







UNECE EATING QUALITY UPDATE

UNECE Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat

PROGRESS OVER PAST YEAR



- Finalisation of ISO Quality System for IMR3GF and Licensing of third parties
- DATAbank: Building infrastructure and capability to provide commercial grading
- Data collection to standard protocol in Ireland, Poland, France, Switzerland, Spain and Italy
- Chiller Assessor Training Course in South Africa
- Start of Polish eating quality project
- Consumer evaluation conducted in France
- Version 2 European consumer prediction model presented

DATAbank



OBJECTIVES:

- To facilitate high quality consistent consumer focused collaborative research
- To enable application of compatible application and data protocols from "farm to fork"
- To provide secure standardized data storage for multiple projects and partners
- To facilitate pooling of data for research with data owner permission





DATAbank – Updates

- Metadata updated using the UNECE Bovine Standards
- Sample Fabrication Standard Description development
- DATAbank: Building infrastructure and capability to provide commercial grading
- Harvest design update

DATAbank – Data ownership



Definition of data ownership and access rights

Permissions

Category 1 - DATAbank Research Leaders

Category 2 - Senior Researchers

Category 3 - Approved researchers & technicians

Category 4 - Supervised personnel

Category 5 - Read only

Admin Level

Assign Users & Category

Allow view access to other owners

Assign data owners/Project partners

Elect Research only or Commercial sharing agreement

(Including agreements re publication and acknowledgements)

Project Execution

Initiate a Project

Project Design - Final Approval - Multi Owner

Project Design - Final Approval - High Complexity

Project Design - Final Approval - Moderate Complexity

Project Design - Final Approval - Basic

Project Design - Development

- Upload & Edit permission including data file uploads

Data download permission

Data view permission

DATA OWNERSHIP OF EACH PROJECT

ALL DATA

- Animal data
- Abattoir data
- CutUp data including treatments
- Pick & Post (design & implementation)
- Sensory Design
- Sensory data
- Laboratory data
- NoSQL additional data



Harvest design help

Harvest design case study

For any DATAbank experiment an animal, or more likely group/mob of animals will be transported to an abattoir for slaughter. Sometimes these are a uniform single group from a common source with common characteristics and transported and slaughtered identically with the experimental comparison either something applied post slaughter such as a side treatment that can be tested "within animal" or at the cut/muscle level such as a cooking or ageing comparisons. On other occasions the experimental comparison may be between groups of animals of different breed, sex, hgp treatment, age or managed under different regimes. In all cases the Experimental Design (ED) must designate management of bodies and sides of bodies prior to designating the cuts to be acquired from a body (single units such as tail or heart) or side(s), in which case one cut is available from each of the left and right side.

The following examples attempt to provide examples for all possibilities prior to designating muscle-based treatments, applied after sourcing the primal(s) at boning.

Case Study: Simple design for a single animal group with treatments all post cut level

Case Study: Simple comparison of young and old female cattle

Case Study: Breed x Feed ED example

Case Study: Extension of example 3 to include hang comparison

Case Study: Example of greater than 3 side treatments

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Design Notes - Allocation of Groups

Design Notes: Overview



Sample creation

Code	Name	Cook Type	Potential samples in primal	Selected count in primal	Primal weight (kg. est.)	Sample weight (kg. est.)	Position	Treatment	Packaging	Days	Sample Type	± +/>
CUB045	CUB045 Rib Eye Muscle Position X - M.longissimus dorsi et thoracis	Grill	1	2	1.260875	0.75	position.X	None	Aged as a vacuum packed block	7, 28	Consumer	Ū
RMP005	RMP005 Rump Cap Position X - M.biceps femoris	Grill	0.5	2	0.95225625	0.75	position.X	None	Aged as a vacuum packed block	7, 28	Consumer	Û
TDRBO	TDR062 Tenderloin Butt Off (or Tenderloin Meat) - M.psoas major	Grill	UNKNOWN	2	UNKNOWN	0.75		None	Aged as a vacuum packed block	7, 28	Consumer	Û
OP073	TOP073 Topside Flat Position X - M.semimembranosus	Grill	4	2	3.6025	0.75	position.X	None	Unknown	7, 14, 21, 28	Consumer	Ū

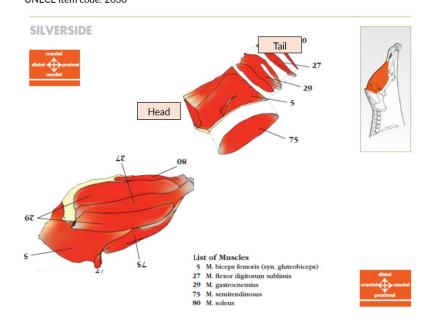
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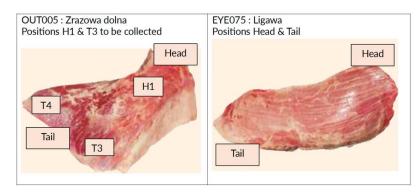


Polish EQ Project — Update

- 15 muscles with different positions and ageing time
- 4020 consumers = 2814 samples

Zrazowej zewnętrznej: Outside UNECE item code: 2030







South African EQ — Update

- Chiller Assessor training course last June
- Eating quality data on 3120 consumers
- 3 South African provinces
- Almost 300 cattle analysed





EU data – Update

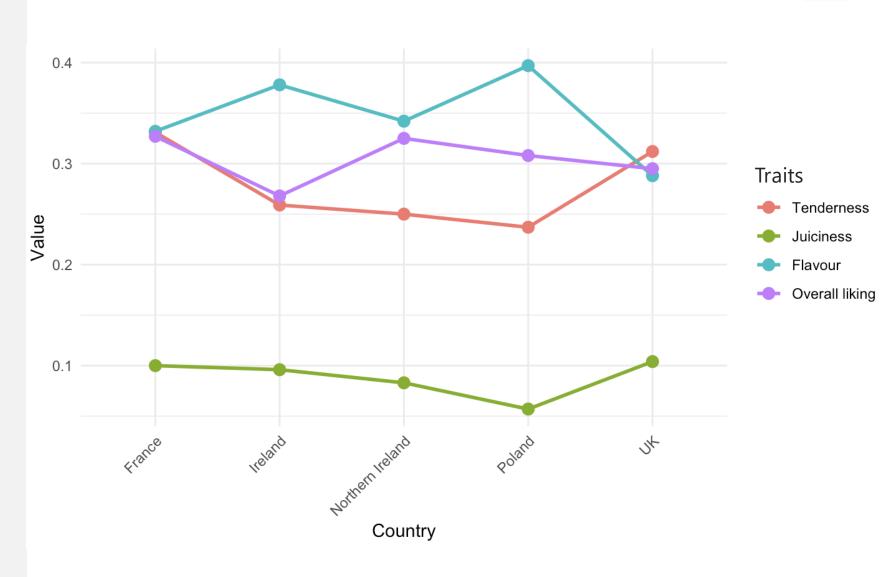
	GRILL (N=97388)	ROAST (N=18848)	SLOW COOK (N=4200)	YAK (N=2520)	Overall (N=122956)
Consumer origin					
England	3381 (3.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3381 (2.7%)
France	16380 (16.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	16380 (13.3%)
Ireland	14638 (15.0%)	1078 (5.7%)	0 (0%)	2520 (100%)	18236 (14.8%)
Northern Ireland	21850 (22.4%)	13150 (69.8%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	35000 (28.5%)
Poland	33600 (34.5%)	4620 (24.5%)	4200 (100%)	0 (0%)	42420 (34.5%)
Wales	7539 (7.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	7539 (6.1%)

Source: IMR3GF DATAbank, 2024

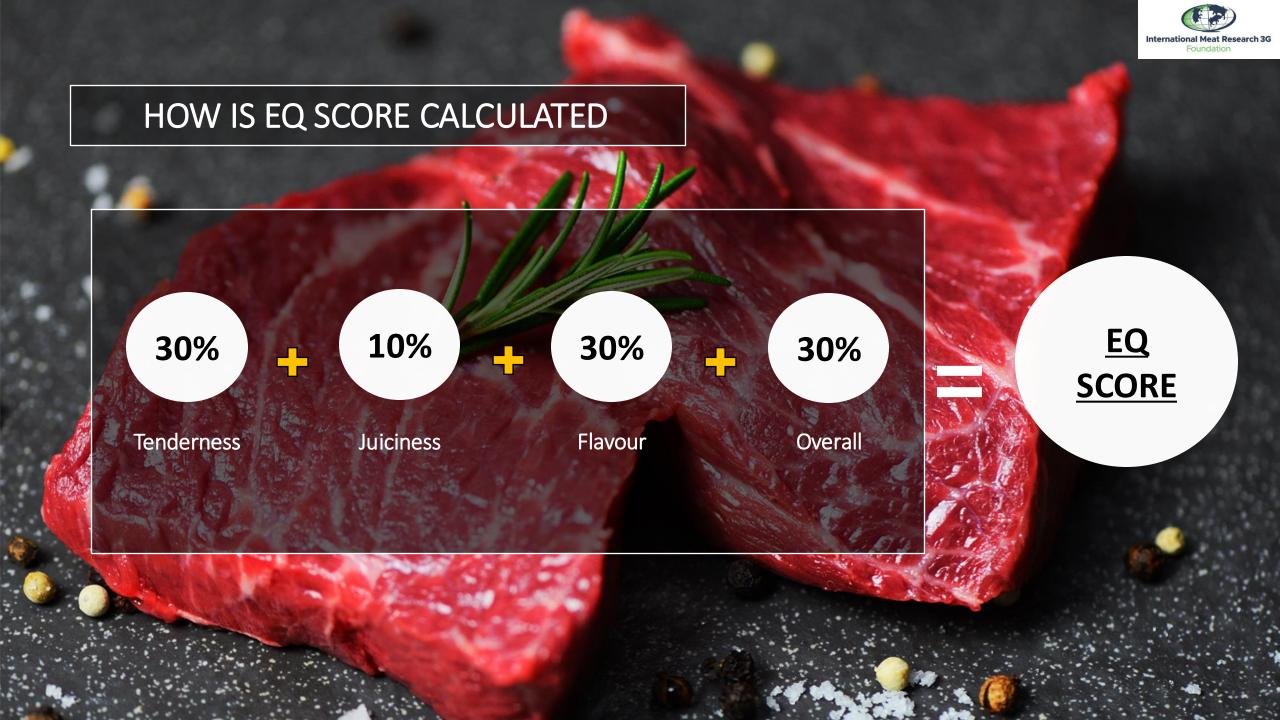


Similar results with sensory traits by countries.





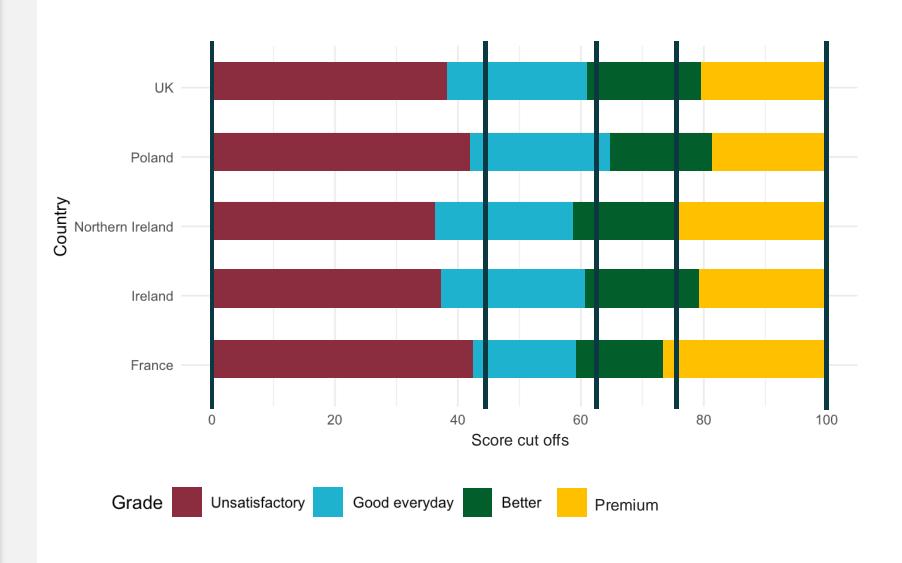
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THE IMPORTANCE OF SENSORY TRAITS WITH 3G

Similar results with eating quality score cut offs by countries.



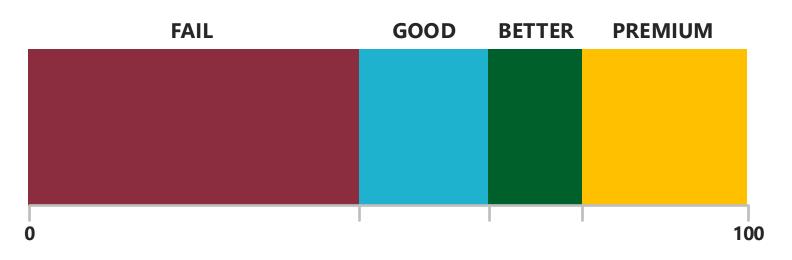


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THERE ARE CLEAR GRADES WITH EQ

Sensory testing of over 180,000 consumers in 11 countries shows that consumers can distinguish 3 quality grades. Based on this, we have the very clear grades you can see here.





HOW IS A 3G MEAT EATING QUALITY GRADING SCORE CALCULATED

1. Chiller Assessment

Input Measurements

- Sex
- Ossification
- Marbling
- Rib Fat
- Carcass Weight
- Hanging Method
- Hump Height
- Ultimate pH

2. 3G Grading Prediction Model combines chiller assessment, cut type, maturation days & cooking method (Grl, Rst, Yak)



Cut









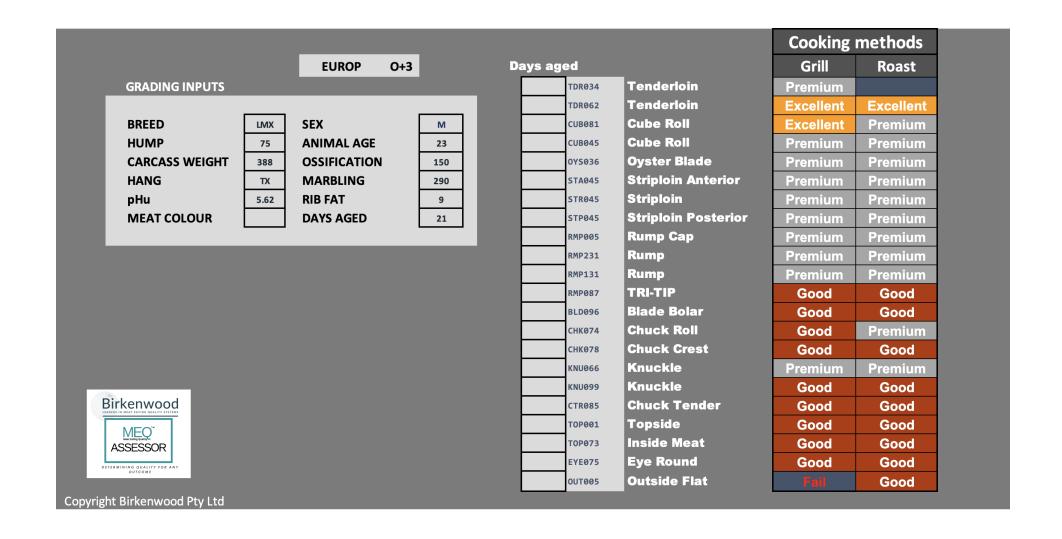


Maturation Days

3G MEQ® SCORE (0-100)



3G BEEF EATING QUALITY GRADING SYSTEMS





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