CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF MEAT IN INTENSIVE FATTENING YOUNG SHEEP

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Abstract. The sheep youth of and Corriedale breeds have had a significant higher weight of protein such in cutlet as in ham comparatively to that of Tsigai breed. The breed youth has recorded a higher significant weight of fat such in cutlet as in ham comparatively to the and Merino of Cluj breeds. The ashes weight to the three breeds was closely as value, the differences between them not being significant statistically.

INTRODUCTION

The chemical composition of meat was determined for samples taken from cutletn Longisimus dorsi muscle and ham, from Biceps femoris muscle in sheep youth from Tsigai, Merino of Cluj and Corriedale breeds. To the taken samples it was established the proportion of dry substance, water, protein fat and ashes trough well-known methods used for determination of these parameters.

The analysis of chemical composition values to cutlet meat in sheep youth, points out a significant higher weight of protein to Corriedale and Merino of Cluj breeds comparatively to Tsigai. Regarding the fat it is ascertaining that this one is in a higher proportion to Tsigai breed, the differences between the high value to Tsigai and those obtained in the case of Merino of Cluj and Corriedale breeds being statistically significant.

To the ham level it is ascertaining a significant higher proportion of protein for Corriedale and Merino of Cluj breeds comparatively to Tsigai breed.

The meat chemical composition varies function of breed, age, fattening degree and body region from which is coming (2;3).

The main meat components are: water, protein, fats, mineral salts and different vitamins (4:6).

The water is included into the meat under free from, contributing to express his tenderness and succulence being in a higher quality in sheep youth comparatively to adult sheep (3).

The nitrogenous substances are represented by proteins form by different aminoacids, peptides, polipeptides such as by unproteic substances as: urea and guanidian. The principal component of tissulary protein is the globulins.

The fats from meat include phosfatides and sterins which take part to the muscle fibre in fact structure and neutral fats which detain an important weight into the fat tissue (6). Into the fats are included a series of vitamins: A, D and E.

After some authors (4;5;6) the fat of infiltration has an apart importance in the determination of meat quality because this one offers taste and succulence.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

The investigations were done on 30 heads fattening youth sheep herd including by 10 individuals from Tsigai, Merino of Cluj and Corriedale breeds.

The meat chemical composition was determined to the taken samples from Longisimus dorsi muscle cutlet and Biceps femoris muscle ham. To the taken samples was established the proportion af dry substance, water, protein, fat and ashes trough well- known methods. The obtained data were processed through usual statistic methods.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Doing the analysis of chemical composition values of cutlet meat in sheep youth for study (table 1) it is ascertaining a significant higher weight of protein to Corriedale and Merino of Cluj breeds comparatively to Tsigai.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Table 1 \\ The average results and the signification differences for chemical composition of the young fattened lamb meat, \\ by breeds, cutlet -\% - \end{tabular}$

| <u>n</u> : | =10 | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------|------|------------|------|--|
| | Breed | | Signification differences | | | | | | |
| Chemical composition | | X±sx | Tsigai | | Merino of | | Corriedale | | |
| | | | d | Sd | Cluj | | d | Sd | |
| | | | sign.d. | | d | Sd | sign.d. | | |
| | | | | | sign.d. | | | | |
| Water | Tsigai | | | - | -1.30 | 0.57 | -0.85 | 0.64 | |
| | Merino of | 72.50 ± 0.40 | 1.30 | 0.57 | X | | ns | | |
| | Cluj | 73.80 ± 0.41 | X | | | - | 0.45 | 0.65 | |
| | Corriedale | 73.35 ± 0.50 | 0.85 | 0.64 | -0.45 | 0.65 | ns | | |
| | | | ns | | ns | | | - | |
| | Tsigai | | | - | 1.30 | 0.53 | 0.85 | 0.49 | |
| Dry matter | Merino of | 27.50 ± 0.40 | -1.30 | 0.53 | X | | ns | | |
| | Cluj | 26.20 ± 0.35 | X | | | - | -0.45 | 0.43 | |
| | Corriedale | 26.65 ± 0.27 | -0.85 | 0.49 | 0.45 | 0.43 | ns | | |
| | | | ns | | ns | | | - | |
| | Tsigai | | | - | -1.95 | 0.6 | -2.80 | 0.47 | |
| | Merino of | 18.00 ± 0.32 | 1.95 | 0.60 | XX | | XXX | | |
| Protein | Cluj | 19.95 ± 0.50 | XX | | | - | -0.85 | 0.61 | |
| | Corriedale | 20.80 ± 0.35 | 2.80 | 0.47 | 0.85 | 0.6 | ns | | |
| | | | XXX | | ns | | | - | |
| Fat | Tsigai | | | - | 3.22 | 0.37 | 3.65 | 0.26 | |
| | Merino of | 8.40 ± 0.31 | -3.20 | 0.37 | XXX | | XXX | | |
| | Cluj | 5.18 ± 0.29 | XXX | | | - | 0.43 | 0.32 | |
| | Corriedale | 4.75 ± 0.20 | -3.65 | 0.26 | -0.45 | 0.32 | ns | | |
| | | | XXX | | ns | | | - | |
| Ash | Tsigai | | | - | 0.03 | 0.05 | | | |
| | Merino of | 1.10 ± 0.02 | -0.03 | 0.05 | ns | | -0.03 | 0.03 | |
| | Cluj | 1.07 ± 0.01 | ns | | | - | ns | | |
| | Corriedale | 1.10 ± 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | | | - | |
| | | | ns | | 0.03 | ns | | | |

ns=P>0.05; x=P<0.05; xx=P<0.01; xxx=P<0.001

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Concerning the fat it is ascertaining that this one is in a much higher proportion to Tigaia breed, the differences between the high value of Tsigai and those obtained in the case of Merino of Cluj and Corriedale breeds being statistically significant.

To the ham level it is ascertaining a significant higher proportion of protein for Corriedale and Merino of Cluj breeds (table 2).

Table 2 The average results and the signification differences for chemical composition of the young fattened lamb meat, on breeds, on ham - % -

| n=10 | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|------|----------------|------|------------|------|--|
| | Breed | X±sx | Signification differences | | | | | | |
| Chemical composition | | | Tigaia | | Merino of Cluj | | Corriedale | | |
| | | | d | Sd | d | Sd | d | Sd | |
| | | | sign.d. | | sign.d. | | sign.d. | | |
| Water | Tsigai | | | - | -0.45 | 0.54 | -0.15 | 0.66 | |
| | Merino of cluj | 74.30 ± 0.37 | 0.45 | 0.54 | ns | | ns | | |
| | Corriedale | 74.75 ± 0.34 | ns | | | - | 0.30 | 0.62 | |
| | | 74.75 ± 0.52 | 0.15 | 0.66 | -0.30 | 0.62 | ns | | |
| | | | ns | | ns | | | - | |
| | Tsigai | | | - | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.15 | 0.43 | |
| | Merino of cluj | 25.70 ± 0.27 | -0.45 | 0.40 | ns | | ns | | |
| Dry matherials | Corriedale | 25.25 ± 0.27 | ns | | | - | -0.30 | 0.41 | |
| | | 25.55 ± 0.31 | -0.15 | 0.43 | 0.30 | 0.41 | ns | | |
| | | | ns | | ns | | | - | |
| | Tsigai | | | - | -1.25 | 0.53 | -1.75 | 0.55 | |
| | Merino of cluj | 17.65 ± 0.39 | 1.25 | 0.53 | X | | XX | | |
| Protein | Corriedale | 18.90 ± 0.35 | X | | | - | -0.50 | 0.53 | |
| | | 19.40 ± 0.39 | 1.75 | 0.55 | 0.50 | 0.53 | ns | | |
| | | | XX | | ns | | | - | |
| | Tsigai | | | - | 1.59 | 0.32 | 1.88 | 0.27 | |
| Fat | Merino of cluj | 6.92 ± 0.20 | -1.59 | 0.32 | XXX | | XXX | | |
| | Corriedale | 5.23 ± 0.24 | XXX | 0.05 | 0.40 | - | 0.19 | 0.32 | |
| | | 5.04 ± 0.17 | -1.88 | 0.27 | -0.19 | 0.3 | ns | | |
| | | | XXX | | ns | 0.02 | 0.00 | - | |
| Ash | Tsigai | 1 12 0 01 | 0.01 | - | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | |
| | Merino of cluj | 1.13 ± 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.03 | ns | | ns | 0.02 | |
| | Corriedale | 1.12 ± 0.02 | ns | 0.02 | 0.02 | - | -0.02 | 0.03 | |
| | | 1.10 ± 0.03 | -0.03 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.03 | ns | | |
| | | | ns | | ns | | | - | |

ns=P>0.05; x=P<0.05; xx=P<0.01; xxx=P<0.001

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. The sheep youth of Merino of Cluj and Corriedale breeds have had a significant higher weight of protein such in cutlet as in ham comparatively to that of Tsigai breed.
- 2. The Tsigai breed youth has recorded a higher significant weight of fat such in cutlet as in ham comparatively to the Corriedale and Merino of Cluj breeds.
- 3. The ashes weight to the three breeds was closely as value, the differences between them not being significant statistically.

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