; the two phenomena were highly correlated. Although the decay of antioxidant enzyme activities between days 0 and 8 storage was not significant, there were some significant differences between muscles after a storage of 8 days.

HOW TO PREPARE LIPOSOMES TO STUDY OXIDATION OF MUSCLE PHOSPHOLIPIDS ?

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Phospholipids are the major substrate for lipid oxidation in meat and meat products. To study phospholipid oxidation, attractive model systems. In reason of the high content in long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) of muscle phospholipids, methods used to prepare the liposomes as well as the experimental conditions must be controlled to avoid lipid degradation. Three methods (vortexing, sonication, and extrusion) were used to prepare liposomes made of phospholipids extracted from (*Longissimus dorsi*) dispersed in degassed cacodylate buffer (0.05M, pH=5.8, NaCl 0.05M). They were compared in terms of lipid degradation which was checked by determination of PUFA proportions, relative proportions of phospholipid classes, conjugated dienes after liposome preparation and after 7-14 days of storage in the dark at 4°C. Other parameters as lipid yield for preparation and physical stability of liposome were also evaluated.

In all cases, degradations of lipids just after liposomes preparation and after 7 days of storage were very low. The lowest measured by TBA value and conjugated dienes, was observed for vortexed liposomes and the highest for sonicated liposomes. Liposomes were not totally deoxygenated; extruded and degassed sonicated liposomes had intermediate oxidation level. No losses were observed.

In conclusion, it appears that vortexing, extrusion or sonication do not induce sensible degradation of muscle phospholipids if conditions are carefully controlled. The liposomes can be used few days after preparation. Other criteria as structure of liposomes, stability and easiness of preparation have to be taken into account to choose the preparation mode. However, in the case of lipid oxidation, the influence of preparation technique and consequent structure of liposomes should be reexamined.

CONSERVATION OF MEAT SAMPLES FOR PHYSICAL ANALYSIS

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To analyze immediately meat samples from carcass dissection of trial animals is difficult for several problems: the fast transport of samples, the need to analyze together more samples for difficulty of standardisation. Nevertheless we can store samples only if there aren't significant differences in the value of collected parameters, during conservation. The aim of this work is to estimate the changes in the physical characteristics due to the conservation.

The trial was carried out on 12 Friesian young bulls slaughtered at about 550 kg. From right hind quarter, stored into fridge cell for 7 days at 2°C were dissected 3 muscles (*Longissimus dorsi*, *Semispinosus*, *Gluteobiceps*). From each muscle were taken six slices for physical determinations of: pH and colour (L*, a*, b*, C, H illuminant C with MACBETH 1400) on raw meat, water holding capacity and tenderness (Warner Shear with Instron 1011) on raw and cooked meat. One slice was analyzed immediately after dissection (control), while the others were stored in plastic film (2, into fridge to 4°C) or in vacuum packed in freezer to -28°C; and at defined distance from dissection: a) at 4 and 10 days these fresh; b) at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 months those frozen were analyzed.

In this note we report only data on *Longissimus dorsi* muscle. Essentially the conservation affected the pH of raw meat for frozen samples, the water holding capacity (1,29% vs 2,18%) and colour, in particular L* (34,6 vs 38,2) and the Saturation (26,8 vs 22,4).

INFLUENCE OF BLOOD PLASMA ACIDIFICATION ON HAEME PIGMENT NITROSATION AND CURED COLOUR DEVELOPMENT IN PLASMA GEL /LIVEX/.

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The objective of this study was to determine the curing efficiency of pig blood plasma acidified to pH=6.3 by 10% solutions of: lactic, propionic, acetic formic and hydrochloric acids. Plasma was cured at 4-5°C for 1 hour using NaNO₂ and the molar proportions of ascorbic acid: sodium nitrite : heme was 9:3:1. Cured plasma samples were thereafter destabilized according to the Polish Patent No.143961 and the resulted gel was pasteurized at 80°C for 30 min.

In the obtained thermally denaturated plasma gel /livex/ the degree of the haeme pigment conversion to the nitrosopigments /by Harnsay/ and the physical parameters of the colour were determined using reflectance colorimeter /Minolta CR-200b/.

The results show that acidification of plasma increases the pig blood plasma haeme pigments conversion to nitrosopigments. In the control sample /non-acidified/ the degree of pigment conversion to nitrosopigments averaged 12.2% while in the experimental acidified samples the degree of conversion ranged from 13.9% /propionic acid/ to 15.2% /formic acid/. Although the increase in pigment conversion was slight the colour of the formed gel was substantially and significantly better when compared with the control sample.

The values for L*, a* and b* as well as the saturation of the colour of gels processed from acidified plasma averaged: 68.5; 10.6; 9.2 and 14.1 respectively. In comparison with the control sample the increase was: 1.2; 2.8; 2.0 and 2.3 times higher respectively. It was also observed that curing of acidified plasma resulted in approx. 1.3-fold decrease in the "hue" values which for the control sample was as high as 51.9.

Summing-up it could be concluded that plasma acidification to pH=6.3 prior to curing increases the degree of haeme pigment conversion to nitrosopigments by approx. 20% and the finished products thus obtained e.g. livex exhibits the colour sensorically required typical of cured, cooked meat products.

OXIDATIVE PROCESSES IN MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS.

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Oxygen is a vital component of several exergonic biological reactions in which, step wise, enzymatically controlled oxidation of biomolecules is used to release energy and compounds essential for life. Where cells are injured, such as in muscle foods after slaughtering, the normal control mechanism may be perturbed and rampant, lipid peroxidation is favored and traces of O₂⁻, H₂O₂, as well as traces of lipid peroxides are formed. The stability of a muscle food product will depend on the "tone" of these peroxides and especially from the involvement of metal ions in the process. Ferryl-myoglobin is generated in muscle tissues; it oxidizes cytosolic-reducing compounds but not membrane lipids. Free iron ions are the main non-enzymic catalyzers of muscle lipid peroxidation. The main source of free iron seems to be ferritin, but myoglobin is also a source. The cytosol contains prooxidants and antioxidants, and the "tone" of both affect not only lipid peroxidation and flavor, but also the color, texture and nutritive value of meat and meat products.

THE USE OF SOME ANTIOXIDANTS FOR THE STABILIZATION OF MEAT PRODUCTS COLOR.

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It was shown Sen et al (1974) that the use of ascorbic acid and its derivatives for the stabilization of standard color of meat products in a presence of nitrites can be lead to an increase of content of carcinogenic N-nitrosocompounds there. It was a reason for search of a new substances with antioxidant properties. By using the reaction of nitrite oxyhemoglobin oxidation Komissarowa et al (1988, 1990) showed that the oxy- and amino- derivatives of benzoic acid as well as iminoxyl radicals are an active antioxidants. Accordingly some from the oxy-derivatives of benzoic acid were used for the stabilization of meat products color. These substances were added on the step of cutturation to the meat raw material, containing the isolate of soy-bean protein [30 %] in a presence of sodium nitrite [5 mg/%]. That was resulted to the standard pink color of the obtained meat product. The desirable color of meat products was reached with using of the concentration of these substances in 5-10 times less than that for ascorbic acid. Thus, some antioxidants from the oxy-derivatives of benzoic acid can be used for the stabilization of combinational meat products color in a presence of nitrites instead of ascorbic acid.

CAUSES AND SOLUTIONS OF IRIDESCENCE IN PRECOOKED MEAT

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Physical and chemical treatments of iridescent cooked meat showed that pigment bleaching of meat slices with 30% hydrogen peroxide did not remove iridescence. Removing lipid by ethyl ether from meat surface had no effect on iridescence. Iridescence was eliminated by dehydration or freezing but reoccurred upon rehydration or thawing. Soaking iridescent meat samples in formaldehyde, formamide, methanol, hexane, and ethyl alcohol had no apparent influence on iridescence. Slicing longitudinally or at an angle less than 40° to the muscle fiber of beef semitendinosus eliminated iridescence.

Beef semitendinosus (ST) and Biceps femoris (BF) muscles were injected with 3% or 10% water and 0.3% phosphate versus injected controls and were precooked in smoke house to final internal temperatures of 54.4°C (held for 121 min.), 60°C (held for 121 min.), 62.8°C, or 68.3°C, sliced at -1.1°C, 7.2°C, 48.8°C, 54.4°C, or 62.8°C by either a dull or a sharp slicer. The lower added water (3% compared to 10%) resulted in less visual iridescence score when added level of phosphate was .3%. More iridescence occurred when cooking to 62.8°C final internal temperature or slicing at 48.8°C, or with a sharp slicer blade. Less iridescence appeared at low cooking temperature (54.4°C held for 121 min.) or lower slicing temperature (-1.1°C). In most experiments, 0.3% added phosphate reduced iridescence compared with control. Iridescence varied ($P < 0.05$) among muscles from different carcasses under same cooking condition. BF muscle showed much less iridescence than ST muscle.

EFFECT OF DIETARY VITAMIN E ON LIPID AND COLOR STABILITY OF FROZEN BEEF FROM HOLSTEIN STEERS
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Recent reports concluded that dietary supplementation of Holstein steers with vitamin E produced a considerable improvement in lipid and color stability of fresh retail cuts.

This study examined the influence of storage time, film permeability and light on the color of frozen beef from Holstein steers supplemented with vitamin E.

Meat samples were obtained from longissimus dorsi (LD) of Holstein steers fed a high-corn diet. Three animals per treatment received 0 or 2000 IU of α -tocopheryl acetate per head daily for 126 days prior to slaughter. At 24 h post-mortem the LD was removed, vacuum packaged and aged during 10 days at 4°C. After this, samples were cut, exposed to air during 48 h, wrapped in polyethylene or vacuum packaged, frozen and stored at -20°C in the dark or under illumination. Metmyoglobin concentration, tristimulus color coordinates (L, a, b) and TBA analysis were measured during storage.

Vitamin E supplementation produced a considerable increase in lipid and color stability ($p < 0.001$). Cuts wrapped in polyethylene had a better color retention during storage and display. After 3 months of frozen display and using polyethylene as packaging film, TBA, metmyoglobin and chroma levels for control samples were 1.92 mg MDA/kg, 50% and 8; and for supplemented meat these values were 0.29 mg MDA/kg, 28% and 16.

STABILIZATION OF BROILER LIPIDS (INCLUDING CHOLESTEROL) THROUGH DIETARY SUPPLEMENTATION WITH SPICE EXTRACTS
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Dietary supplementation of vitamin E for the subsequent benefit of increased lipid stability in animal food products has been extensively reported for poultry, pigs and veal calves. However, there is little information on the effects of other natural antioxidants on lipid oxidation in muscle systems when administered through the diet.

The objective of this study was to compare the effects of dietary vitamin E (200 IU/kg feed), oleoresin rosemary (500 mg/kg) and oleoresin sage (500 mg/kg) on the oxidative stability of broiler lipids in raw and cooked breast meat. Two groups of broilers were fed a control ration (no added antioxidants), while two groups were placed on each of the three supplemented diets. Raw meat was stored at 4°C under light for 9 days and lipid oxidation was assessed periodically by the 2-thiobarbituric acid (TBA) procedure. Lipid oxidation in cooked samples stored under the same conditions was also monitored. Cholesterol oxidation products (COP's) in cooked samples were also determined after 4 days by capillary gas chromatography.

Both spice extracts considerably reduced lipid oxidation during storage. After 9 days, TBARS values of the raw meat from the broilers fed the control, rosemary, sage and vitamin E diets were 0.51, 0.30, 0.35 and 0.25, respectively. In the cooked samples, the reduction in TBARS value was less marked. Concentration of COP's in the cooked meat was also affected by the dietary regimen. The groups fed the sage and rosemary extracts showed decreases in total COP concentration of 44 and 42%. Dietary vitamin E reduced the COP concentration by 58%.

Although these results show an important benefit, the spice extracts were not as effective as vitamin E in enhancing lipid stability. However, the availability of these and other natural antioxidants and their possible synergistic effects suggest an interesting way of improving meat stability.

IBERIAN PIG DRY HAM VOLATILE COMPOUNDS FROM DIFFERENT HAM DEPTHS

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In previous studies on volatile compounds from *biceps femoris* muscle zone (internal layer) of Iberian dry hams, many substances (carbonyls, alcohols, aliphatic hydrocarbons, aromatic hydrocarbons, short-chain fatty acid and esters) have been characterized. The amount and type of these substances suggest that intense lipid breakdown are produced during ripening. The objective of this work was to investigate the olfactive-active volatile compounds of dry hams (aged 12-14 months) from different sampling depths and to know the possible role of oxygenation and fattening on the flavour development.

The studies were performed on Iberian dry hams. Samples were obtained from three different depths: external layer (about 1 cm in depth) composed by more than 90% of fat, medium layer (5-8 cm in depth) composed by around 50-60% fat and 50-40% muscle, internal layer (depth >8 cm) composed by around 10-20% fat and 90-80% muscle. Volatiles from 50 g of sample were swept on to a (30 mg Tenax GC 80-100 mesh) using a nitrogen flow (120 ml/min) for exactly 45 min. During collection the system was maintained at 29°C.

The observed differences in all three layers were mainly due to the concentrations of volatile compounds rather than to the type of volatile substances present. A total of 64 different compounds were identified. Those accurately characterized were selected for comparison between layers. The selected volatiles mainly included aldehydes (12), alcohols (8) and short chain fatty acids (5). The external layer (the fattest and the most oxygenated) showed a significant ($p \leq 0.05$) higher amount of total volatiles than those found in the other two studied layers. In general, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) were found between volatiles from the medium and internal layer. The results suggest that the dominant volatile compounds of Iberian pig dry hams result from the oxidation of unsaturated fatty acids, which are abundant in the adipose tissue of Iberian pigs.

SPICES AS ANTIOXIDANTS IN COOKED, MINCED PORK MEAT.

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The effect of different spices on development of Warmed-Over Flavour (WOF) was investigated in meat from pig (*Longissimus thoracis*) both in a model system and in a storage experiment.

In the model system addition of rosemary (dried leaves of *Rosmarinus officinalis*) and of sage (dried leaves of *Salvia officinalis*) in an amount (0.2%, 0.1% and 0.02%) resulted in a reduction of oxygen consumption as measured by a Clark electrode. The model consisted of a meat slurry (5 g cooked (80 °C for 5 min.), minced meat and 75 ml buffer solution) to which Fe(II)EDTA (6.0 µmol) was added as prooxidant in a thermostated (25 °C) closed cell.

The spices rosemary, oregano (dried leaves of *Majorana onites*) and sage were each found to retard development of WOF in meat in a storage experiment. The spices were added in an amount, which was found to be acceptable by a sensory panel (0.02% weight). The meatballs were heated, 100 °C for 9 min. After cooling, they were placed in polyethylene bags and stored in darkness. The development of WOF was followed by a sensory panel and by measurement of thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBARS). The chemical analysis showed less lipid oxidation during the first two days for all samples with spices added compared to the control sample. During the first four days, the sensory panel observed a significantly ($p < 0.05$) lower level of WOF in samples with rosemary or sage added. In conclusion, all three spices showed antioxidative activity in the present product, sage being the most effective, rosemary second best and least activity was found for oregano.

THE EFFECT OF LIPID ON THE MAILLARD REACTION BETWEEN METHIONINE AND RIBOSE : A MODEL SYSTEM TO INVESTIGATE THE FORMATION OF MEAT FLAVOUR.

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The aim of this work was to examine the effect of lipids on the Maillard reaction in order to understand the key role of phospholipids in the development of meat aroma (Mottram & Edwards, 1983 ; Farmer and Mottram, 1990). Sulphur-containing compounds have been reported to be very important aroma compounds in meat (Mottram, 1991 ; Werkhoff *et al*, 1990). To model meat, a system was prepared in buffered solution (pH 5.5) with methionine and ribose. Linoleic acid and/or ethanolamine were then added to this solution. The reaction mixtures were cooked under pressure at 140°C for 1 hour, the volatile compounds were then extracted by Simultaneous Distillation Extraction (SDE) with diethylether as solvent and, finally, qualitatively and quantitatively analyzed by gas chromatography and mass spectrometry.

The results show that without fatty acid, the major compounds were 3-methylthio-propanal (494 µg/ 100mg ribose), furfural (100 µg/100 mg ribose) and dimethyl disulphide (94 µg/ 100mg ribose). The addition of linoleic acid modified the chromatogram both quantitatively and qualitatively. The oxidation products of linoleic acid such as aldehydes, alcohols and furans were formed. Moreover, the quantities of Maillard reaction products were modified and some compounds such as 2-pentylpyridine were formed by reaction of Maillard and lipid oxidation compounds. The addition of ethanolamine caused a reduction of volatile concentration. The more drastic reduction was observed for aldehydes formed by Maillard reaction or linoleic acid oxidation. This work establishes that in model system, lipid components are able to modify the reaction equilibria and consequently change the overall aroma which is perceived.

IMPROVEMENT OF PIGMENT AND LIPID STABILITY IN BEEF WITH VITAMIN C MIX, SPREAD AND DIP TREATMENTS

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The effects of vitamin C mix, spread and dip treatments on pigment and lipid stability in beef longissimus muscle were studied during 7 or 16 days of illuminated display at 4°C. 1) Vitamin C mix treatment showed low pigment and lipid oxidation in raw ground beef compared to the control, and it retarded metmyoglobin formation and lipid oxidation for 5 days compared with the control. 2) Spreading a 10% vitamin C solution in the ratio of 0.1 ml solution to 20 g meat had lower metmyoglobin than the control after 4 days of display. Vitamin C spread treatment delayed metmyoglobin formation for 3 days compared to the control. 3) Dip treatment with a 1 % vitamin C solution was effective in maintaining stability of beef pigment and lipid.

INFLUENCE OF DIETARY VITAMIN E (α -TOCOPHEROL) ON THE COLOUR STABILITY OF PORK CHOPS

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The objective of this study was to investigate the effect of dietary α -tocopherol supplementation on the surface characteristics of pork chops during refrigerated storage. The relationship between surface colour deterioration and lipid oxidation was investigated.

For 10 weeks before slaughtering, pigs were fed diets containing fresh or oxidized (4.5 meq peroxide/kg diet) corn oil low (10 mg/kg diet) intermediate (100 mg/kg diet) and high (200 mg/kg diet) levels of α -tocopheryl acetate. Fresh pork chops were stored at 4°C under fluorescent light for up to 8 days. Lipid oxidation (2-thiobarbituric acid-reactive substances (TBARS) values) and surface colour (Hunter L, a, b values) measurements were made at 2 day intervals.

Surface redness (Hunter 'a' value) of pork chops from pigs fed the high level of α -tocopheryl acetate was significantly lower ($p < 0.01$) than that of chops from pigs fed the intermediate or low levels of α -tocopheryl acetate after 2, 4, 6 and 8 days of refrigerated storage. The extent of lipid oxidation in pork chops decreased with increasing levels of dietary α -tocopheryl acetate. Differences in TBARS values between groups were significant after 2, 4, 6 and 8 days of refrigerated storage. Hunter 'a' values showed significant ($p < 0.01$) negative correlation coefficients, r , with the logarithm of TBARS values.

Hunter 'L' and 'b' values, indicators of surface lightness and yellowness, respectively, were not significantly influenced by dietary treatment.

The results show that dietary α -tocopherol effectively retards surface colour deterioration and lipid oxidation in pork chops. Further studies are necessary to determine the nature of the relationship between loss of surface redness and lipid oxidation.

FAT, NITRITE AND THE FLAVOUR OF CURED COOKED HAM

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In the eighties, the role of animal fat in human diet has resulted in a marked drop of the average fat content of cured cooked ham produced by the meat industry. Meanwhile, a trend toward lower cured flavour intensity was observed, giving support to the practitioners' reports pointing that external fat plays a role in the formation of the flavour of the finished product.

Oxidative mechanism, generally put forth as responsible for flavour development, mainly involves phospholipids associated with cell membranes and is not directly affected by external fat trimming. It seemed sensible, when investigating nitrite reaction with meat, to stick to the sensitive intramuscular fat and to broaden the scope of the study in the light of experiments that evidenced a strong correlation between some nitrogen-containing derivatives to fat in nitrite-treated adipose tissue.

Experiments were carried out on cooked ham produced at a pilot plant according to the customary practice with the sole exception that nitrite was added in an eight-fold excess (1000 ppm instead of 120 ppm). Lipids extracted from pork adipose tissue and pure triolein were used as model samples. Treated samples were incubated with high concentration of nitrite (ratio 1/1).

IR data obtained on lipids extracted from cooked ham gives evidence that intramuscular fat from cured samples contains nitro-derivatives and much less oxidation products than control samples. On the contrary, no difference has been evidenced regarding external fat. Nitro-derivatives have formed in model systems involving triolein or lipids extracted from adipose tissues whereas tripalmitin did not. Results suggest that, although it cannot be ruled out, nitrite reaction with external fat is probably not very active. The actual role of fat (barrier, solvent or precursor for active species) in the flavour formation of cured meat products has still to be established.

NATURAL ANTIOXIDANTS IN A MINCED MEAT PRODUCT

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Objective : To investigate the antioxidative properties of soy protein and pea fiber in a minced meat product, both using objective methods and organoleptic analysis as well.

Materials and Methods : The meat product consisted of lean pork loin which was minced together with app. 20% pork fat. One % NaCl was added together with a suspension of the protein (1.5%) or fiber (3%). The minced meat products were formed as meat balls, and heated in a boiling water bath. One half of the product was stored aerobically, the other under nitrogen. During storage analysis was made for TBA reactive substances, fluorescens of a methanolic and chloroformic extract, and color. Samples were taken once for organoleptic analysis. All measurements were done after the product was heated to app. 70°C in a microwave oven.

Results : The meat product stored aerobically was spoiled faster than under nitrogen as measured by TBA reactive substances and fluorescens (chloroformic phase). Measurements using the methanolic phase of the extract failed to show any difference at all. Samples stored aerobically, with added soy protein or pea fiber had (50%) lower values of TBA reactive substances than without addition, after 4 and 7 days of incubation at 5°C. Also fluorescens was less on samples with added protein or fiber. On anaerobically stored samples, fluorescens was only slightly different with/without addition. Only minor differences in color between samples were observed. The organoleptic tests performed after 3 days of incubation, showed that samples with added pea fiber or soy protein had an improved flavor compared with samples without addition.

Conclusion: Natural antioxidants, soy protein and pea fiber, were shown to exert an antioxidative effect in meat balls produced from pork meat and fat. The influence was observed both chemically and organoleptically. It is concluded, that cooked minced meat products benefit from addition of "natural" antioxidants.

INFLUENCE OF THE SEQUENCE OF TREATMENTS ON OXIDATION OF PORK MUSCLE TISSUE

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Different sequences of standardized conditions commonly used in the meat industry were investigated for their effect on the oxidation of porcine muscle tissue. Samples from pork Longissimus dorsi muscle from one animal were randomly assigned to preparation and time-temperature treatments; whole uncooked, whole cooked, sliced uncooked, sliced and then cooked, ground uncooked, ground and then cooked, cooked and then sliced, and cooked and then ground were the eight different preparations tested. There were thirteen treatments and time (0, 2, 6 days)-temperature (4C and -20C) combinations. The entire experiment was repeated five times utilizing a different animal for each replicate. Oxidative rancidity was determined using an extraction thiobabituric acid (TBA) method. The sequence in which the treatments were applied to the muscle samples had a significant influence on TBA numbers. Cooking and grinding followed by six days of frozen storage and six additional days of refrigerated storage was the most detrimental combination of treatments. It is necessary to know the treatment sequence that was applied to the tissue even when using standardized conditions in order to arrive at conclusions concerning the influence that different processing treatments have on oxidation (as measured by TBA method).

PHOSPHOLIPIDS AND CHOLESTEROL IN TWO SKELETAL MUSCLES AND ERYTHROCYTES OF THREE DIFFERENT MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA GENOTYPES OF SWINE

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Phospholipids and cholesterol are the most important structural components of cell membranes. Phospholipids are also involved in transmembranal cell signaling, whereas cholesterol stabilizes the structure of membranes. It was the aim of this study to investigate the phospholipid and cholesterol content of two skeletal muscles and of erythrocytes in three different Malignant Hyperthermia (MH) genotypes of swine.

5 homozygous MH positiv, 7 heterozygous MH negative and 7 homozygous MH negative male castrated German Landrace pigs were examined. Stress free blood samples were taken with a catheter which was placed in the vena cava cranialis. Animals were slaughtered after reaching 100kg body mass. Samples from musc. long. thorac. and musc. suprasp. were removed immediately after slaughter. Lipids were extracted from erythrocytes and muscle samples by chloroform-methanol. Phospholipids and cholesterol were determined by HPLC and GC.

The more stress resistant homozygous MH negative animals showed significantly higher total lipid contents in musc. long. thorac. and in the erythrocytes compared to the MH positive animals. Homozygous MH negative animals showed the lowest cholesterol contents in both muscles and the highest contents in erythrocytes compared to the other genotypes. The erythrocytes of homozygous MH negative animals contained the lowest amounts of cardiolipin, lyso-phosphatidyl-ethanolamine, lyso-phosphatidyl-choline and sphingomyeline and the highest amounts of phosphatidyl-choline compared to the other genotypes. No significant differences between phospholipid patterns in the two muscles of all MH genotypes could be detected.

CHORIZO : COLOUR AND PHYSICOCHEMICAL PARAMETERS EVOLUTION DURING RIPENING

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ABSTRACT

"Chorizo" is the most popular Spanish dry fermented sausage, it's the second processed meat product in economic importance. Paprika is one of the most important spices in Chorizo manufacturing and this spice gives the special colour and taste to this dry fermented sausage.

The aim of this work is to study the differences of diameter in dry fermented sausage ("Chorizo") during the evolution of physical and physicochemical parameters during the process. The study was made with "Chorizos". The "Chorizo" samples were filled with artificial casings with diameters of 55 and 65 mm and weights of "Chorizo" samples were 500 g approximately. The dry fermented sausages were collected at different times : at mixing time, and 0, 1, 2, 4, 11, 18, 25, 30 days after stuffing. The physical parameters under study were : CIE $L^*a^*b^*$, pigment discolouration, pigment nitrosation, and the physicochemical parameters were : water activity, moisture, pH, nitrite residual level, salt concentration, and lactic acid percent.

Visually the samples darkened, L^* , a^* and b^* increased during ripening and show no significant differences between the studied diameters. In the physicochemical parameters only pH and lactic acid percent show no significant differences between the studied diameters.

EFFECTS OF DIFFERENT ANTIOXIDANTS ON FORMATION OF MEAT MUTAGENS DURING FRYING OF GROUND BEEF

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Formation of meat mutagens has been shown to occur during frying of ground beef, apparently through a free radical mechanism. Thus, we investigated the effects of adding synthetic antioxidants (BHA, BHT, PG and TBHQ) on formation of some meat mutagens (IQ, MeIQ_x and 4,8-DiMeIQ_x) produced by frying of ground beef. Ground beef patties from 0.3-0.5cm in thickness and containing 10% fat were fried in an electric frypan for 9 minutes per side at a setting of 215°C. Patties with antioxidants (at 0.1% of fat) and without added antioxidants were analyzed. Although raw patties contained no detectable amounts of meat mutagens, all cooked patties contained measurable quantities of the IQ-like mutagens. All added antioxidants, except for BHT, inhibited formation of all IQ-like mutagens during frying. On the other hand, the addition of BHT to the patties before cooking resulted in a greater quantity of total meat mutagens being formed during frying than was the case for the untreated fried controls. Thus, results demonstrated that formation of the meat mutagens is inhibited by adding synthetic antioxidants, except for BHT which enhanced formation of the mutagens, especially of 4,8-DiMeIQ_x.

MODIFIED THIOBARBITURIC ACID-C₁₈ (TBA-C₁₈) METHOD FOR MEASURING LIPID PEROXIDATION IN MEAT

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The thiobarbituric acid (TBA) method, with its different variations, is the most widely used test for measuring the extent of lipid peroxidation in muscle foods. However, all versions of sample preparation for the TBA reaction have been criticized as being nonspecific and insensitive for the detection of low levels of malonaldehyde (MA) in meat products. Extensive studies in our laboratory have attempted to modify the TBA method so that it becomes faster, more specific and more sensitive. The experiments were performed with model systems or meats including beef, pork, lamb, turkey and chicken. The TBA-C₁₈ method developed and presented here is a modification of the aqueous acid extraction TBA procedure involving use of a solid phase extraction Sep-Pak™ C₁₈ cartridge. In addition, 80 mM TBA was used, instead of 20 mM TBA, for the red color formation. Results indicated that the modified aqueous acid extraction TBA-C₁₈ method was more rapid (15-20 min) than other versions of the TBA test (40-60 min); the use of the C₁₈ cartridge selectively separated the MA-TBA complex from other TBA-reactive substances present in meat extracts; and the C₁₈ cartridge was also capable of concentrating the MA-TBA complex. Therefore, the aqueous acid extraction TBA-C₁₈ method was not only more specific but also more sensitive for MA measurement in meat. The limit of determination of the aqueous acid extraction TBA-C₁₈ method was 0.036 mg of MA equivalents/kg meat or approximately 20-25 times lower than that of other TBA methods. Overall, the newly developed aqueous acid extraction TBA-C₁₈ method had better specificity, lower limit of determination and required shorter time to do the analysis than other TBA methods tested. The TBA-C₁₈ method was found successful for measuring MA content in meat from all species tested.

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Literature information on the quantitative composition of the meat-flavour constituents and the nature of cured-meat aroma is limited. In addition, it is still not clear which compounds are responsible for the differences among the three species, namely pork, beef, and chicken. The objective of this study, therefore, is to identify both qualitatively and quantitatively the volatile flavour components present in cured meat of pork, beef, and chicken to account for the species differences, and to identify the flavour components present in cured meat of each species. Components from uncured and cured meat of the three species were trapped on a solid adsorbent (Fluorisorb cartridges) and in organic solvents (pentane) using the nitrogen purge-and-trap (NPT) technique. A total of 45 compounds not previously reported in the meat flavour literature were newly identified. It was also evident that the meat-flavour concentrates prepared by the NPT method showed the presence of many constituents not detected in the aroma concentrates previously prepared by us using continuous steam-distillation. Methylhexanal, 4-pentylbenzaldehyde, tetrahydro-2,4-dimethylfuran, and 2,4,6-trimethylpyridine may be responsible for the species-specific flavour notes in pork, while 4-ethylbenzaldehyde, 1,2-dodecanediol, 2,6-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-methylphenol, 2-butylphenol, and 2-ethyl-1H-pyrrole have been uniquely identified in chicken. The "beef-like" aroma perhaps includes 1,1,3-trimethylcyclohexane, 1,3-dimethylbenzene, D-limonene, camphene, and 2,4-dihydroxybenzaldehyde. 4-Methyl-2-pentanone, 2,2,4-trimethylcyclohexane, and 1,3-dimethylbenzene could be contributing either directly as individual components or indirectly as precursors to the formation of cured-meat aroma.

SULPHIDE EVOLUTION DURING THE COOKING OF BEEF AND MUTTON

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Lean and adipose tissue samples from beef and mutton carcasses were cooked and the amount of sulphide evolved was determined. For both species, more sulphide (largely hydrogen sulphide) was generated from lean than from adipose tissue over the 2 hour cooking period. This contrasted with results obtained by others, where more sulphide evolved from adipose tissue. Approximately 33% more sulphide evolved from mutton lean than from beef lean. Large inter-animal differences were observed in evolution rates from mutton adipose tissue, though the average rate was higher than from beef. The amount of sulphide evolved per gram of protein was significantly lower for lean than for adipose tissues of both species. Beef evolved approximately 40% more sulphide per gram of protein than beef lean. Corresponding rates for adipose tissue were highly variable, showing no significant relationship between sulphide evolution and protein content. The three mutton tissue samples, though differing greatly in sulphide evolution rate, all had a strong characteristic mutton odour after cooking. This suggests that sulphide *per se* does not contribute significantly to mutton flavour.

COLOUR AND COLOUR STABILITY OF DRY-CURED HAM

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ABSTRACT

The Spanish Dry-Cured Ham is an Intermediate Moisture Food and the Spaniards have the highest consumption in the world. The Dry-Cured process can be divided in three fundamental stages: Salting, curing and Dry-maturation.

The aim of this work is the study of physical parameters evolution in Spanish Dry-Cured Ham during the dry-maturation stage, at different lux intensities (300 - 1000). The study was made with 6 female pigs. The zone under study was delimited between the central part of the femur bone and the perpendicular zone at that bone. The muscles under study were *Semimembranosus*, *Semitendinosus* and *Biceps femoris*. The samples were taken 9th months after the beginning of the process, and analysed for colour evaluation at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 days after the ham were cut for consumers sale. The physical parameters under study were CIEL*a*b*, pigment discolouration (red colour stability), pigment nitrosation (nitrosation index). In all muscles and all the parameters under study decrease with the different lux intensities guided to a brownish-red colour of Dry-Cured ham.

EFFECTS OF FREEZING TEMPERATURE ON PHYSICOCHEMICAL AND PROCESSING QUALITY OF PORK

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Freezing has many advantages for the preservation of meat and facilitates its marketing, but there is some destruction of muscle fiber due to the formation of ice crystals. This may lead to problems such as drip loss at meat thawing and oxidation of muscle pigment, (myoglobin), and reduction in gel forming ability of myofibrillar proteins. A preliminary study was made of pork stored at -18°C~-20°C and drip loss during thawing was noted to be greater for longer freezing periods, and deterioration of meat quality to occur after 9 months of storage based on color and TBA data. This study was conducted to examine the effects of freezing temperature on meat at -20 and -80°C. Longissimus dorsi muscle from 6 pigs (24hr postmortem) was cut into portions of similar size and shape (ca.700g) and vacuum packed in polyfilm. The muscle specimens were divided in three samples, one frozen at -20°C, another at -80°C and one to serve as the control, (not frozen). The meat sample frozen at -80°C was transferred to the -20°C freezer. After one month, both frozen pork samples were thawed at 20°C and drip loss(%) was measured. Hunter color, metmyoglobin formation(MetMb,%), water holding capacity (WHC), TBA, transmission value(TM) and myofibril fragmentation were also determined. There was no significant difference in drip loss for the two frozen samples. MetMb formation could be detected and Hunter values were also basically the same for all three samples. WHC, TBA and TM were essentially the same for all three samples. TBA was quite low for each frozen sample, clearly indicating that lipid oxidation did not occur during freezing. Histological examination of both frozen samples indicated inter- and intracellular ice crystal formation at -20°C, and intracellular ice at -80°C, the extent being less than at -20°C. At -20°C, ice crystals were larger and fiber diameter smaller than for the control sample. Myofibril fragmentation in both frozen samples was significantly higher than in the control. Pork sausage was prepared from all three samples by adding 2% NaCl and 100ppm NaNO₂. Cooking loss and color forming ratios were essentially the same. The sausage sample made from the -20°C frozen meat was harder than that of the other two samples according to rheological measurement.

EFFECT OF VITAMIN E SUPPLEMENTATION DIETARY ON COLOUR STABILITY AND LIPID OXIDATION IN TURKEY MEAT

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To reduce discoloration in turkey meat during ageing, dietary supplementation with vitamin E was tested. It is known that vitamin E supplementation improves pigment and lipid stability in beef. So, this experiment determined the effect of vitamin E supplementation in the diet on lipid oxidation and on colour stability.

Vitamin E was added during the last 3 weeks (supplemented animals 250 mg/kg; controls 40 mg/kg). Twelve-week-old turkeys (B.U.T.) were killed and chilled in slaughterhouse conditions. Then, turkey meat was cut and wrapped in oxygen permeable film. Colour coordinates (L^* , a^* , b^*), pH values and reflectance were determined at 630 and 580 nm at different *post mortem* times. TBA (thiobarbituric acid) value and vitamin E content were quantified just after slaughter and 7 days later.

Vitamin E supplementation resulted in a lower myoglobin oxidation ($p < 0.01$) and higher redness a^* until 7 days. Later, no significant difference in metmyoglobin content and redness a^* was found. No difference in TBA value and ultimate pH were detected whatever the *post mortem* times. Although it had no effect on lipid oxidation, vitamin E supplementation seemed to reduce the rate of discoloration.

THE EFFECT OF CRYOPROTECTANTS DURING FROZEN STORAGE OF MYOFIBRILLAR PROTEIN OBTAINED FROM MECHANICALLY DEBONED CHICKEN MEAT

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The purpose of the study was to evaluate the effect of frozen storage (ca. -21°C) on the properties of myofibrillar protein (MPI) without and with three different cryoprotectants. Two experiments have been conducted. The first experiment evaluated the effect of short time frozen storage and repeated thawing and freezing, the second experiment was executed to study the effect of long term frozen storage.

For the period of frozen storage (2-4 weeks) MPI was exposed to different freezing and thawing treatments to determine whether and to what extent cryoprotectants are able to prevent MPI from protein denaturation.

Overall evaluation of color, weight losses of gels during cooking as well as the texture of gels proved that 4% Karriol combination with 4% starch were the best cryoprotectants under study. Moreover, a positive effect was noted for 4% saccharose. In contrast, the addition of polydextrose to MPI proved to be useless.

An effect of the use of cryoprotectants has been seen very clearly during long term (up till 9 months) storage of MPI. The gels with cryoprotectants proved to be significantly better than the properties of the gels without cryoprotectants. Starch proved to be the best cryoprotectant under study.

ANTIOXIDANT ACTIVITY OF GREEN AND BLACK TEA IN MEAT MODEL SYSTEMS

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Antioxidant activity of green and black tea as well as their extracts in meat model systems was investigated using 2-thiobarbituric acid (TBA) test. Green tea was found to possess stronger antioxidant properties as compared with black tea. Extracts of green and black tea in water, methanol, ethanol and ethyl acetate were also tested. The antioxidant effect of extracts was proportional to their total content of phenolic compounds, expressed as catechin equivalents. Tea catechins are considered as major compounds responsible for protection of meat against oxidation and flavour deterioration. Studies on the isolation of individual phenolics from tea and evaluation of their antioxidant properties are in progress.

STORAGE OF CARCASSES, CUTS AND CONSUMER PORTIONS OF LAMB IN ATMOSPHERES OF CARBON DIOXIDE

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Lamb carcasses and primal cuts were stored in an atmosphere consisting almost exclusively of carbon dioxide ($\pm 99.7\%$) for periods of up to 12 weeks at 0°C . After storage under such conditions, the microbial flora on both fat and lean surfaces consisted almost entirely of lactic acid bacteria, the maximum population did not exceed $10^7/\text{cm}^2$ and the meat did not spoil.

The storage life of consumer portions of lamb from carcasses and primal cuts stored in carbon dioxide and in conventional vacuum packs was evaluated against three criteria: microbial status, sensory evaluation and colour maintenance under retail display conditions. It was found that, the storage life of consumer portions from carcasses or primal cuts stored in carbon dioxide was longer than for portions prepared from vacuum packaged meat. This was because the colour stability of consumer portions from meat stored in carbon dioxide did not decline with time of storage in the master pack.

The use of master packs made of plastic film with an oxygen permeability of $5 \text{ ml of } O_2/\text{m}^2/24 \text{ h/atm}$ (measured at 25°C and $75\% \text{ RH}$) did not reduce storage life when compared to that obtained with films that are completely impermeable to oxygen.

EFFECTS OF SPICES ON COLOR STABILITY OF CHINESE-STYLE SAUSAGE

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Pepper, five spices powder consist of anise, fennel, clove, cinnamon and pepper are the major spice ingredients used in Chinese-style sausages produced in Taiwan. Some producers think that the products added with spices may cause the surface of product darken during storage. Thus, they won't use this kind of spices possible.

The purpose of this experiment was conducted to investigate effects of the spices on the color stability of Chinese-style sausage during storage. The product samples prepared with course ground pork mixed with different spices, separately and cured at 4°C for 24 hr. The mixture was stuffed in natural casing and stored at 52°C for 72 hr and cooled. The samples were hung in air at ambient temperature. Hunter Lab colorimetry, metmyoglobin content (Met Mb) and TBA values of the products were determined at 0, 4, and 7 days of storage.

No difference was detected in L-value of the samples between the treatments at 0 time. It was observed that L-values for the control (without spices) and products with pepper and five spices dropped slower than products with fennel and cinnamon after 4 days of storage. The changes in lightness of the products followed the same trends after 7 days of storage. Changes in a and b-values for all treatments were the same trends. The a-values decreased constantly. ΔE for the samples with five spices, fennel and cinnamon was higher than the control. The results also revealed that Met Mb content in sausage was at the range of 77-79%. Met Mb content in the products with fennel and cinnamon changed markedly. TBA values for all samples also changed with storage time. TBA values of products with five spices and fennel, increased rapidly in first stage of storage while the control remained low. From the results we concluded that the spices used in Chinese-style sausages regularly might enhance color change and fat oxidation.

INVESTIGATIONS ON THE PROCESSING OF BOTH FROZEN AND CHILLED PORKS

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China is one of the large country of meat production and consumption in the world. However frozen porks now are the major raw meat food which chinese consumers purchase usually on daily life in China. In recent years, most of the meat and meat products are packaged in chilling state in developed countries to meet consumer's demands. In this paper, we mainly discussed a change of frozen porks during storage, thawing of frozen porks and the characteristics of chilled porks in China. We selected some carcasses after slaughter and those were stored at -21°C in freezing room. And we examined a change of the pH, acid value and peroxide value within different storage time for 0, 24h, one month, three and six months respectively. We found that the pH of the carcasses increased to 6.9 from initial 5.8, figures both acid value and peroxide value increased to some extent as well. The results indicated that the carcasses of frozen porks have already had a change in quality. Therefore we can say, even if frozen porks were stored at freezing room temperature, they would be unable to store for a long time as well. In addition the loss of the nutrients on frozen porks during thawing is a considerable problem. In which, a part of nutritional components with the drip losses during thawing to decrease nutritional value of meats. During thawing, the meats would lose about 6% of raw meat weight. Finally, we discussed the major characteristics of chilled meats. Chilling is a ripening processing of the carcasses after slaughter. It could be able to resolve the protein of the carcasses into amino acids to improve nutritional value. Chilled meats could develop a film on the surface of meats to prevent further environmental pollution and inhibit the multiplication of microorganisms. About this conclusion we did, we will discuss that further on in the future. So we can say that chilled meats are good quality of fresh meats with good taste and appearance.

LIPOASE, ESTERASE AND AMINOPEPTIDASE ACTIVITIES IN RAW PORK ADIPOSE TISSUE
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ABSTRACT

Adipose tissue contains different lipolytic and exopeptidase enzymes which are responsible for lipid and peptide metabolism. These enzymes might play an important role in flavour development during the processing of meat products containing adipose tissue as an important component.

The objective of this work is to study the lipase, esterase and aminopeptidase activities in this tissue in order to have an approximate idea of the hydrolytic changes which may be expected in the processing of meat products.

Assayed enzymes were neutral (pH 7.0) and basic (pH 8.0) lipases, acid (pH 5.0) and neutral (pH 7.5) esterases and leucyl, arginyl, alanyl, tyrosyl and pyroglutamyl hydrolysing activities. Specific fluorescent substrates were used for each enzyme.

Results indicate an important lipolytic activity : 2.1 and 0.8 U/g fat for neutral and basic lipases, respectively, and 12.4 and 1.4 U/g fat for acid and neutral esterases, respectively. In the case of the aminopeptidase activity, only the leucyl, arginyl and tyrosyl hydrolysing activities with 0.38, 0.31 and 0.11 U/g fat, respectively, are relevant. The alanyl and pyroglutamyl hydrolysing activities are very low, 0.02 and 0.005 U/g fat, respectively. In view of these important levels of enzyme activities, a relevant amount of free fatty acids and amino acids might be generated, depending on the conditions, during the processing of meat products and with special incidence on those dry-

THE INFLUENCE OF ANTIOXIDANTS ON WHOLESOMENES AND SHELF-LIFE OF MECHANICALLY DEBONED MULTY MEAT (MDPM)

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The influence of the antioxidative substances on wholesomenes and shelf-life of fresh and frozen MDPM from backs and necks on prevention of oxidative changes as well as their slowing down were investigated. The antioxidative substances which were investigated were following: NaCl, polyphosphate, vitamin E, rosemary extract and propyl-gallate. The results showed that oxidative changes were higher in MDPM from backs comparing with MDPM from necks. Antioxidative effect of added substances was successively: propyl-gallate, vitamin E, rosemary extract. Adding these substances can make the storage time of MDPM much longer.

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**OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENTS OF CARCASSES
AND MEAT QUALITY TRAITS**

ULTRASONIC MEASUREMENT OF MEAT HETEROGENEITY DUE TO CONNECTIVE TISSUE

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Ultrasonic image analysis is proposed as a quantitative technique for assessment of meat quality. We present in this paper experimental results on the measurement of meat heterogeneity. The method is based on the calculation of the correlation coefficient of echographic signals recorded in various locations of the meat sample. In the case of a homogeneous medium (i.e. only scattering medium), theory says that the correlation coefficient rapidly vanishes with the distance. The value of the correlation coefficient depends only on the beam width. On the contrary in the case of a heterogeneous medium (rich in connective tissue) the correlation coefficient does not vanish and its value depends on the degree of heterogeneity. For echographic data recording and processing we designed a mechanical ultrasonic system which produces echographic B-scan images of the meat. A focused transducer of 4 MHz center frequency is moved in steps of 0.1 mm. Large size echogenic structures visible on the image correspond to the specular echoes of the connective tissue. The image is divided into five regions. The degree of heterogeneity is estimated by the ratio between the surface of the echogenic structure and the whole region surface. The correlation coefficient is calculated for the different regions and it is shown that this coefficient increases with the degree of heterogeneity measured by the surface ratio. Thus we propose two quantitative indices for the ultrasonic assessment of meat heterogeneity due to the connective tissue. The surface ratio is derived from the ultrasonic image and measures the visible heterogeneities. The coefficient correlation measures also the degree of heterogeneity but we think that it should be an interesting index for the measurement of other tissue features not visible on the image such as tissue anisotropy.

EVALUATION OF UREA DILUTION FOR ESTIMATING CARCASS COMPOSITION OF FAT TAILED AWASSI SHEEP . S.

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Thirty Awassi ram lambs were used to evaluate urea space (US) as an estimator of carcass composition . Urea space was measured 12 min following the infusion of 20% urea (130 mg urea/kg live weight). Lambs were slaughtered after urea dilution and weights of the full and emptied gastrointestinal tract and carcasses were taken. After chilling overnight, the left side of each carcass was physically dissected into bone , fat , and lean . Urea space / live weight (LW) was related to percentages of carcass fat (PCF) and carcass lean (PCL) by the equations $21.6 - 0.03US$ ($r^2 = 0.90$ $p < 0.01$) and $46.9 + 0.07 US$ ($r^2 = 0.76$, $p < 0.01$), resp. Negative correlations were obtained between US/LW or empty body weight and each of tail fat, total fat percentage and PCF (- 0.50, - 0.48 : -0.49, - 0.48 : - 0.31 and - 0.31). Positive correlation (+ 0.49) was estimated between PCL and US/LW . It is concluded that urea space measurement may be used as a practical estimator of carcass composition in fat tailed sheep .

A NOVEL, NONINVASIVE METHOD TO MEASURE FAT CONTENT OF BONELESS MEAT.

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Fat content of boneless manufacturing meat is the basis of its value and end use. Measurement procedures for product that is a carton vary from the tedious and inaccurate method of core sampling and chemical assessment, through to the EMME (MIRINZ) instrument.

The latest and most versatile approach to measurement of fat content of cartonned product is to use the simultaneous transmission of neutron and gamma rays through the carton (NEUGAT) and then analysing the attenuation of the rays to determine the fat content. This method has been developed in New Zealand and is now at the commercial prototype stage.

The level of radioactivity used is 10^9 of the amount used for food irradiation. The New Zealand Health Department does not consider the use of radioactivity to constitute food irradiation because of the minute dose.

Tests comparing the fat content of cartons boneless beef or sheepmeats measured by chemical analysis with those measured with the NEUGAT principle show the instrument to be accurate over a very wide range of fat contents. The system accurately measures fat content of cartonned meat over the range from 0% fat through to 100% fat in both chilled and frozen meat. At the present state of development the fat content in a carton can be determined to within 1.5% in 10 seconds. Future developments will enable the same precision to be obtained with measurement durations of less than 5 seconds. The error in measurement with a second measurement time is currently 4%. The system, now being commercialized by AWA (NZ) Ltd will enable on-line monitoring of cartonned meat to meet predetermined specifications or the marking of cartons with their fat content.

COMPARISON OF VARIOUS INSTRUMENTS FOR ON LINE ASSESSMENT OF THE COLOUR OF VEAL CARCASSES.

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A total of five instruments were tested in order to evaluate their ability to assess the colour of veal carcasses early post mortem (45 min) and on line. The experiment took place in Brittany (France) and involved a total of 367 veal carcasses, measured on consecutive days. The colour of the Rectus abdominis (RA), after removal of the skin, was measured in triplicate with five instruments: the Chromameter CR 300 (Minolta), the Surface Meat Colour Meter (Sensoptic) and the Retrolux III (Sensoptic). Invasive duplicate measurements, using fiber optics, were made in the M. Longissimus lumborum and the M. Biceps femoris. The Invasive Meat Colour Meter (Sensoptic) and a prototype of the Danish "Pigment Probe". Three standard measurements were used as a reference: (1) independent visual assessment of veal colour (4 classes) at 45 min p.m., by four persons (mean method), (2) ultimate colour (L, a and b values) of RA determined by spectrophotometer at 24 h p. m. and (3) haem content of RA (mean method).

Surface measurements were best related to the visual judgment of carcass colour, on the same muscle (RA). The correlation coefficients between this reference measurement and the Chromameter (L and a values combined), Surface Meat Colour Meter and Retrolux III were respectively 0.85, 0.81 and 0.76. The correlations were much lower (0.43 to 0.58) for measurements with both invasive instruments, performed on other muscles (LL and BF). Similar results were obtained when other references were used. A sample of 253 carcasses was selected to study the ability of both the Chromameter (L and a values combined) and the Surface Meat Colour Meter to correctly predict the colour classes as determined by visual assessment (mean method). 89% and 84% of these carcasses were correctly classified respectively with the Chromameter and the Surface Meat Colour Meter. It is concluded that, at present, the surface measurements (RA) with both the Chromameter CR 300 and the Surface Meat Colour Meter are most suitable in providing an objective on line assessment of the colour of veal carcasses.

PREDICTABILITY OF SENSORIC PROPERTIES IN BEEF BY PHYSICOCHEMICAL MEASUREMENTS

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The standardisation of sensoric beef meat quality is a major objective especially for the European beef market. Nevertheless, the subjective evaluation of beef quality is time-consuming and expensive. Therefore it was the aim of this study, to examine a variety of measurements for the prediction of sensoric beef meat quality.

Samples from the m. long. thoracis of 37 young bulls and 38 heifers were used for the physicochemical measurements and for sensoric evaluations. Measurements of conductivity, pH and meat color (L^* -value) were performed 1 day post mortem. Intramuscular fat content (IMF) was determined by Near-Infrared (NIR) reflectance measurements. Sensoric evaluations of tenderness, juiciness, palatability and overall acceptability were performed by a trained test panel on cooked samples. For the prediction of the sensoric properties multiple regression models including conductivity, pH, meat color and IMF content were used. Linear and curvilinear relations between the dependent and the independent variables were considered in the regression models.

The coefficients of correlation (r) between the predicted and the real evaluated sensoric properties were between 0.62*** and 0.75***. In our material conductivity and pH did not significantly increase the coefficients of determination. We conclude, that, by using the easy to perform IMF and color measurements, a great part of the variation in sensoric beef meat quality of young bulls and heifers can be determined.

COMPARISON AND APPLICATION OF QUALITY CRITERIA FOR PSE OF PORK

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There is no univocal objective evidence for the PSE quality defect in pork. This fact follows from the "normal distribution" of the spectrum of measured values of each meat property. The PSE defect is most frequently derived from the pH_1 values ($\leq 5,8$), reflectance ($> 25\%$) and water-holding capacity ($> 5\%$) of the meat. These values were investigated in 400 slaughtered pigs, their interrelationships were studied as well as their applicability in practice. The PSE defect was proved by using the pH_1 values in 22,0 % of the slaughtered pigs, by measuring the water-holding capacity in 22,5 %, and by measuring the reflectance in 31,5 %. The correlations between the three studied quality criteria were significant. Providing that at least two of the three criteria were in accordance, then 10, 11 or 12 % of the meat samples would be indicated as PSE meat if mutual combinations of the criteria were possible. The most suitable criterion appears to be the pH_1 value. If pork is to be utilized effectively, we propose to grade the PSE defect from very low to very strong, together with a respective grading of the pH_1 values. Using the three criteria, the influences of three pre-slaughter effects were evaluated in a homogenous group of 120 carcass pigs, the results being 22, 25 and 35 % of PSE meat.

SOME PROBLEMS OF THE EVALUATION OF THE WATER-BINDING CAPACITY AND WATER ACTIVITY OF TISSUE

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Water plays a very important role in a biological systems functioning and researches of state of food products have always attracted attention. Meat and dairy products water studies make it possible to determine their processing properties. It is water-binding capacity and water activity indices that show the state of biological systems.

Most of the methods used for determining of water-binding capacity in meat and its have a high degree of errors and take much time. This can be explained by the lack of theory of bonds between water and dry framework of a product.

The methods is based on measuring free water and bound water content in meat and its. The equation of kinetics of water activity and water content modifications in the process of isothermic drying has been solved [$dA_w/dt = f(W)$]. The amount of bound and free water is evaluated by critical moisture index when a sharp decrease of water activity is observed, hence water energy increases and strengthens the bonds of water and dry framework of ingredients (such as salts, enzymes, etc.) dissolved in water. Methods efficiency depends on precision of water activity measurements and scales measuring lost mass of products in the process of its drying.

SEX INFLUENCES ON PIG CARCASSES GRADING

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Although sex effects are well known to influence the lean proportion of pig carcasses and therefore grading methods, no model has taken actually sex effects into account. In order to measure the improvement of accuracy in predicting carcass lean proportion, introducing sex effects, different models were fitted on a sample of carcasses partially dissected. Bias between sex has an influence on the residual standard deviation of the prediction models. In order to appreciate the human perception of conformation effects, an experiment was conducted on two samples of carcasses of the same predicted lean proportion. It is shown that the conformation parameters are related with sex effects, asserting that taking sex into account in the model could lead to an improvement of the prediction.

HOW TO NORMALIZE THE METHODS FOR GRADING PIG CARCASSES IN THE COMMUNITY ?

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Putting into practice the conclusions of the present research concerning the harmonisation of methods for grading pig carcasses in the Community would not perceptibly improve accuracy. The average lean proportion in the national pig populations, estimated by EC authorised methods, is assessed about 2 %. Therefore the question about a normalization, i.e. accuracy between 0.5 % and 1.0 %, of these methods is to be raised. In order to normalize it is necessary to study all the methodological problems in a detail manner. These questions deal with four subjects : the lean proportion, the grading device, the prediction equation and the experimental design. Normalization could use the following means : a common experimental design, an EC dissection method combined with a clearly defined lean proportion calculation, the use of common regressors, one single equation by Member State from tissue depths measured with the same device (called reference device) for each, a common calibration procedure for grading probes in comparison to reference device, a common statistical methodology for modelisation and associated parameters estimation, a standard scheme for the required document to ask for grading methods EC authorisation. Such a program, which needs additional dissections in EC, could lead to put into practice in three or four years normalized grading methods.

INFLUENCE OF HALOTHANE SENSITIVITY AND OF MEAT QUALITY ON YIELD AND QUALITY OF COOKED HAM

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The present study investigated the influence of halothane phenotype and of meat quality on manufacture and quality of cooked ham. Hams of the right carcass side of ninety-six pigs (Belgian Landrace or Pietrain x Belgian Landrace) were used for the production of cooked ham. Several measurements of meat quality were made 30 min post mortem on the carcass (*M. longissimus dorsi* (LD) and *M. semimembranosus* (SM)) and 24 h post mortem on the carcass and on slices of the LD. Measurements on the final product included dry matter, chloride concentration, shear force, cohesion, fat content and colour stability. Many significant differences in meat quality measurements were found between the halothane-positive (HP) and the halothane-negative (HN) animal group. However, no significant differences were found in the cooked ham characteristics studied, except for the fat content. Mean technological yield (TY) was 97.3 and 95.0 % in the HN and HP group respectively. However, when animals were divided in two groups according to low- or high-initial pH of LD or SM, TY was significantly lower in the low-initial pH group. Correlations of TY with meat quality measurements were low. In conclusion, in this experiment halothane sensitivity only partly explained differences in meat quality that were responsible for differences in TY of cooked ham manufacture.

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TLC method for quantitative determination of quaternary ammonium compound residues (QAC) in animal tissue which is a chemical mixture of: dodecylthreemethylammoniumbromide (93%), tetradecylthreemethylammoniumbromide (3,5%), dodecylthreemethylammoniumbromide (1,5%) and octadecylthreemethylammonium bromide (2%).

The residues of QAC have been derived from the muscle and fat tissues in the process of the extraction with methanol. The standard QAC solution and QAC residues previously derived from the animal tissue have been applied to the plates Silica gel/merck, cat. No 5626/by means of the automatic equipment (camag linomat IV). The plates have been eluted by a dissolving mixture - N - butanol: glacial acetic acid: water = 4:1:1. After developing, the plates have been dried at 150°C until the dissolver stains have vanished. The spot on the plate were spraying by Dragendorf reagent. The QAC residues have been determined quantitatively in the automatic densitometer (Camag TCL Scanner) and in the automatic data registration equipment (Camag integrator SP 4290). The accuracy of this method has been checked by adding 160 mg/kg of QAC to the cattle and pig muscle tissue and the fat tissue.

The results of the investigation show that the method is reliable for quantitative determination of this kind of disinfectant in animal tissue.

USE OF DIFFERENT METHODS TO ASSESS VEAL COLOUR AND PIGMENT CONTENT

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ABSTRACT

Using 60 veal carcasses, colour was determined at 30 - 40 minutes post mortem by assigning scores with a colour standard and measuring L*(lightness)-, a*(redness)-, and b*(yellowness)-values of the M. rectus abdominis (RA). Colour (L*-, a*- and b*-values) of the Mm. longissimus and semimembranosus (SM) was measured on a freshly cut surface, after vacuum packing for 24 hours. Also, ultimate pH was assessed and pigment content was determined in triplicate with both the Nit409 and the Nit409 method.

Both in LD and SM the Nit409 method resulted in a significantly higher pigment content than the Hornsey method. The Nit409 method showed a considerably better repeatability and also a better relationship with the colour measurements of the same muscles, than the Hornsey method. In the SM, pigment content and a*-values were significantly lower than in the SM.

Pigment content, as assessed with the Nit409 method, was better related to the a*-value than L*- and b*-values, while the reverse was true for ultimate pH. Because of the relatively high influence of variation in scatter due to variation in ultimate pH, it is concluded that the time post mortem is the most appropriate time to evaluate veal colour, as it is influenced by the pH (pigment content) and conditions in primary production. Early post mortem measurement of ultimate pH (RA) was better related to ultimate veal colour, than the visual evaluation using a colour standard.

DETERMINATION OF BEEF CARCASS COMPOSITION USING VELOCITY OF SOUND AND ELECTROMAGNETIC SCANNING

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Technologies to determine carcass composition, ranging in cost and complexity, are under development and evaluation. In this study the accuracy of two technologies, Velocity of Sound (VOS) and Electromagnetic Scanning (EMS), was assessed for the determination of lean percentage in beef carcasses. VOS, EMS, hot carcass weight and P8 fat depth measurements were determined for carcasses of twenty-eight Angus x Hereford steers, within one hour after slaughter. After overnight chilling, the sides were boned and lean was determined chemically. The mean carcass weight (CWT) and lean percentage were 243 ± 46.8 kg and $66.7 \pm 2.6\%$, respectively.

A single VOS measurement (at 10-11th rib) was less accurate than the best combination of VOS measurements ($R^2=0.44$; $1.95 \leq \text{SEE} \leq 1.62$) and the latter was significantly improved when CWT was included ($R^2=0.70$; $\text{SEE}=1.48$).

Although small differences in accuracy were observed using single EMS phase curve parameters, the combination of CWT and an additional parameter (H_1), was the most accurate ($R^2=0.79$; $\text{SEE}=1.24$). Although both EMS and VOS were slightly more accurate than the standard measurement combination of CWT and P8 fat depth ($R^2=0.68$; $\text{SEE}=1.59$), the potential of each will only be known when they have been assessed on a larger heterogeneous sample.

SIMULTANEOUS DETERMINATION OF FAT, WATER, PROTEIN AND COLOR IN BEEF BY A NIT-ANALYZER

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Possibilities of the application of Near-Infrared-Transmission-analysis (NIT) to the determination of quality-parameters and characteristics of the meat are reported. The NIT-measurements were done by the Model Infracat 1255 of the Firm Perstorp, Sweden. For the measurements the infrared beam passes through a 15 mm layer of the sample. The NIT-spectroscopy is based on the well known principle, that molecules with different functional groups - fat, water and protein - absorb the infrared light at different wavelengths (1000-1050 nm). The aim of these investigations was to get calibrations for the different meatquality-criteria of beef, moreover to compare the NIT-measurements with the reference values of the conventional analysis. During the calibration regression functions between the infrared absorptions and the quality parameters from the conventional analysis are to be calculated. As the main independent variable of these regression functions was considered the intramuscular fat content, determined by chemical analysis of ten samples. Further variables like protein- and water-content as well as meat lightness (L^* -value, Chroma-Meter 200b, Miele) were also included. The material of the calibration samples came from young bulls ($n=68$) and young cows ($n=60$). Chemically determined intramuscular fat-contents had a range of 0.7 % to 8.5 %. At the verification of the calibration the variables could be estimated as follows: intramuscular fat-content with $R=0.99$ and $\text{SEC}=0.34$ (Standard Error of Calibration), water with $R=0.96$ and $\text{SEC}=0.45$, protein with $R=0.93$ and $\text{SEC}=0.36$, color with $R=0.94$ and $\text{SEC}=0.92$. A test on an independent sample ($n=45$) showed for intramuscular fat $\text{SEP}=0.25$ (Standard Error of Prediction), for water $\text{SEP}=0.39$, for protein $\text{SEP}=0.27$ and for color $\text{SEP}=0.82$. Hence, the NIT-measurements have a precision comparable with that of the conventional methods, moreover, they require considerably less personal and time expenditures. The total avoidance of reagents should be taken into account in the environmental point of view.

ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ASSESSMENT OF BOAR TAIN

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In many countries castration of male pigs has been practiced for centuries in order to avoid the occurrence of "male odour" in meat from the animals. The "male odour" is only a problem, when meat or meat products are heated by the consumer prior to consumption. One of the compounds responsible for the boar taint is known to be skatole. When producing uncastrated male pigs it is important to have a method for determining the concentration of skatole in order to sort out tainted carcasses. The Danish Meat Research Institute has developed two methods; a colourimetric [1], and a high-performance liquid chromatographic (HPLC) method [2]. The colourimetric method uses extraction of fat samples with TRIS/acetone mixture, - derivatization with 4-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde and measurement of the absorbance at 580 nm [1]. This method has been automated to a capacity of 200 standards/samples per hour, and is currently used at slaughterhouses. The method is, however, theoretically open to interference from other indolic compounds. A HPLC-method for separation of 13 different indolic compounds and quantitative determination of 7 of these, including indole and skatole, has been developed. Solid phase sample preparation is used for extraction of the indolic compounds. Fluorescence (Ex./Em. 280/340 nm) is used for sensitive detection [2]. Comparing the two methods on samples containing skatole gives a good correlation ($r=0.973$), - although the colourimetric method tends to overestimate skatole content at very low concentrations. This correlation does not improve when indolic compounds other than skatole are added into the regression, - thus it may be argued that none of the other indolic compounds contribute to the results obtained by the colourimetric method.

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CONTRIBUTION OF EYE MUSCLE AREA TO THE OBJECTIVE MEASUREMENT OF CARCASS MUSCLE

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Eye muscle area is used in many carcass appraisal systems throughout the world in an effort to quantify carcass muscle. Recent advances in ultrasound technology have led to the availability of imaging (Real-time) ultrasound which allows scientists to measure eye muscle area accurately in cattle and carcasses. However the value of the contribution by eye muscle area to the quantification of carcass muscle is not known.

In a study single and multiple regressions were used to investigate the contribution of hot side weight, 12th rib fat thickness and eye muscle area to the prediction of carcass muscle in three groups of carcasses, one grass-fed group of 44 (97-269kg), one grain-fed group of 34 (277-341kg) and one grain-fed group of 48 (291-512kg). A side from each carcass was totally dissected into muscle, bone, fat and connective tissue.

The prediction of both weight and percentage of carcass muscle, eye muscle area alone was an unsatisfactory predictor showing high standard deviations and relatively low coefficients of determination.

Regression analyses showed that eye muscle area was of little value in contributing to the prediction of weight or percentage of muscle in lightweight carcasses. In heavyweight carcasses (both grass-fed and grain-fed) the use of eye muscle area gave slight to moderate improvements in the prediction of both weight and percentage of carcass muscle. In all three populations studied it was preferable to predict carcass muscle rather than percentage because of the greater amount of variance explained by regression.

It was concluded that eye muscle area was of no practical value for predicting muscle in lightweight carcasses, but it contributed moderately to the prediction of muscle in heavyweight carcasses where it was best used to predict weight rather than percentage of carcass muscle.

DETECTION PSE MEAT AND INFLUENCE OF HAEM PIGMENT CONCENTRATION

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This study has two objectives, first to estimate the incidence of PSE pork meat and on the other hand to study the influence of haem pigment concentration on PSE or DFD in two hundred and five commercial carcasses.

The meat quality (PSE, DFD, Normal) was determined through non destructive methods at the slaughter line.

Measurements of light scattering, electrical conductivity and pH were made during abattoir working operations using Fibre Optic Probe (FOP) and Quality Meter (QM) and pH. Measurements of FOP, QM and pH were taken at 45' and 24 h post mortem on *Semimembranosus* muscle and *Longissimus dorsi* (LD) muscle.

The pigment concentration in the meat was determined by the Trout (1991) analysis using 3M samples.

With discriminant analysis we have tried to find the pigment concentration that might correspond to each meat quality classification behaviour. Analytical variables and variables between sexes, have been contrasted by a F-Test.

CHARACTERISTICS AND COMPOSITION OF LEAN AND FAT IN PORK CARCASSES

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The aim of this study is to realize a valoration in two hundred and fiftyfive carcasses corresponding to two breeds -L: F₁ (Landrace x Large White) x D: Dalling and fat characteristics using the Fat-o-Meter probe (FOM) immediately after slaughter, studying the data of lean percentage, sr (mm fat 3/4 inter rib), sl (mm fat last rib) (lean thickness).

These measurements have been contrasted with other parameters such as carcass length, subcutaneous fat thickness in *Gluteus* and the first rib, carcass. Also with intramuscular fat, moisture and water holding capacity in *Semimembranosus* muscle.

For the estimation of water holding capacity total (WHC) soluble sarcoplasmic proteins were determined (Barton Gade, 1984). Furthermore was employed the Grau method with Volovinskaya (1968) modification.

We have also investigated the influence that the breed and sex may have on carcass characteristics. The data were considered through a F-test looking at significative differences ($P < 0.05$) on some of the variants, such as carcass length, intramuscular fat, CRA, sl, etc.

FUTURE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS - REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION FROM A MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE

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The paper will describe feasible classification systems which are compatible to the overall management strategy of a slaughterhouse. Additionally compatibility must be gained to all departmental strategies, for example the marketing, production and processing strategy - to name just the most relevant ones.

Starting with the market strategy, the requirement specification of a suited "market orientated" classification technology will be derived. Then, these requirements are being "translated" into possible production hardware components. The same approach will be applied to other relevant firm strategies, so that at the end of the analysis a "complete (hardware) picture" of future classification systems suited for management purposes - can be drawn.

Quality of Beef Produced in Estonia

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The following study was carried out to evaluate the quality of carcasses and beef of young fattening bulls and heifers of the Estonian Red dairy breed from state (big) and private (small) farms. The quality of carcasses evaluated by the carcass classification system valid in Estonia was compared to the E.U.R.O.P. classification system. The percentage of kidney fat was calculated. Beef quality alterations (PSE-pH<5.8 and DFD>6.2) were assessed by pH₁ and pH₄₈ values in the M. Longissimus dorsi. The physical composition (lean, fatty tissue and bone) of half-carcasses and chemical composition (content of fat, water and ash) of M. Longissimus dorsi was determined.

The results show that there were no carcasses meeting the demands of the two beef categories of E.U.R.O.P. classification (E. and U. by meatiness) due to the insufficient development of muscles. The percentage of kidney fat was 1.1 - 5.6. The quantity of PSE beef was small and that of DFD beef was bigger in state farms in comparison with private farms (20 and 33.3 %, respectively, of the animals studied).

It can be concluded that the young cattle of the Estonian Red dairy breed produced carcasses with acceptable meat quality.

PRODUCTION OF A NEW METHOD FOR PREDICTING FAT CONTENT IN LAMB CARCASSES

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To obtain an optimal commercial carcass quality it is necessary to use accurate grading methods. In Sweden as in almost all other countries the fat content of lamb and sheep carcasses is visually judged. Subjective judgements suffer from several disadvantages, the most important is the difficulty for the grader to maintain the "true" level for carcass fatness during a long grading period. Therefore there are many good reasons for developing an objective measuring system enabling the carcass composition to be evaluated with higher accuracy.

In the division of Meat Science we have for several years tried to develop an objective measuring method. We have looked at various measurements of the lamb carcass which strongly correlates with the total fat content and we have found one site: The thickness of the belly between the 10th and 11th ribs, just in the middle between the spine and belly opening where the tissues are thinnest. The total fat content was determined by partial dissection and we have until now dissected approx. 1200 carcasses.

As a part of an assignment from the National Agricultural Marketing Board and in collaboration with Food Technology Comp (FTC), Stockholm, we have developed several prototypes for measuring the belly thickness. Today we have got an on-line measuring system by which it is possible to explain 65 % of the total variation in fat content.

THE ROLE OF THE BITE FORCE IN HARDNESS PERCEPTION.

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Hardness or its positive aspect, tenderness, with moisture content and flavour, are the main factors determining the overall perception of the meat products. Concerning hardness perception, the role of the bite force was studied with different models representing simple mechanical behaviour but not suitable for swallowing. Elastic, plastic and brittle products were studied. For each deformation type, products differed only in hardness. Elastic models were made from silicone elastomers ($n = 14$); plastic models from paraffin waxes ($n = 21$) and brittle models from pharmaceutical tablets ($n = 5$). For the elastic and plastic products, samples were divided into four series. By comparing two samples of the same series, subjects had to say which was the harder. An intra-oral load-cell (12 mm diameter, 200 N, 3 mm high) was put under each sample. During the comparisons, bite forces were recorded. Incisors bit either directly onto the sample (T1) or onto a thin metallic disc placed under the sample in order to record only compression forces (T2).

For all products, a good correlation was found between the bite forces and the sample strengths. However, for plastic products, bite forces correlated with hardness even within each series whereas no correlation was found in any series for the elastic products for the compression test.

From these results, it appears that the bite forces are probably involved in hardness perception for plastic and brittle models but do not play any direct role for elastic products. In this case, the resulting deformation could be the main source of information concerning hardness perception.

CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY-A NEW TOOL IN THE INVESTIGATION OF MUSCLE AND MUSCLE FOOD PRODUCTS

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Confocal Microscopy is a new form of imaging involving a diffraction-limited spot scanning a specimen. Light emitted, transmitted or reflected by the specimen is collected and brought to a diffraction-limited focus on a diaphragmed detector. The signal from the detector is used to modulate a monitor display and may be subjected to various software routines to enhance or modify the image obtained.

Confocal Microscopy results in an improvement of x y resolution, particularly in the fluorescence mode where it can reach twice the classical limit. Of particular interest is its z resolution which allows for precise blur-free focusing on a particular plane without out-of-focus contributions from planes above and below. This allows for clear three dimensional reconstructions of imaged specimens.

Confocal Microscopy has been used to image single fixed muscle fibres and aggregates stained with Haematoxylin and Eosin. Fluorescence is excited with a Krypton Argon laser at 488 nm and produces a strong signal which fades slowly. Early results indicate the ability to discriminate the sarcomere structures including Z-lines traversing them. NBD labelled phalloidin, an actin specific fluorescent probe, has been used to label sarcomeric actin, both *in vivo* and after fixation and is used to demonstrate the three dimensional structure of muscle fibres after similar excitation. The actin distribution in muscle fibre products has been followed using this probe and 3-d examples are given from comminuted meats and fermented sausages.

A TRIAL TO DEFINE FACTORS AFFECTING PIGMEAT QUALITY

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The availability of a suitable system to grade the quality of pigmeat which has to be processed is important to attain the best cost/benefit ratio.

The Longissimus dorsi muscle was chosen as an experimental model for the present study.

Samples from Goland and Landrace x Large White pigs delivered by three different farmers were analysed for pH, WHC, swelling ability, drip loss, cooking loss and percentage of PAS-positive fibres. Normal, PSE and DFD muscles were classified on the basis of pH and colour at 1 hour and 24 hours post-mortem plus the content of glycogen in the myofibres at 1 hr p.m..

Adopting these parameters to group the muscles, a correlation was found between the proposed classification of muscles and drip loss and swelling ability.

A less significant correlation was observed with cooking loss.

However, differences were detected among the mean values recorded in muscles of the same group of animals slaughtered on different days.

APPLICATIONS OF COLORMET IN MUSCLE FOOD QUALITY EVALUATION

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Colormet is a hand-held colour analyzer designed to assist researchers and quality control personnel with objective measurements of visible light reflectance. This instrument is built by Instrumar Engineering Limited of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. We used Colormet for assessing meat quality and differentiating normal and PSE pork from one another. It was noticed that Hunter L value was most sensitive as an objective quality indicator for detection of PSE meat. PSE pork muscles generally had L values which ranged between 59.5 ± 2.1 and 60.4 ± 0.9 in shoulders and loins, respectively. Corresponding values for normal pork muscles were 44.8 ± 3.8 and 49.3 ± 3.6 , respectively. Hunter a values were lower and Hunter b values were higher for PSE meats. The content of hemoproteins correlated well with Hunter L, a, Hue and Chroma values ($r = 0.999$). Similar correlations were obtained between pigment content and colour parameters when pigments were extracted into buffer solutions. Thus Colormet analyzer may be used for detection of PSE meat by either direct or indirect method of evaluation.

THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF THE EXPRESS-METHOD OF MEAT PRODUCTS QUALITY CONTROL

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This work deals with the problem of perfecting and further developing instrumental electrochemical express-methods of substances analysis and creating on this basis a new generation of automatic means of analytical technique equipped with devices of information coding, digital indication, digit typing channel, tape recording of outlet signals etc. On the basis of analytical studies of conductometric method we have developed the theory of phase express-method of analysis and stated the functional dependence of the amount of shift on physical characteristics and quantitative content of the analyzed product components as well as on parameters of the original measuring scheme. Experimental studies of model media (solutions of NaCl, starch, lactic acid etc.) were carried out by means of experimental sample of phase analyzer. As a result of these investigations the range of measuring substances concentration according to their electrical conductivity (from 0.001 to 0.3 ohm.cm^{-1}) and experimental dependence of phase shifts on concentration and physical properties of analyzed product were determined. The developed phase method and phase analyzer are notable for their high obstacle resistance regulated according to measuring ranges for their sensitivity and reflection of information about the results of analysis in a digital form.

ALTERNATIVE POSITIONS FOR MEASURING FAT THICKNESS ON BEEF CARCASSES

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The relationship between a subcutaneous fat thickness measurement and the weight or percentage of fat and muscle in the carcass has received considerable research attention and fat thickness measurements are commonly used in carcass specification and grading systems. The objective of the work reported here was to compare fat thickness measurement at 10 sites for the prediction of carcass fat and muscle content.

Seventy-eight grass-fed steers representing three breed types with carcass weights ranging from 97 to 420 kg were slaughtered and fat thickness measurements were taken at 10 anatomically defined sites on the carcass. One side of each carcass was dissected into muscle, fat and connective tissue. Correlation and regression analyses were carried out on the relationships between each fat thickness measurement and the weight and percentage of fat and the weight and percentage of muscle of the carcass.

Seven of the sites produced correlation coefficients of 0.80 or more between the fat thickness measurement and carcass fat weight. Two of the sites produced correlation coefficients of 0.80 or more between the measurement and carcass fat percentage. Two of the sites produced correlation coefficients of 0.80 or more between the fat thickness measurement and carcass muscle weight, while none produced correlation coefficients with carcass muscle percentage. When used in prediction equations to predict carcass fat weight or percentage, carcass muscle weight or percentage the SEE's were similar for all the measurement sites.

It is concluded that there are many sites where fat thickness measurements can be taken to give a reliable prediction of carcass fat and muscle content.

EVALUATION OF TECHNIQUES FOR MONITORING PORK QUALITY IN AUSTRALIAN PORK PROCESSING PLANTS.

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A study was carried out to evaluate the suitability of a range of techniques for evaluating pork quality when used on a routine basis in pork processing plants. The measurements were carried out at approximately weekly intervals in four different abattoirs over a twelve month period. Loins were randomly selected from each plant and evaluated using the following techniques: Minolta Chroma Meter, Colormet probe, fibre optic probe (FOP), visual colour and pH scoring, pH, protein solubility, filter paper water-holding capacity, and high speed centrifugation water-holding capacity. Quality was assessed by measuring 48-hour drip loss and the yield of cured cooked product. Using these two measures and sample pH, an index was developed that classified the pork into five quality groups: Extremely Dry (firm and dry) ... Extremely PSE (pale soft and exudative). Statistical analysis was then carried out on the data to determine how effectively each of the objective techniques separated the pork into the five different quality categories. Of the techniques evaluated, only the Minolta Chroma Meter (L value) and FOP could significantly separate the samples into the five quality groups ($p < 0.05$).

AN ADAPTED METHOD OF ISOLATING AROMATIC SUBSTANCES FROM MEAT PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT

Meat flavour bears an effect both on the organoleptic properties of the finished meat products and on the degree of their assimilation. Its current evaluation is mainly organoleptic. By establishing the nature of the substances which give flavour to the meat products it will be possible to develop objective methods of evaluating their qualities and get fuller knowledge of the effect of the technological treatment upon flavour. The tests were carried out using sausage filling prepared from cattle and pork meat. Aromatic oil was isolated at pH = 4.5 and pH = 8.0. The gas chromatographical and mass spectral analysis were made on Hewlett Packard 5971 MSD GC-MS system under the following working conditions: 2.5 m x 0.2 mm Vetra-2 capillary column; gas carrier - helium; pressure - 15 psi; injector - splitless 1:4; temperature - 290°C; injected amount - 2 µl; temperature of gas chromatographical analysis furnace: 70°C - 3 min; 70°C - 240°C - 8 min; 240°C - 280°C - 10 min; 280°C - 20 min; interface - 280°C. The test indicated that the method used is appropriate for isolating and identifying aromatic substances both in the acid and neutral range. The GC-MS results at pH = 4.5 were: furfural, 3'10", 96/100, 95/93, 67/9, 53/7, 51/5, 50/7, 42/7, 39/5; furfuryl alcohol, 330, 98/100, 97/66, 95/11, 81/91, 71/91, 70/48, 69/59, 55/14, 53/75, 52/16, 51/36, 50/27, 43/18, 42/80, 41/68; ect.

ANALYSIS OF VOLATILE COMPONENTS FROM BACKFAT OF PIG AND RELATIONS WITH ANDROSTENONE CONTENT

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The aim of this study was to detect possible volatile indicators of the 5 α -androst-16-ene-3-one (androstenone), a steroid implicated in boar taint. For this purpose, two kinds of measurements have been done :

- the volatile components from the backfat of 35 entire male pigs have been extracted by dynamic headspace method and identified by Gas-Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry,
- fat androstenone has been measured by specific immunological method.

The different chemical families identified are : aromatic compounds, aliphatic alkanes, aldehydes, alcohols, ketones and chloride compounds.

The analysis of correlations between androstenone and some volatile compounds shows highly significant relations obtained by linear stepwise regression. These relations indicate that the volatile content analysis may be an interesting way for "indirect" evaluation of boar taint.

EVIDENCE OF ANISOTROPY IN PROBE MEASUREMENTS OF PORK MUSCLE COLOUR
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The reflectance of meat is reported to be optically anisotropic, thus indicating that the angle of illumination of incident light onto the muscle fibre could influence measurements of reflected light and thus muscle colour. This trial was designed to investigate the efficacy of the Colormet optical reflectance probe for predicting meat quality, including the effect of the angle of probe insertion into the muscle (ie. anisotropy). Forty-four boned pork loins were selected at 24h post-slaughter to represent a range in quality of the *longissimus thoracis* (LT). The quality measurements made on the LT were pHu, drip loss over 72h, surface lightness (L^*) using a Minolta chromameter (200b) and internal lightness (L^*) using a Colormet probe inserted either from the dorsal surface or into the cranial end of the LT. The loin samples represented a range in meat quality from pale, juicy, exudative to dark and dry. The ability of the probe to predict objective quality measurements was reduced when the probe was inserted dorsally rather than in the cranial end for all quality traits (correlation coefficients (r) between probe- L^* and: surface- L^* 0.80 (cranial), 0.62 (dorsal); pHu, -0.76, -0.52; drip loss, 0.66, 0.50; $P < 0.01$ for all). The equations for the relationship between surface- L^* and probe- L^* for the two insertion methods are: Probe- L^* = $15.38 + 0.97$ Surface- L^* ($R^2 = 0.64$, RSD = 15.0) for cranial insertion and Probe- L^* = $24.30 + 0.69$ Surface- L^* ($R^2 = 0.38$, RSD = 25.7) for dorsal insertion. These results suggest that the Colormet probe can be used to predict meat quality, but alternative angles for probe insertion into muscles on the carcass require further research.

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MEAT PRODUCTS AND HUMAN NUTRITION AND HEALTH

X-RAY ANALYSIS AND INFRARED SPECTRUM OF BEEF SAUSAGE AND CHICKEN PATTIES MANUFACTURED WITH AND WITHOUT PROTEASE INHIBITOR.

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ABSTRACT

Protease inhibitor that extracted from potato tubers (Alpha variety) by freezing at -20°C followed by blending in the presence of 1% ascorbic acid was used in its crude form in the processing of beef sausage and chicken patties. The processed samples that contained 0, 1, 2, 3% of protease inhibitor were stored at 4°C for two weeks through which X-ray analysis and infrared spectrum were considered. X-ray analysis indicated that the investigated samples containing the protease inhibitors showed a better configuration and higher attention of the responded elements (31 elements) which correlated with the structure of beef sausage and chicken patties. Infrared spectrum of the same tested samples proved the efficiency of protease inhibitors in controlling the activity of protease enzyme through processing of beef sausage and chicken patties; a trend which based on the stability of the identified functional groups through storage for two weeks at 4°C .

HISTOLOGICAL STRUCTURE OF BEEF SAUSAGE AND CHICKEN PATTIES MANUFACTURED WITH AND WITHOUT PROTEASE INHIBITOR.

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Beef sausage and chicken patties were manufactured with or without protease inhibitor that extracted from potato tubers (Alpha variety). The added level of protease inhibitor was 1, 2 and 3% out of the recipe ingredients that used in manufacturing of the investigated samples. Inspection by transmission and scanning electron microscopes was used to compare the histological structure of the same previous samples. On the other hand, changes that occur in the structure of beef sausage and chicken patties which manufactured with or without the addition of protease inhibitor were considered during storage at 4°C for two weeks. The results proved that the presence of protease inhibitor strengthen the muscle fibre and so, being out of attack by protease enzymes. Such statement is mainly due to the efficiency of protease inhibitor for diffusion and distribution along the gaps available between the structural bands of the samples, especially in parallel with sarcomeres.

POSSIBILITIES OF USING WOOL BY-PRODUCTS IN THE PRODUCTION OF SAUSAGE ITEMS
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Using by-products is a significant reserve of increasing protein production in the industry. Carried out investigations have shown that it is expedient to use by-products in the production of meat products not in the pure form but as components of a mixture in combination with other components.

The main demand to the functional properties of by-products food masses while using them in the manufacture of sausages is that they should change the properties of the finished products in the desired direction or shouldn't change them at all. For the compatibility of a food product with protein components of sausage meat is achieved by imparting food masses the structure similar to the structure of the meat product. Wool by-products are unpractically used raw materials. It is caused by the low content of connective tissue resulting in their coarse texture. Apart from deteriorating organoleptical properties, the use of a large amount of by-products in the formula of meat products has a negative effect on their biological value. The aim of these investigations is developing the technology of producing food masses from wool by-products ensuring texture improvement and increasing assimilability of finished sausage items. We have studied the effect of added dose of food mass on the change of chemical, amino acid composition and structural-mechanical properties of sausage meat.

The manufacture of new kinds of sausages with food mass addition has shown that the finished products have a better texture and cut appearance.

The use of food masses improves water binding of sausage meat, decreases moisture loss during heat treatment and increases digestibility of finished products.

QUALITY STANDARDIZATION OF INDUSTRIALLY PRODUCED "ĆEVAPČIĆI" - NATIONAL GROUND MEAT PRODUCTS

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Ground meat have a long tradition in our nutrition. They are produced previously at home, restaurants, meat manufactures, on the basis of experience and nutritional habits. However, there is a great tendency towards industrial production, as well as for standard quality. The aim of this study was the quality standardization of industrially produced "ćevapčići", one of the national ground meat products.

Bulls of the Simental breed, 24 months old, from eight different farms, were used for our study. Portions of bovine carcasses were used: shoulder, neck and part of the belly. After deboning and grinding through a sieve with 3mm holes, meat was processed through the forming and portioning machine ("Koppens") so the products of an elongated shape were obtained (ćevapčići). After that the products were thermically treated on the grill for 5,5 min at 200° C, so the temperature in the center of the product was 95° C.

Composition, energy, hydroxyproline, cholesterol contents, fatty acid composition and TBK value of thermically treated products were examined. The products were evaluated by sensory methods; weight loss and changes of the thermically treated products were also evaluated. The same investigations were done on the control of 72°. The results were statistically evaluated.

The products (ćevapčići) of standard quality (e.g. energy contents 850 kJ/100 g, cholesterol contents 100 g, hydroxyproline contents - 0,3%, polyunsaturated to saturated fatty acids ratio), may be obtained from a good selection of beef that is used for their production.

INFLUENCE OF USING MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN MEAT FROM DIFFERENT PARTS AND LEVELS ON
CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL AND SENSORY PROPERTIES OF BOLOGNA TYPE PRODUCT

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This work aimed to determine the influence of using mechanically separated chicken meat (MSCM) from backs and necks at the levels of 20, 40 and 100% of the meat block on chemical, physical and sensory properties of a bologna type product.

Three trials were conducted and all batches were formulated to an approximate finished bologna composition of 24% fat and 13% protein. Cooking loss, water holding capacity, proximate composition, pH, shear compression and firmness were determined. Firmness, juiciness, flavour and overall quality were evaluated using descriptive analysis with a 10 cm long.

For all treatments, the cooking losses were in the range of 6,9 - 7,6%. Water holding capacity was not affected by the source of meat nor by its level, releasing a total volume in the range of 4,8 - 7,1%. Products containing 20% MSCM had pH around 6,2. At the 40% level the pH was 6,3 - 6,4, increasing to 6,5 at the 100%

level. Firmness (shear compression) decreased with the increasing of MSCM level although differences were not statistically significant when MSCM from necks was used. Subjective evaluation revealed that products elaborated with 20 and 40% MSCM from backs were firmer than the 100% ones. Products elaborated with 20% MSCM from necks were firmer than the 40 and 100% ones. No differences were found in juiciness and flavour for all treatments. Conclusions: a) emulsion product type bologna with 22% fat could be produced using up to 100% MSCM from backs

and necks without emulsion breakage; b) sensorially acceptable bolognas could incorporate up to 100% MSCM from backs or necks; c) the source of MSCM showed no influence on any of the parameters studied.

DETERMINATION OF CARBOSSIMETHYL-CELLULOSE AS A MICRO-INGREDIENT IN SAUSAGES SUCH AS WURSTEL

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This method has been proposed to determine the presence of sodium carboxsimethyl-cellulose (CMC) in sausages-type products (wurstel) prior to its separation from the other components of the matrix, such as lipids and proteins. This is followed by the formation of a Celite-pyridine chloride complex with 0,2 M of NaCl. The complex is adsorbed on a Celite column and successively eluted with a solution of 30% hot sulphuric acid. A part of this eluate is then reacted with 2,7-naphthalenediol in concentrated sulphuric acid. The absorption of the resulting coloured compound is spectrophotometrically measured at 540 nm.

The maximum revelation point for this method is approximately 50 ppm, and therefore inferior to 0,03% (300 ppm), nevertheless, a linear instrumental response can be obtained within a concentration range of 50 to 1600 ppm.

Satisfactory recovery percentage was achieved, with values exceeding 90%. The quantities of CMC found are close to the limits established by law (within $\pm 10\%$ of the determined analytical value), it is necessary to consider the rate of recovery and the substitution rate of CMC.

OPTIMIZATION OF THE USE OF ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE PROTEINS IN MORTADELLA MIXTURES

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Due to their technological and functional properties, the use of proteins other than muscular proteins spread in the meat industry.

The purpose of this study is to optimize the utilization of the following proteins in the production of mortadella: 1) isolated soy protein (I.S.P.); 2) sodium caseinate; 3) powdered pig-skin.

The term "optimization" must be defined as the pursuit of a correct combination of methods that improve the quality of the mixture without altering its organoleptic qualities.

Thirty of such procedures were devised, one of them established with a control sample in which nothing was added. These methodologies were initiated on 200 kg medium-high quality mixtures produced under the conditions employed by the factory in which these tests were performed.

Slices of the finished product were then evaluated by sensory analysis, performed by a test panel of experts. These results were translated numerically using a parameter for overall quality (acceptability) for each procedure.

These results were translated numerically using a parameter for overall quality (acceptability) for each procedure. Correlations between the proteins were utilized in each procedure were statistically evaluated. The results obtained confirm that the use of foreign proteins, when utilized within well-defined limits (generally less than 1%), do not influence the level of acceptability. Positive results were achieved using various mixtures of proteins as well as binary and ternary mixtures of these proteins: the only exception was the binary mixture of I.S.P./sodium caseinate, which, for the small amounts of use, had no practical applications and, at the same time, the simultaneous use of these two ingredients is prohibited in accordance with the Italian Law.

On the other hand, the ternary mixture has no practical applications too, considering its high cost. The results that can be obtained and given the above mentioned legal disposals.

HEAT-GELATION OF MYOSIN: INFLUENCE OF PURIFICATION, MUSCLE TYPE AND IONIC STRENGTH

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Heat-gelation of myosins isolated from rabbit fast-twitch *Psoas major* (PM) and slow-twitch *Semimembranosus proprius* (SMP) was studied at different stages of purification. Gelation of 10 mg/ml protein suspensions, in a potassium phosphate 0.04M (KCl 0.6M or 0.2M), was induced by heating at a 0.5°C/min rate in the 30-80°C temperature range. Rheological properties (storage modulus (G') and loss modulus (G'')) as well as loss tangent (δ) of the gels in formation were determined using a Carri-Med CSL rheometer under oscillatory conditions. At high ionic strength, heat-gelation of myofibrils occurred in two steps. First, a rigidity peak appeared at 50°C for PM muscle and 53°C for SMP muscle. Then, the rigidity increased from 50°C and 56°C for PM and SMP muscles, respectively, to a maximal value near 80°C. The purification of myosin induced, on the one hand, a disappearance of the first rigidity peak, on the other hand, an increase in the G' and G'' moduli, while δ reached very low values ($2''$) which were characteristic of the high rigidity gels. Moreover, the elimination of C protein induced a 1 to 2°C decrease in the temperature at which gelation started. Pure myosin isolated from slow-twitch SMP muscle exhibited a higher heat-stability and developed a lower gelling strength at 80°C than those from fast-twitch PM muscle. Dispersion of myosin in 0.2M KCl solution gave weak gels. However, at low ionic strength (KCl 0.6M) of proteins, previously dissociated at 0.6M KCl, induced gel formation at low temperature. At 80°C, the corresponding gel was 2 or 3 times more rigid than that obtained at high ionic strength. The differences in gel behaviour induced by the muscle type and the salt content were related to the microscopic globular or filamentous structure of the myosin.

GELATION PROPERTIES AND BINDING ABILITY OF BOVINE MYOFIBRILLAR PROTEINS
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Functional properties of myofibrillar proteins, including water and fat holding capacity and heat gelation, play a major role in cooked meat products such as sausages or restructured steakettes. These properties result from their capacity for forming a gel upon heating. Our objectives in this study were : (1) to determine the optimal conditions for heat gelation of the myofibrillar proteins in model systems and (2) to analyse the relationships between heat gelation properties and binding ability of the proteins in restructured meat.

Studies were carried on myofibrillar proteins isolated from *pre-rigor Pectoralis profundus* bovine muscle. Sarcoplasmic proteins were removed with a low ionic strength solution (0,15M NaCl, pH 6,5) and the myofibrillar proteins were extracted with a solution containing 0,15M NaCl, pH 6,5. Myofibrillar proteins were then precipitated by dilution and washed with distilled water while sarcoplasmic proteins were desalted by diafiltration and concentrated by ultrafiltration. Myofibrillar and sarcoplasmic proteins were then freeze-dried. Myofibrillar proteins were dialysed against appropriate buffer solution, before being subject to the heating treatment. Thermal gelation over the range 20-100°C was followed by monitoring the change in storage and loss moduli of the sample, using a constant stress oscillatory rheometer. Cohesiveness of cooked products was assessed by a triple-beam bending test.

The results obtained provided evidence that ionic strength and pH do influence both the pattern and the values of the thermograms. Moreover, the addition of sarcoplasmic proteins increased gel strength of myofibrillar proteins, mainly at low ionic strength. The effects of the addition of myofibrillar proteins, alone or mixed with sarcoplasmic proteins, on the cohesiveness of cooked restructured meat products were compared with the effect of two commercial binders (ovalbumin and a mixture of ovalbumin and milk proteins). Water holding and binding capacity were found to be highly dependant on both the type and the quantity of the added binder. The greatest cohesiveness and water holding capacity were obtained with 2% myofibrillar proteins. Albumin and milk proteins, although they had very low heat gelling properties in the model system, significantly increased the cohesiveness of the cooked products.

EVALUATION OF BIPYRIDILIUM HERBICIDES RESIDUES IN ANIMAL FOOD

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New proposed use of Paraquat as bloat preventive, on pastures where species of Fabaceae are present, has made necessary the study of its residues in animal products. Three trials were carried out. Experiment 1: During 101 days pastures were sprayed with Paraquat at 56 g/Ha and steers were admitted to graze 48 hours after spraying. At the end of the period 16 animals that had grazed cured pasture were sampled. Samples of kidney, liver, meat and fat were taken and analyzed for Paraquat. No residues were detected by a method capable of detecting 0.05 ppm. Experiment 2 was performed with 150 days of grazing. Paraquat was used to treat alfalfa 48 hours before grazing was 50 g/Ha. At sacrifice, samples from 8 animals were taken. Grasses containing Paraquat residues were taken. No residues above the method sensibility were found. In experiment 3, dairy cows were allowed to graze alfalfa treated with Paraquat at 50 g/Ha. Samples were taken at 100 g/Ha 48 hours after spraying. Each treatment had 4 animals. Milk samples were taken every 2 days every other day. Paraquat residues over the method sensibility (0.0001 ppm) was detected in milk from one animal (0.00042 ppm) the first day of grazing. Diquat residues above method sensibility (0.001) were not found. The results obtained showed that Bipiridylum herbicides don't originate residues in animal food above Codex LMRs, when used at low dose on pastures in order to prevent bloat in animals.

BUFFALO MEAT IN FRANKFURTER TYPE SAUSAGES

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The objective of this work was to evaluate emulsion type sausages formulated with buffalo meats compared to beef.

Deboned shoulder from 2 lots of buffaloes (i) entire males and (ii) cull cow (15 years old) and one of deboned Zebu bovine (iii) were used. Other components used in each formulation were pork shoulder 13%, salt 2.34%, spices 0.74%, corn starch 2%, sodium nitrite 0.02%, erythorbate 0.05%, and tripolyphosphate 0.5%. Batters were formulated to contain 20% fat and a moisture protein ratio of 4.5. In two trials batter were comminuted reaching a maximum temperature of 16°C, stuffed into 22 mm casings, cooked to an internal temperature of 72°C, showered for 15 min, and peeled after chilled to 10°C.

Cooking losses, ranging from 11.4% to 13.3% were not significantly different among sausages. Emulsion stabilities measured by released liquid, were lower for buffalo sausages.

The pressed juice content was measured objectively ranged from 48.6% to 52.4% and differed only between (i) and (ii). The Warner Bratzler firmness did not differ between (i) and (ii) which were lower than (iii).

Firmness and juiciness measured organoleptically were on a scale from 0 to 10, being 5 as ideal; for the other attributes the ideal value was 10. Scores of firmness were 4.0 for (i), 7.0 for (ii) and 5.7 for (iii), all significantly different. Juiciness values for the three treatments ranged from 4.0 to 5.0 and were not statistically different. Treatments (ii) and (iii) had higher flavour scores than (i), but only treatment (iii) differed statistically from (i). Batter homogeneity did not differ between young animal (i) and (iii) but scores were statistically different for (ii).

In conclusion, buffalo meat presented lower emulsion stability compared to beef. Firmness and particle homogeneity were affected by the animals age, but not by species. Young buffalo meat sausages were less characteristic in flavour. Buffalo sausages had lower scores in overall quality although it was still acceptable.

PREPARATION FROM SKINS OF STEAM PIGS TO PUT INTO THE PRODUCTION OF SAUSAGES

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ABSTRACT

It has been developed a preparation from the skins of scalded pigs, and a technology for its production. It is intended to be added into some meat products. The influence of the following factors has been established: salt concentration in the brine used for salting the pork skins, and the relationship of pork skins to flaked ice during the cutting process on the following parameters: stability of the waterholding capacity, particle diameter and salt contents of the preparation.

By means of full factor experiment with two factors (cutting time and sodium tripolyphosphate concentration) at two levels have been found adequate mathematical models describing the preparation's ability to retain water after 0 and 7 days of refrigeration at 0°C to +4°C with respect to both factors examined.

The adequate models thus obtained were used to determine optimal cutting conditions in relation to the mixture's stability.

The general physico-chemical composition and microbiological condition of the preparation have been established.

NEW EXTRUDED COMBINATION PRODUCTS

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The aim of the present study was to develop technology for manufacturing of dietetic products, containing protein components of bones, blood of slaughter animals and products. Here are given results on research of the technology of combination products manufactured on the basis of extrusion of corn grits or semolina with dry bone broth, and also of the edible blood of slaughter animals with wheat flour and dry milk.

The developed technology allows to obtain highly-assimilable products with porous structure showing good solubility and acceptable organoleptical characteristics. This technology ensures inhibition of pathogenic microorganisms growth and sterility of final products. Thus, basis was created for the use of bones in food products and for the use of blood in dietetic foods, manufactured according to simplified technology.

QUALITY AND NUTRITIONAL ASSESSMENT FOR THREE CANNED RECIPES PROCESSED FROM RABBIT MEAT

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By experiments in laboratory scale three canned recipes processed from rabbit meat have been studied. The three canned recipes consisted from rabbit ragout in tomato sauce (I); rabbit ragout in white sauce (II); and seasoned rabbit meat (III). The intention was to evaluate the acceptability and the nutritional value of the three canned recipes. The chemical composition; protein free fat ratio; in vitro-digestibility; vitamins (B₁, B₂, and C); minerals (P, K, Na, Mg, Fe, Mn, Cu, and Z); amino acid composition, chemical score; and nutritive value were determined as a functions of quality and nutritive value. The results showed that the quality of the studied recipes seemed to be acceptable, moreover the recipes (I) recorded the highest acceptability. The recipes possessed high contents from protein, fat, caloric value, vitamins and minerals. Essential amino acids recorded high amounts, except tryptophan which was the individual limiting amino acids in all recipes. In vitro digestibility (as N.P.N. percent of total nitrogen) recorded high percentages for all studied recipes. In conclusion, these three canned recipes processed from rabbit meat have shown high acceptability scores, rich in protein, essential amino acids vitamins, minerals and high digestibility. To make more use of the meat from rabbit meat, canning process should be developed.

DEVELOPMENT OF SEA FOOD PATTIES FROM UNDERUTILIZED FISH SPECIES

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After the world war II, most of the countries decided to supply their protein requirements from Sea Foods. Comparing the total annual catch of fish biomass in 1973 to 1982, it has a 20 % growth.

In Iran, the annual catch in 1982, totally from the Caspian sea and Persian Gulf and Oman sea was about 45000 tons/yr and the consumption per se was about 1.06kg. According to available data, more than 40 % of total fish catches in Iran are underutilized fish species; so for this reason and also in order to use these protein supplements, since 1974, the scientists have paid more attention to use of the underutilized fish species in Iranian dietary intake.

For achieving the above goals, recently a study is done for preparation of fish patties from underutilized fish species. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the effect of corn flour on acceptability and stability of fish patties which was prepared by adding corn flour and starch by 1%, 2%, 3% of fish patty weight to minced flesh of mackerel. Other additives which were used are as follows:

Seasoning and flavoring materials (e.g. ground white and black pepper, onion and celery powder, nutmeg, etc...) and preservatives.

The patties were commercially sterilized in cans.

By adding corn flour as extender to this mixture from 1 to 3 percent, unpleasant smell and flavor remarkably decreased, water retention capacity increased and textural attributes improved.

CERTAIN MACRO-KINETIC APPROACHES TO THE QUANTITATIVE DESCRIPTION OF BLOOD PROTEINS HYDROLYSIS OF BEEF CATTLE

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The paper deals with the method of determination of kinetic parameters of protein hydrolysis. It is shown that the process of blood proteins hydrolysis is a two-stage reaction, being composed of a "fast" and a "slow" stages.

It is established that the rate of blood proteins hydrolysis is in direct proportion to concentration of the taken enzyme, as well as to concentration of the substrate. 2% is the upper limit value for substrate concentration, above which inhibition of reaction takes place.

During tests some important values were determined, including: effective maximum rates of blood proteins hydrolysis, constants for the process development intensity, Michaelis constant, the number of links with proximate reaction ability, as well as energy values for activation of fast and slow stages of the process of hydrolysis.

HEAT-GELLING PROPERTIES OF RABBIT MYOFIBRILLAR PROTEINS : INFLUENCE OF MUSCLE TYPE

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Heat-gelation of myofibrillar proteins from different muscles of various animal species have been investigated. Many studies have shown differences in gelling strength according to muscle type. The present work intended to analyse the relationship between muscle meat contractile activities and the heat-gelling properties of extracted myofibrils.

Metabolic and contractile type of 8 rabbit muscles [*Psoas major* (PS), *Semimembranosus proprius* (SMp), *Supraspinatus* (SP), *Lumbar dorsi* (LD), *Semitendinosus* (ST), *Semimembranosus* (SM), *Pectoralis* (PE), *Triceps brachii* (TB)] were assessed by measuring myofibrillar ATPase activity (characteristic of the contractile type), citrate synthase activity (characteristic of aerobic metabolism) and lactate dehydrogenase activity (characteristic of glycolytic metabolism). Contractile type was further characterised by densitometric quantification of myofibrillar and/or heavy chains isoforms. Heat gelling properties of myofibrils preparations (20 mg/ml, at pH 6.0 in 0.6M KCL - 0.04M phosphate buffer) were studied using a Carri-Med rheometer in the 30-80°C temperature range (heating rate: 1°C/min). Changes in storage (G') and loss (G'') moduli as well as loss tangent (δ) were determined after every 1°C increment. Whatever the muscle, rheograms showed that heat-gelation of myofibrillar proteins is a two steps process. We first observed a simultaneous increase in G' and G'' from 40°C up to 54°C for PS, ST, LD, SM muscles and 53°C for SMp muscle. The second step was observed between 54°C and 70°C. At 54°C for PS, ST, LD, SM muscles and 58°C for PE, SMp and SP muscles. During this step G' increases until 70°C while G'' remains constant. After heating at 80°C slow-twitch muscles with high citrate synthase activity (SP, TB, PE and SMp) formed gels with higher rigidity than those from fast-twitch muscles having lower citrate synthase activity (PS, LD, ST).

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Research has shown that water-binding capacity (WBC) of meat batters can be enhanced by the use of prerigor meat. The Brazilian sausage industry that has been using phosphate to improve WBC could benefit from that finding if its implications were well known. To determine the effects of prerigor beef and phosphate on pH, WBC, gelatin and fat release, yields, texture and sensory characteristics of frankfurters, four formulations were prepared: hot-processed, pre-salted beef (HPB) and conventionally chilled beef, with or without sodium tripolyphosphate (TPP). The experiment was replicated four times. Frankfurters should contain 25-26% fat and a moisture:protein ratio of 4.5. Cow meat (10% of meat block wt.) was either ground one hour post-mortem and salted (3% of meat wt.) or ground after 24 hours of chilling. Sausages were made on the fourth day using a meat cutter and a piston stuffer (Kraemer & Grebe), and a smokehouse (Becker). HPB and TPP raised pH of batter by .4 and .3, respectively; the main effects being HPB enhanced WBC, but not as much as TPP did, as measured in 50g samples of batter cooked at 70°C for 60min. HPB and TPP, respectively, reduced gelatin release by 58% and 70%, fat release by 83% in sterilized canned batter ($F_0 = 4$ at 121°C). HPB and TPP, individually or combined, caused a reduction of 13-14% in cooking losses of peeled product. HPB did not increase maximum shear force of skin-on, but decreased shear values of skinless sausage. TPP increased shear force of both. Sensory analysis results were not affected by HPB or TPP.

COMPARATIVE STUDY ON NUTRITIVE VALUE OF MEAT (*Semitenndinosus* muscle) USING MICROWAVE AND CONVENTIONAL COOKING

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In many countries, microwave ovens are used because of the convenience and time savings in cooking. Therefore, the objectives of this study were to compare the effects of microwave and electrical ovens on retention of some nutrients and to determine the differences in terms of nutritive value and consumer preference, between the meat cooked by these two methods.

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Moisture, protein, riboflavin, niacin, pyridoxine, iron, and calcium were found to be higher in the meat cooked in microwave oven compared to the electrical oven. Fat content of meat cooked in electrical oven was greater than the meat cooked in microwave oven.

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EFFECTS OF SOY PROTEINS ON TECHNOLOGICAL AND MORPHOLOGICAL PROPERTIES OF BOLOGNA TYPE SAUSAGE

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Myofibrillar protein matrix plays a decisive role in stabilizing sausages of Bologna-type (water-fat-binding). This matrix is influenced by different factors such as type of meat, fat, sodium chloride concentration, water and degree of comminution. The effect of soy proteins on the stability of the meat protein matrix was investigated. For this purpose, fine comminuted sausages were produced utilizing soy concentrate and isolate either as powdery or rehydrated soy protein, in concentrations of 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 %. These batches were compared with a control and a phosphate batch. Although these comparisons did not show significant differences in every case, the soy protein and the phosphate batches tended - compared with the control - to increase the jelly deposit. Judging the mode of addition of the soy protein with regard to jelly deposit showed a tendency to be possible with rehydrated soy protein. The generally low fat rendering made a comparison between different batches impossible. The texture of soy protein containing sausages was altogether only slightly lower than that of control and phosphate batches. The batches with powdery soy protein added appeared to be firmer than that ones with rehydrated soy protein. The use of soy protein resulted, as expected, in a lighter colour in most of the batches. Sensory evaluation of odour and taste of control and phosphate batches on the one hand and soy protein containing sausages on the other hand did show detectable differences. The phosphate batch (0.2 %) exhibited the most intensive meat flavour better than control. The use of soy protein up to 1.5 % in the batter did not result in an degrading in the sensory evaluation. At higher concentration of soy protein at 2 % we detected a different flavour and devalued the samples. The microscopical investigation documented the jelly deposit reducing properties of soy proteins; although their fat stabilising effect could not be demonstrated.

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Gelation of protein is an important phenomenon which takes place in all structured meat products during thermal processing. It involves both intramolecular and intermolecular changes in proteins. We pointed out that only myosin in the myofibrillar proteins had the ability to influence the heat-induced gelation of model system. However, the heat-induced gelation of myosin was affected by many factors such as temperature, pH, ionic strength, protein concentration, storage period and myosin isoforms hence the molecular structure of this protein is highly complication. In this work, we report the effect of calcium and magnesium ions on the rheological properties of thermal gels of myosin since no detailed information is available on the influence of divalent cations on heat-induced gelation of myosin.

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UTILIZATION OF SEAL MEAT BY-PRODUCTS

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Meat from seal (*Phoca groenlandica*) is a rich source of proteins with a well-balanced amino acid composition and contains 5-9% hemoproteins. Presence of large amounts of myoglobin in seal meat is responsible for its very dark colour. Seal meat was mechanically separated using a deboner. The bone/protein residues were then treated with proteolytic enzymes. The products so obtained, after dehydration, had a crude protein content of 85-90% and were ivory-white in colour. Hemin was separated as a by-product in the hydrolyzate preparation. The resultant hemin was subsequently used in the preparation of the cooked cured-meat pigment (CCMP). Application of CCMP to comminuted meats from different species successfully reproduced the typical colour of their nitrite-cured counterparts.

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Estonian sportsmen are in a shortage of special nutrient blends, therefore our objective was to work out some blends for sportsmen on the basis of raw materials which are protein and are produced in Estonia. One of the protein components used in blends was of slaughter animal. In our republic food-blood is used seasonally for making black (blood sausage) and some other products which contain blood. For that reason it was expediency to utilize the rest of the blood and blood plasma for the production of blends for sportsmen.

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AN ATTEMPT TO UTILIZE BEEF GULLET MEAT TISSUE IN TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESSING.

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The objective of the studies was the possibility of 15% and 25% processed beef substitution for beef in highly comminuted sausage processing.

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Protein solubilisation plays an important role in meat processing since the extraction process influences the functional properties of the final product. Much emphasis has been given to the influence of salt and phosphates on protein solubilisation but less attention has been drawn to the effect of temperature. In our experiments we have studied the influence of the temperature on the protein extraction of small cubes (~5 g) of semitendinosus. The samples were soaked for 24 h in a salt solution (0.5, 1 and 3 M NaCl), in presence or absence of pyrophosphate, at temperatures ranging between 0°C and 20°C. The protein content of the brine was measured and SDS-PAGE was performed to identify the proteins. At low salt concentration (0.5 M) the protein extraction increased with increasing temperature. In higher salt (1 and 3 M) more protein was extracted at 0°C than at 3°C and 9°C, then extraction increased again towards 20°C. The addition of pyrophosphate resulted in a higher extraction but did not modify the result observed in salt alone. SDS-PAGE showed a thick myosin band in 1 M NaCl at 0°C, thin bands were visible at 3°C and 9°C but no extraction occurred at 20°C. As expected addition of pyrophosphate enhanced the myosin extraction, but at 20°C a myosin band was present only in 1 M salt. The amount of extracted myosin was always higher at low temperatures: 0-3°C. Temperature influenced meat protein extraction, mostly by affecting the myosin extraction. The shape of the extraction curves was salt concentration dependent.

EXTRUSION COOKING OF MECHANICALLY DEBONED TURKEY MEAT WITH SOY PROTEIN, KAPPA-CARRAGEENAN AND OAT FIBER

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Extrusion cooking of meat mixed with materials from plant sources may be a useful way for production of meat-based snacks, buns or powders for soups or stews, and pasta products fortified with meat. If the extruded products are of low fat and high protein, they should be useful in development of value-added, nutritious products. Since extrusion cooking of high-moisture and raw meat is technically difficult, mixing with plant materials not only improves product composition, but it also facilitates the process. The objective of this study was to determine the effects of soy protein isolate (SPI; 16-26%), kappa-carrageenan (K-C; 0.3-0.9%) and oat fiber (OF; 0-3%) on extrusion-cooked mechanically deboned turkey meat (MDTM). The study was conducted as a fractional factorial experiment of 18 out of a possible total of 54 treatments. The MDTM was mixed with the appropriate ingredients for 15 min and then extrusion-cooked in a single-screw Brabender plasticorder extruder (model PL-V500, C.W. Brabender Instruments, Inc.). The die plate of the extruder was 5.10 cm in length and had a 0.87 cm diameter opening. The extrusion temperature was set at 95°C in the barrel and the screw speed was 100 rpm. The extruded products were evaluated by a trained panel for binding and hardness. The level of SPI was the most significant ($P < 0.05$) factor affecting the cohesion and K-C. The OF at the levels tested had no effect on binding, but it increased product hardness. The results indicated that the most acceptable extrusion-cooked MDTM products were formulated with 24% SPI and 0.6-0.9% K-C.

UTILIZATION OF MEAT AND EDIBLE OFFALS OF TURKEY IN SUCUK TYPE PRODUCT.

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This research was brought up to meet with the need of rapid development of the turkey raising industry in Türkiye. The most of the Turkish people have been taken beef and lamb as their major source of meat supply. The consumption of turkey especially further processed turkey products is not very common in Türkiye. The present study was intended to evaluate the utilities of edible parts of turkey in sucuk.

The sucuk batters were made in incorporating trimming meats, giblets, fat and cooked skins, livers and hearths. After stuffing to the synthetic casings sucuk chunks were waited at 4°C for 18 hours. Following that the sucuk chunks were fermented at 30 °C for 6 hours and pasteurized with light smoking chamber until the internal temperature was reached to 71°C.

The following variables were studied; pH, moisture, fat, protein, ash, TBA, cholesterol in final products. Firmness, juiciness, flavour and overall quality were evaluated by sensory evaluation. During fermentation pH decreased from 5.8 to 5.5 and at the end of pasteurization pH increased to 5.9. The moisture content were decrease during pasteurizing due to dry heat. TBA values of sucuk batter and final product were found different. Cholesterol values were found 94-107.5 mg/100gr at the end product. Sensory evaluation results showed that using turkey trimmings, skin and edible offals of turkey in sucuk found acceptable.

THE USE OF HORSE BLOOD IN THE MANUFACTURE OF MEDICINAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS

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Blood of slaughtered animals belongs to a number of most valuable meat products. Blood is the most valuable product in meat to its food and biological value in combination with other sources of raw materials.

It gives ground to state that it is possible to produce combined products of blood in combination with other raw materials which would correspond to the demands made of food products. According to these demands we have developed the technology of producing food product of blood. Investigations of chemical, amino acid and mineral content of horse blood and final products expediency of using them in the production of sausage items and half finished products. The influence of added blood on organoleptical indices of cooked sausages has been tested. The technology of producing protein enricher of whole blood has been developed. Possibilities of using it in the production of sausage items and half-finished products have been determined.

New sausage and half finished products with addition of blood food product has a higher food and biological value, better organoleptical indices which were not lower than those of control samples. The content of readily assimilable iron and other active substances in experimental batches of sausages and half finished products indicates the usefulness of utilizing whole blood in food and medical diet.

IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY OF MEAT PRODUCTS

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meat and mutton are being widely used as meat foodstuffs in Kazakhstan. Although horse and sheep by products make 16-18 per cent of their carcass, they are not used efficiently in food production. By products differ from meat on their nutritive value. This can be substantiated by specific functions and different tissue structure of by products. Some products are known to have an increased amount of vitamins and minerals. Their aminoacid content is different from that of muscle protein. Hence changing proportions of meat, some by products and other raw materials, it is possible to obtain combined food products in which the content of essential substances would be equal to the norm of meat products. Composition, nutritive and biological value as well as storage stability of protein fatty mass consisting of blood, fat and by products have been studied and the receipts have been developed. The required amount of protein food for cooked sausages, frankfurters and half finished products has been determined. The advantages of using protein fatty mass instead of meat raw in high protein and nutritive value products have been shown. The quality and storage stability of sausage and half finished products containing protein fatty mass have been established.

Required normative technical documentation has been developed.

PROPERTIES OF FREEZE-TEXTURED CONCENTRATE OF MYOFIBRILLAR PROTEINS AS AFFECTED BY SODIUM CHLORIDE ADDITION

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The aim of this study was to investigate the influence of NaCl addition on texture and structure of freeze-textured wet concentrate of myofibrillar proteins (WCMP) obtained from mechanically deboned pork meat by two steps washing and screening. The amount of unfreezable water was determined in raw WCMP by differential scanning calorimetry analysis at 0, 1 and 2% NaCl addition. WCMP with and without NaCl was air frozen in tubes and subsequently deep-frozen. Heating loss and profile texture analysis on Instron instrument were determined. Micrographs were made by light microscopy.

It was found that significantly increased the amount of unfreezable water in raw WCMP (from 0.58 at 0% to 0.72 g/g solids at 2%) as well as decreased heating loss and rheological parameters of freeze-textured WCMP. Freeze-induced fibers became thicker upon NaCl addition.

Conclusion: - salt at the level usually accepted in meat products strongly modifies texture and deteriorates texture of freeze-textured WCMP, these changes are connected to the increased retention of water by myofibrillar proteins.

TECHNOLOGY FOR MEAT PRODUCTS ENRICHED WITH ASSIMILABLE IRON

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ABSTRACT

Nutritional nutrition definitely creates the need for foods which contain the necessary amount of assimilable iron. The use of elevated amounts of blood and liver as sources of assimilable iron in meat products raises a number of technological problems and effects that are contrary to consumers' preferences.

The object of the present work is to establish the possibilities to enrich meat products with assimilable iron by adding $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The tests were carried out with non-durable sausages prepared from cattle and pork meat, liver, whole blood from $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ solution and ascorbic acid.

To determine the assimilable iron form a salt acid extract was prepared and run through a glass column containing certain quantities of powder cellulose, glass wool, 90-100 mesh molecular sieve (Carlo Erba, Italy) arranged in specific order. The assimilable iron was measured photometrically with O-phenanthroline using Specol digital spectral colorimeter. It was found that the addition of $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in cooked non-durable sausages increases the level of assimilable iron, and these sausages contained approximately four times higher iron levels (4.6 mg/kg) compared to the controls (1.10 mg/kg).

CHINESE TRADITIONAL MEAT PRODUCTS AND THEIR PROCESSING

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ABSTRACT: China, as one of the birth-places of meat products, has a history of over 2000 years in developing and employing various ways for the processing of meat. Each product is distinct in its flavour and appearance, and most meats are storable without refrigeration. Today in China, although some meat products have been adapted from abroad, the traditional Chinese meat products still occupy a dominant position both in manufacture and consumption. Most of the traditional meat products, including cured meats, smoked or roasted meats, dried meats, boiled meats, stewed meats, sausage products, raw hams as well as miscellaneous products, are unknown abroad, with the exception of only a few dried meats Chinese sausage.

Effort is made to explain the processing methods and technological characteristics of Chinese meat products, in order to introduce this knowledge outside of China, and thus to promote a better understanding and an exchange of methods used in meat technology worldwide.

THE TECHNOLOGY FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FRESH SMOKED SAUSAGE QUALITY

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The aim of the present study is the improvement of the technology of fresh sausages preserving biologically active substances. Horse meat is known to be a very useful raw product for treatment of obesity, atherosclerosis, anemia, kidney and other diseases. To preserve these valuable properties in finished products, rational dressing of horse sides as well as receipts and the technology of horse meat sausage production have been developed. Chemical structure, physico-chemical and bio-chemical, microbiological indices were studied at different stages of the technological process of curing (from fresh sausage meat state till 30 days).

The technology developed, one grade horse meat trimming and its use for fresh sausages production have resulted in the improvement of biological value, with required content of water, protein, fat and minerals. One grade horse meat trimming receipts and technological regimes have made it possible to produce products with a balanced amino acid and fatty acid composition. Structural and microbiological analysis have proved the reliability of the quality indices. Dark rosy, flavored hard sausage meets the requirements. The technology suggested reduces production processes and labour consuming operations. Gradation is not necessary. This technology can serve as a basis for mechanical sausage meat production.

QUALITY ASPECTS OF A LOW FAT LINE OF TYPICAL ITALIAN PIGMEAT PRODUCTS

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The composition, energy content, fat and NaCl percentage are of utmost importance in consumer choice towards pigmeat products. Since some typical Italian meat products are usually made with a rather high percentage of fat and NaCl, the Italian industry has been trying to produce new kinds of products to meet present dietary needs. The aim of the study was to investigate the chemical composition of some low fat pigmeat products belonging to a new line of food. They are characterized by a lower energy content and a lower percentage of fat and NaCl compared with the same type of product processed traditionally. Information on the overall nutritional quality of these products and some peculiar aspects of their manufacturing processes are reported.

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DEWATERING THROUGH IMMERSION IN SUGAR/SALT CONCENTRATED SOLUTIONS AT LOW TEMPERATURE AN INTERESTING ALTERNATIVE FOR MEAT STABILISATION.

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Partial dewatering of meat (beef) pieces was achieved through soaking them in mixed concentrated solutions (sucrose/salt syrup/salt) at low temperature (10°C). Water loss, sugar gain and salt gain kinetics, as well as sugar/salt interactions were studied to show how the presence of sugar can enhance water loss, and hinder salt entrance, which proves to be particularly interesting alternative to traditional meat processing. In fact, process time duration can be reduced, and salt entrance better controlled.

PRELIMINARY PROBE MEASUREMENTS OF DIELECTRIC PROPERTIES IN BIOLOGICAL TISSUES MICROWAVE FREQUENCIES

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Real-time, non-destructive, non-invasive methods are needed to bring dielectric properties into widespread use as quality control tools and on-line control measurements. Although methods have been attempted in the past, no data are available on dielectric measurements of tissues from beef carcasses. The method used here is non-destructive and may be used in other applications where special preparation of test sample is undesirable. It can be used on-line. The measurement system consists of a sensor and a computer-controlled network analyzer. The sensor is an open-ended coaxial line. During an experiment sample is placed against the probe tip and the opening of the line.

The reflection coefficient is directly ascertained with the network analyzer and the permittivity is calculated from the measured amplitude and phase of the reflection coefficient. The complex permittivity is represented in terms of the dielectric constant ϵ' and loss factor ϵ'' . The measurements are done automatically and the results are printed in a tabular form or plotted as a function of frequency. The first results on a number of beef tissues in the frequency range 0.5 GHz to 6 GHz show that main tissues are easily distinguishable as the dielectric properties are significant (for example $\epsilon' = 5$ for fat tissue and $\epsilon' = 55$ for muscle at 3 GHz and 20°C).

WATER AND SALT TRANSFERS ANALYSIS IN DRYING OF SAUSAGES

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The quality of dry sausages is greatly affected by the drying process. The rate of water evaporation at the surface must balance the migration of water from inside the sausage to the surface. When the evaporation potential is too low undesirable development of mould can occur; on the other hand, the formation of a dry crust prevent water loss and affect badly flavour and texture.

For the production of sausages were prepared from pork meat and dried for several weeks. During the experiments the drying conditions were controlled continuously and the evolution of the following variables were measured: (1) Sausages diameter and weight loss to evaluate the drying rate, respectively and (2) the profiles of water and salt contents to investigate the internal transfers. In a separate experiment the mass transfer coefficient at the interface solid-air, to which the evaporation rate is proportional, was measured for air velocities ranging from 0.15 to 0.45 m/s and for various sausages lengths and diameters.

The results provide data which enable to set up further technical developments to avoid the occurrence of a dry crust. The shrinkage was found to be approximately proportional to the water loss. A migration of salt from the outermost part to the innermost part was evidenced. The gradients of salt content were steep in the first 10 mm close to the surface while they were almost flat elsewhere indicating a very low effective water activity. The formation of a dry crust in one experiment corresponded to the steepest moisture content gradients and to a dramatic decrease of the drying rate.

AIR FLOW CHARACTERISTICS IN A CHILLER FOR PORK OFFALS AND COOLING CONSEQUENCES

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Chillers the velocity and temperature of the air flowing around the products determine their temperature and weight loss kinetics and thus the process efficiency. In turn, these kinetics affect bacterial growth and meat tenderness. In practice, air circulation is often overlooked and it seems there are considerable economic advantages to be gained in systems where air flow would be well managed.

Experiments were carried out in an industrial continuous air chiller design for cooling pork offals from 40°C to 4°C in 2 hours. A box containing a small data logger was suspended from the overhead conveyor and moved through the chiller with the products. Thermocouples and 'hot wire' type anemometers were used to measure continuously (1) the properties of the air flowing around the products and (2) the air and surface temperatures in the livers.

The air velocity variation along the conveyor at different heights from the floor were analysed. The average air velocity was about 2.4 m/s with values ranging from 0.3 m/s to 9 m/s were recorded. Fast changes were observed and explained by the arrangement of the fans. Frequency histograms derived from 1500 measurements show that the median is the best indicator of the average conditions. The shape of the variations in the drying kinetics measured was different from that obtained with constant conditions usually presented in the literature. The addition of air flow directions and velocities were measured at many locations of one chiller section. Uneven air distribution was evidenced and short cuts were detected along the walls and the floor.

RECOVERY OF PROTEIN FROM MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN RESIDUE USING DIFFERENT METHODS OF EXTRACTION

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The aim of this work was to determine, on a laboratory scale, the influences of three different methods of extraction on the recovery of food grade protein from mechanically separated chicken residue.

Bone residue resulting from mechanical deboning of skinless chicken backs was subjected to: a) alkali extraction at pH 10,5 followed by acid precipitation; b) salt extraction using solution 6% NaCl and c) enzymatic extraction using the enzyme alcalase and enzyme: substrate ratio of 2g:100g protein. Five trials were conducted for each treatment. Proximate analysis was determined on the bone residue and on the slurries after the extraction.

The bone residue used in the trials had a protein content in the range of 15,9 - 19,7% and fat content in the range of 8,9 - 11,7%. The alkali extract showed great variability in its composition between the trials, particularly on the moisture and protein contents. The moisture and protein contents were in the range of 88,1 - 91,9% and 5,1 - 11,1% respectively. Fat content was around 1,5%. The extract produced using saline solution showed great variability in its composition between the trials and was in the range of 88,1 - 91,9%. The enzymatic extraction had a degree of variability in its composition between the trials and was in the range of 11,0 - 14,0%. In all trials the reaction came to a halt after around 120 minutes. The protein content, in the range of 92,3 - 93,8%, was not statistically different from the alkali extract but it was lower than that obtained on the salt extraction. The protein content was in the range of 4,8 - 6,4% and fat content was around 0,8%. The results showed no differences between the source of extraction on the protein content, and the fat content was reduced to low levels in all extracts.

PRODUCT LIFE OF VACUUM PACKAGED BEEF IMPORTED INTO SAUDI ARABIA BY SEA

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ABSTRACT: In Saudi Arabia all perishable food products including chilled meats are assigned an expiration period. These expiration periods and their associated storage requirements must accommodate the needs of present technology to ensure public health without causing unnecessary rejection of wholesome products. Consequently, to assess the appropriateness of current chilled beef regulations, five transport trials were conducted to determine the product life of vacuum packaged beef imported by sea from New Zealand and the Republic of Ireland. The cold chains into, and within Saudi Arabia were monitored by means of miniature electronic temperature loggers placed, at packaging, into cartons of vacuum packaged half striploins. Production hygiene was assessed by determining the microbial bioload prior to arrival in Saudi Arabia, and after various periods of storage, the meat was subjected to microbiological, sensory and chemical analysis. Product life at chilled temperatures was more often limited by sensory failure and flavour loss than by the appearance of off-flavours associated with the development of Lactobacillus-dominated spoilage microfloras. At mean transport and storage temperatures between -1.0°C product life ranged from 73 to 103 days. None of the chemical parameters examined - free amino acids, total volatile nitrogen and meat pH - were suitable as objective indicators of the end of product life. Transport and storage temperatures are the principal factors determining product life, and the expiration period for vacuum packaged beef in Saudi Arabia beyond the present 70 days will require strict temperature control and assurance.

APPLICATION OF DATANETWORKS AND DATABASES TO THE SLAUGHTERLINE

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In the middle of 1990 DMRI has worked on development and installation of a new concept for data collection and sorting of carcasses on the slaughterline and in the chilling room. The resulting systems are up till now (spring 1992) installed in 10 danish production environments. By the end of 1992 the systems will be installed in all danish abattoirs. The system specification and development is prepared in accordance with a superior plan for implementation of Computer Integrated Manufacturing (CIM) in the danish abattoirs. The CIM-analysis was carried out by DMRI in the period 1988-1990 and these new data systems for the slaughterline are the first practical implementation of this long term planning for implementation of integrated information systems in the danish companies.

The new data systems fulfil the following main objectives:

- Automatic sorting of carcasses in the chilling room based on data collected on the slaughter line.
- Flexible storing of carcasses in the chilling room based on data collected on the slaughter line.
- An "open" data system which allows future integration of new equipment without changes in the existing systems.

The technology used to achieve these goals are mainly:

- Application of data networks installed along the individual slaughterlines.
- Application of modern database techniques and graphical user interfaces.
- Widespread use of existing standards and standard components e.g. application of Personal Computers (PC's).

The experience with the systems up till now has been very positive and the systems have been adopted easily by the companies due to the parallel educational programme. The flexibility of the systems has been proved lately by the integration of a new system for automatic data collection of remarks from the meat inspection on the control platforms.

The paper describes the new concept for data integration on the slaughterline, especially with focus on technology. Furthermore the experience from the danish installations will be discussed.

LOCAL ELECTRICAL STIMULATION OF LONGISSIMUS DORSI MUSCLE IN BEEF

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The aim of this experiment was to test a method for local acceleration of rigor mortis development in the Longissimus Dorsi muscle in beef. Such a method may make it possible to predict the ultimate pH in LD by measuring the pH as the last operation on the slaughterline.

The results may be used in on-line classification of beef carcasses for separation of carcasses with high pH. The first study consisted of 90 carcasses which were el-stimulated (total carcass stimulation) for 20 seconds. The stimulation was carried out immediately after bleeding.

The second study consisted of 270 carcasses which were not subjected to total carcass stimulation. After deheading both groups were stimulated locally in the loin for 3 minutes (left loin).

Significant differences in the pH values between the reference loins (right sides) and the test loins (left sides) were observed within 25 minutes of the local stimulation.

This will satisfy the time limit required for absolute separation of dark cutting beef carcasses, provided that the complete carcass has been fully stimulated after bleeding.

Meat quality was not affected by the local stimulation if the electrodes were made from a suitable material.

LEAN, FAT, AND CONNECTIVE TISSUE FROM BEEF SHANKS PROCESSED WITH A BAADER[™] DESINEWER

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Beef shanks are relatively low-fat, but their high connective tissue content prevents their use as a sole lean source in products. This research examines the effects of belt pressure and drum opening size of a Baader desinewing machine on the properties of desinewed shank lean and sinew. To achieve yields that are commercially acceptable, shanks must be run twice on the Baader. Changing belt pressure and drum opening size altered ($P < 0.05$) yields and tissue composition. Maximum lean yield was 93% of the shank at 10% fat using a 5 mm drum for both passes. With a 5 mm drum, yields were 70 to 75% on the first pass and 93% on the second pass with a belt pressure setting of 2, and 15 to 20% on the second pass with a belt pressure setting of 4. Sinew yield averaged 6.5 to 7% of the initial shank weight. With these settings, first pass lean was 7 to 10% fat, second pass lean was 10 to 12% fat, and mixed second pass lean fractions averaged 10% fat. The sinew remaining after the second pass was 15 to 20% fat.

Very lean ($\leq 5\%$ fat) material was produced with a 3 mm drum on the first pass. First pass lean yields were 60 to 65% of the shank at 5% fat using a 3 mm drum at a belt pressure setting of 3. Second pass lean with a 5 mm drum and a belt pressure setting of 4 was 10 to 15% fat and yielded 25 to 30%. Using a 3-mm drum at any belt setting for the second pass resulted in lower lean yields. Sinew averaged 6.5 to 7% of the total shank.

Sinew was further processed through an 060 head of an Urschel Commitrol[®]. Flaked sinew was added to the desinewed lean in natural proportions. This mixture, desinewed lean, and whole ground shanks made into 10% fat ground beef patties. Patties made from desinewed lean and/or desinewed lean with flaked sinew re-incorporated were more acceptable and had fewer noticeable connective tissue particles than patties made from ground shank. Baader processing can enhance the utility of beef shanks through textural improvement and fat reduction.

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIMENTS WITH LOW VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL STIMULATION OF BEEF CARCASSES IN POLAND

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ABSTRACT

Many experiments with low voltage electrical stimulation (ES) of beef carcasses using industrial equipment in 3 large meat plants were carried out. The animals in some experiments were fed on the molasses solution before killing. The purpose of this work was to improve the quality of export beef and possible introducing of hot meat processing. The value of pH of the carcasses stimulated at various time after stunning, texture of muscles and other traits of meat and meat products were measured or evaluated. It was found that the ES should be carried out not later than 5 min (preferably within 1 - 3 min) after stunning. The carcasses of heifers and bulls fed before killing and electrically stimulated showed light-red colour fully acceptable by the customers. In experiments concerning hot processing of meat it was stated that ES makes the cutting and deboning easier. Some muscles showed lighter colour and better tenderness compared to control muscles from non stimulated, cold boned carcasses. More over the meat production process was shortened and weight losses were reduced. The quality of canned meat made of hot processed meat was a little better and differences in quality of frankfurter-type sausages made of hot and cold boned meat.

THE USE OF MAGNETIC SORBENTS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF GLOBIN AND HEME FROM BOVINE BLOOD

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In the known processes the separation of heme from globin by using of organic solvents (like acetone) is very cumbersome procedure. The present invention relates to a process of preparing an iron-rich heme part and isolate of globin from red blood cells of bovine by using of magnetic sorbents (MS). MS are the higher dispersed particles of ferromagnetic with the size not more than 1 micron. This method is based on a selective sorbtion of heme from an acidified hemolizates of red cells by particles of MS. The separation of MS is carried out by magnetic field with the intensity 50-100 mT. The desorbtion heme, carried by alkaline elution, achieved to 98 %. Using this technology we have obtained the isolates of globin and heme from bovine blood. The content of residual heme in preparation of globin did not exceed 5%. The offered technology is ecologically clean as well as it does not connect with using an organic solvents and other toxic substances. The preparations of globin and heme obtained this method can be used in the combinational meat products.

HEAT AND MASS TRANSPORT MODELLING DURING MEAT BALL COOKING

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The objectives of this study are: (i) to model the temperature distribution and mass loss in meat ball during convective oven cooking, broiling, oil frying and boiling, and (ii) to validate the process models against experimental results. These cooking processes were modelled by using Fourier and Fick's laws for unsteady state. These were solved using appropriate initial and boundary conditions, finite difference, and continuous system modelling program (CSMP). The effects of shrinkage and crust formation were not considered. Meat balls of 4.7 cm diameter weighing 60 g were formulated with 82% beef, 7.5% binder and 10.5% added water. The raw meat balls contained 64.5% water, 15.9% protein, 13.3% fat, 4.0% carbohydrate, and 2.4% ash. Heat transfer coefficeints were measured on an aluminum meat ball by reducing the internal resistance. A multi-mode oven at 140°C was used for baking and broiling experiments. Air speed of 0.5 to 0.9 m/s was measured at 240 cm in front of the fan in convection mode. Mass transfer were measured by using cantilever load-cell. A 12 L oil bath with circulator was used for frying. It has 1500 W heating capacity and fluid circulation rate of 15/min. For boiling process, same bath was used with a water temperature of 90°C. The meat ball was cooked upto the centre temperature of 70°C. Temperature profiles at different locations and mass loss during cooking processes were recorded. This data was used to validate process models. These models can be used to optimize process conditions. Sensitivity analysis on the physical parameters were conducted to determine their effects on process simulation.

AUTOMATIC EXTRACTION OF A MUSCLE FROM A BEEF FOREQUARTER

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Automation is a promising way to improve meat industry efficiency mainly in operations such as dressing and boning which are very labour consuming.

The aim of this study is to experiment the possibilities to remove muscles from a quarter by means of an automated system in respect of butchery standard. A complete system including all the facilities needed for the operation was built. It includes a beef forequarter positioning frame, manual and video systems for the geometrical parameters measurements of the quarter, an electric robot with 6 axes equipped of different tools and a computer for trajectories calculations and robot controls.

Work was done on hot meat (about two hours *post mortem*). Three kinds of problems were encountered: i) positioning of the quarter; ii) choice of the type of tools according to the driving system and iii) adaptation of the tools trajectories to the specific geometry of each carcass. A strategy for dismantlement of different parts was set up and the complete operation on the *supra spinatus* muscle performed. It requires complex movements such as tendon cutting, gripping and pulling out the muscle. It requires four working trajectories of different tools.

All the paths for the different tools were linked to a single point. A set of paths called "reference paths" was built from the different paths obtained by manual driving of the robot. This reference set can be adapted to different quarters after it was properly positioned on each quarter by translation and rotation of the reference paths.

Relations between the parameters of translation and rotation and different geometrical characteristics of the quarter were thought out. No one was accurate enough to provide a means to put the reference paths in the right place.

With a manual coordinates measurement of two quarter's points linked to the reference paths, the trajectories were correctly fitted and an automatic computer controlled execution was carried out.

STUDY OF ELECTRICAL METHOD OF ATOMIZING FOOD PRODUCTS

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The object of the investigation is atomizing blocks of atomizing drying units. Experimental studies were carried out on the laboratory unit by modernized method of stage atomization and on the experimental electrical atomizing block by method of rapid photographing. As a result of experimental studies in model liquid-like media the functional dependence of the parameters of atomization process: those of particles dispersity, the taper angle of the atomizing jet, electrical power consumption as well as coefficient of surface tension on physical properties of model media, the amount of feed voltage and the diameter of the nozzle was determined. We have also stated the range of feed voltage (up to 15 kV) at which it is possible to regulate diameters of atomized particles from 40 - 80 to 100 - 150 μ m. At higher voltages and higher, the taper angle of a jet reaching 80° and power consumption which is 1.0 to 3.0 kw per 1000 kg of atomized product. Relatively low power consumption, high degree of particles monodispersity, the possibility to regulate particles diameter of atomized products and taper angle of a jet indicate substantial advantages of the electrical method of atomization compared to the existing (nozzle and disk) ones.

KINETIC STUDIES ON SAUSAGES SMOKING PROCESSES

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The studies of blowing smoking process of sausages were carried out. The open - traditional cycle and closed one were used as well. In experimental smoking house there was installed the modular smoke-generator of own construction. The generator contained equal portions of sawdust in its 16 modulus equipped with individual igniter starting at predetermined time. Sausages of wiener - and mortadella-type prepared using of cured or uncured meat, were experimentally smoked. Sensory evaluation of sausage surface colour using ten-points graphical scale method was used as a criterion of smoking degree.

To optimize the process the smoke concentration in smoking house was simulated in different process phases by changing the modular portion of sawdust and time of its ignition. It was proved that there was a possibility of 70-90% reduction of amount of sawdust used in comparison to traditional process if smoke of high concentration was generated in the first phase followed by at least two-time lower concentration in the second one and no smoke generated in third one.

Because of exponential character of smoke decomposition with a half-life of 5 min., it was possible, by extending the third phase to 15-20 min., to limit the smoke emission after the end of the process to 10% of the concentration observed in the second phase.

INFLUENCE OF CERTAIN PROCESSING METHODS ON THE ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS CONTENT OF RABBIT MEAT

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Fore limb, loin and hind limb cuts of Californian and New Zealand White rabbits (both sexes) of a marketable age (2 and 3 months) were used to assess the effect of certain processing methods namely: pressure cooking, roasting and smoking on essential amino acids content in rabbit meat. Essential amino acids assessment was carried out applying thin layer chromatographic technique. Both qualitative and quantitative determinations showed that there were ten essential amino acids namely: lysine, histidine, arginine, methionine, threonine, valine, leucine-isoleucine mixture, phenylalanine and tryptophan present in the two above mentioned studied rabbit strains. The total essential amino acids content was 49.48 and 49.14 g/100 g protein in Californian and New Zealand White rabbit meat; respectively. Slight differences were observed between sexes, however older rabbits contained rather high essential amino acids content. Likewise the hind limb contained the highest levels of essential amino acids, while fore limb recorded the least levels. Essential amino acids content decreased as a result of the studied processing methods. However, the highest losses were recorded in smoking process, while roasting method recorded the lowest losses in the essential amino acids.

EFFECT OF CERTAIN PROCESSING METHODS ON PHOSPHOLIPID COMPONENTS IN RABBIT MEAT

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Fore limb, loin and hind limb cuts of California and New Zealand White rabbits (both sexes) of a marketable age (2 and 3 months) were used to assess the effect of certain processing methods namely: pressure cooking, roasting and smoking on phospholipid components in rabbit meat. Phospholipids were fractionated applying thin-layer chromatographic technique to eight fractions namely: phosphatidylserine (PS), lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC), phosphatidyl inositol (PI), sphingomyelin (SL), phosphatidylcholine (PC), phosphatidylethanolamine (PE), phosphatidic acid (PA) and phosphatidyl glycerol (PG). Rather slight differences between sexes, ages and three studied cuts in their quantitative phospholipid components were observed. Phospholipid fractions recorded qualitatively the same pattern as that of fresh meat in the three studied processing methods of rabbit meat. However, all studied processing methods resulted in a decrement in all phospholipid fraction contents, except that lysophosphatidyl choline and (phosphatidic acid + phosphatidyl glycerol) slightly increased.

PRINCIPLES OF THE THEORY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTENSIVE DRYING PROCESSES WITH GRINDING OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS

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The current development of drying technology in meat industry is characterized by the combination of drying with other processes including the combination of drying and grinding processes of moist material in one apparatus.

System approach to the description of complex phenomena while combining drying and grinding processes of moist material in one apparatus has been developed. System analysis is applied as investigation strategy and mathematical simulation as investigation method. The results of boundary problem solution of moisture conduction in the plate with initial asymmetric distribution of moisture content are given.

Change of the primary conditions as a result of division of the plate leads to the substantial intensification of mass transfer process. Duration of drying in this case is thrice shorter which is tally with the results of conducted experiments and adequate to the solution of physical model of the process.

Proceeding from the generalized equation the investigation method of dimension and shape of surface alteration of the material being processed as well as thermal physical and structural mechanical characteristics of the material have been elaborated.

Division of the surface leads to the effectiveness of heat and mass transfer processes. As a result of theoretical and experimental studies a drying-and-grinding apparatus for drying moist material is designed.