

# COMPOSITION DATA OF PORK FROM A NEW GENOTYPE BRED NATURALLY AS COMPARED TO THE PORK FROM LARGE SCALE FARMING

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## Summary

A new pig genotype of Hungarian Big White (75 %) and mangalica (pigs with curly bristles, 25 %) was bred. Then the pigs were kept in a small farming system, with all possibilities of a natural lifestyle. They did not receive either antibiotics or yield increasing hormones. The pigs were sacrificed at a bodyweight of 160 kg.

Control pigs of genotype Hungarian Big White were kept in a large-scale farming and sacrificed at 100-120 kg bodyweight. The two groups (12 animals each) received practically the same feed.

Lipid peroxidation characterized by the malondialdehyde level was significantly decreased in the spare rib, chop and ham samples of the new genotype. Superoxide dismutase activity, referring to the enzymic defence against free radicals, was much higher in the hams and chops of new genotype than in the control samples.

Iron and zinc levels were much higher in the pork samples of the new genotype. In this group an increase of vitamin concentration could be observed, too.

There was no marked difference in the protein and fat content between the samples of the two pig groups. Research work is in progress to find the reason for the differences in the composition data.

## Introduction

There is a need in the modern societies to consume foods free from additives, colourants, pesticide residues, hormones and toxic chemicals. These raw materials produced by a "natural" way are called organic foods.

Our aim was to develop a new pig genotype that is suitable for the rough keeping, conditions resistant to infectious diseases. As a result of a breeding experiment, the pig genotype of Hungarian Big White (75 %) and mangalica (pig with curly bristles 25 %) proved to be the best one.

The pigs were kept in a small, isolated farming system, with all possibilities of a natural lifestyle. Feed composed of soy protein with mixed mineral and vitamin supplementation was given by the usual way. The feed contained no pesticide residues under the limit and it was absolutely free from antibiotics, sulfonamides and growth stimulating hormones. Unusually this genotype was kept until attaining the average bodyweight of 160 kgs in order to gain pork after slaughtering with qualified organoleptic characteristics.

The aim of our investigations was to determine the composition of various nutrients and some representative parameters of the lipid peroxidation and the enzymic defence from the well defined parts of body. Only very few informations are available about the nutrients of pigs kept in natural circumstances. From our earlier investigations it was pointed out that large-scale farming promotes the "in vivo" lipid peroxidation in pigs (WORSCHÁK, PROHÁSZKA 1986, LUGASI et al. 1992).

Control pigs of genotype Hungarian Big White were kept in a large-scale farming and were sacrificed at the average 100-120 kg of bodyweight. This group received practically the same feed as the other genotype.

## Materials and Methods

After sacrificing the two pig groups (12 animals each), spare ribs, chops, hams and livers were separated from each animal, and the analytical determinations were carried out from these parts of body.

The meat and liver samples were minced two times in a mincer, then mixed with tenfold amounts of buffer solution. Homogenization took 5 minutes using a homogenizer.

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Malondialdehyde (MDA) was assayed photometrically with the thiobarbituric acid reagent in meat and liver homogenizates after an ascorbic acid induction (OHKAWA et al.).

From the free radical protecting enzymes superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity was determined by inhibition of adrenaline autooxidation in meat and liver homogenizates after a centrifugation with a speed of 600 g (SUN, ZIGMAN).

Thiamin and riboflavin content was determined by a HPLC technique (BARNA).

Iron and zinc level of the samples was determined after dry ashing and acid treatment by flame atomic absorption method (PERKIN ELMER).

## Results and Discussion

There was no significant difference in the protein, water and fat content between the two groups, so these results are not introduced.

Thiamin and riboflavin results are shown on Table 1. Except the liver samples the porks of new genotype have higher thiamin levels compared to the controls, but the differences are not significant statistically. Riboflavin contents are practically the same in both groups.

Table 2, refers to the iron and zinc concentrations of the pork and liver samples. In the group of new genotype the level of these microelements elevated significantly as compared to the control group. Besides these great differences, the concentrations in this kind of pork are higher than in the well-known European composition tables (for example: SOUCI - FACHMANN - KRAUT).

Table 1.

	Thiamin /ug/100 g		Riboflavin /ug/100 g	
	New genotype	Control	New genotype	Control
Spare rib	475 ± 152	390 ± 148	111 ± 41	95 ± 30
Chop	448 ± 199	395 ± 164	82 ± 19	99 ± 36
Ham	486 ± 184	420 ± 196	90 ± 39	100 ± 28
Liver	226 ± 44	268 ± 93	1960 ± 290	2033 ± 360

Table 2.

	Zn /ug/g		Fe /ug/g	
	New genotype	Control	New genotype	Control
Spare rib	42,0 ± 14 <sup>x</sup>	25,1 ± 20	15,8 ± 3,7	11,5 ± 6,6
Chop	35,0 ± 21 <sup>xxx</sup>	12,7 ± 5,8	14,9 ± 4,9 <sup>xxxx</sup>	8,1 ± 2,2
Ham	39,4 ± 17,7 <sup>xxx</sup>	18,2 ± 8,7	14,1 ± 3,2 <sup>xx</sup>	10,2 ± 2,3
Liver	92,4 ± 24	43,0 ± 20	162,5 ± 41	124 ± 30

<sup>x</sup>p < 5 %

<sup>xx</sup>p < 1 %

<sup>xxx</sup>p < 0,2 %

<sup>xxxx</sup>p < 0,1 %

Table 3. shows the MDA contents and the SOD activities, referring to the parameters of lipid peroxidation in the animal tissues. MDA levels were significantly lower in the pork of the new genotype. In the liver, ham chop samples of the new genotype the SOD activity was higher than in the control, referring a more active defence system. As some microelements are ingredients of SOD (e.g.: Zn) the higher activity corresponds to the higher microelement concentrations in the new genotype samples.

Table 3.

	Malondialdehyde (MDA) nM/100 g		Superoxide dismutase (SOD) (U/mg prot.)	
	New genotype	Control	New genotype	Control
Ham chop	6,4 ± 17 <sup>xxx</sup>	13,6 ± 3,9	7,4 ± 1,5	6,5 ± 2,5
Ham chop	4,4 ± 2,0 <sup>xxx</sup>	10,8 ± 2,2	8,2 ± 2,2 <sup>x</sup>	5,5 ± 1,5
Liver	6,6 ± 2,7 <sup>xxx</sup>	12,0 ± 2,5	11,1 ± 3,1 <sup>xxx</sup>	6,0 ± 0,6
Ham chop	49,8 ± 12	58,6 ± 13	16,9 ± 2,0	13,0 ± 1,0

<sup>x</sup>p < 1 %  
<sup>xxx</sup>p < 0,1 %

### Conclusion

In natural circumstances bred, fattened to a high bodyweight pig genotype proved to have a better composition than the pigs kept in a large-scale farming and cut at 100-120 kg of bodyweight. This difference refers to the following parameters:

- a trend of a higher thiamin concentration;
- significantly higher level in Zn and Fe;
- a resistance against the reaction of lipid peroxidation.

Further experiments are needed to answer the question, whether the new genotype, or the natural lifestyle at the higher bodyweight are responsible for the favourable composition.

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