

Enhancing the nutritional quality of beef

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Presentation outline

- Nutritionally relevant compounds
 - Minerals and vitamins
 - Lipids
 - The rumen challenge!
- Summary/conclusions

CORRIGENDA

Corrigendum to Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on nutrition and health claims made on foods

(Official Journal of the European Union L 404 of 30 December 2006)

Regulation (EC) No 1924/2006 should read as follows:

REGULATION (EC) No 1924/2006 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 20 December 2006
on nutrition and health claims made on foods

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 95 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee ^(*),Acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty ^(*),

Whereas:

- (1) An increasing number of foods labelled as such in the Community bear nutrition and health claims in order to ensure a high level of protection of consumers and to facilitate their choice, including important information on the nutritional value and the health benefits of foods, and to ensure that such claims are based on adequate scientific evidence and are not misleading. It is necessary to ensure that such claims are based on adequate scientific evidence and are not misleading.
- (2) Certain foods (such as dietary supplements) which have traditionally been marketed as such, and which could imply an effect on the health of the consumer, such as 'digestive' or 'cough drops', should be exempted from the application of this Regulation.
- (3) General principles of food law, in particular the prohibition of misleading information, apply to the labelling, presentation and promotion of foodstuffs ^(*). Directive 2000/13/EC generally prohibits the use of information that would mislead the purchaser or attribute medicinal

properties to food. This Regulation should complement the general principles in Directive 2000/13/EC and lay down specific provisions concerning the use of nutrition and health claims concerning foods to be delivered as such to the consumer.

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- (6) Non-beneficial nutrition claims are not covered by the scope of this Regulation; Member States intending to introduce national schemes relating to non-beneficial nutrition claims should notify such schemes to the Commission and to other Member States in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society services ^(*).

(*) OJ C 110, 30.4.2004, p. 18.

(*) Opinion of the European Parliament of 26 May 2005 (OJ C 117 E, 18.5.2006, p. 187), Council common position of 8 December 2005 (OJ C 80 E, 4.4.2006, p. 43) and Position of the European Parliament of 16 May 2006 (not yet published in the Official Journal), Council Decision of 12 October 2006.

(*) OJ L 109, 6.5.2000, p. 29. Directive as last amended by Directive 2003/89/EC (OJ L 308, 25.11.2003, p. 15).

(*) OJ L 204, 21.7.1998, p. 37. Directive as last amended by the 2003 Act of Accession.



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

HEALTH CLAIMS MADE ON
REGULATIONS 2014

Regulation (EU) 1924/2006 & SI
11 2014

Nutrition claims for vitamins and minerals

‘Source of’ = 15% of Reference intake per 100g

‘High In’ = 30% of Reference intake per 100g



Nutrition claims for beef = “source of” or “high in”

Protein

Minerals

Iron

Zinc

Selenium

Potassium

Phosphorus

Vitamins

Niacin

Vitamin B6

Vitamin B12

Riboflavin

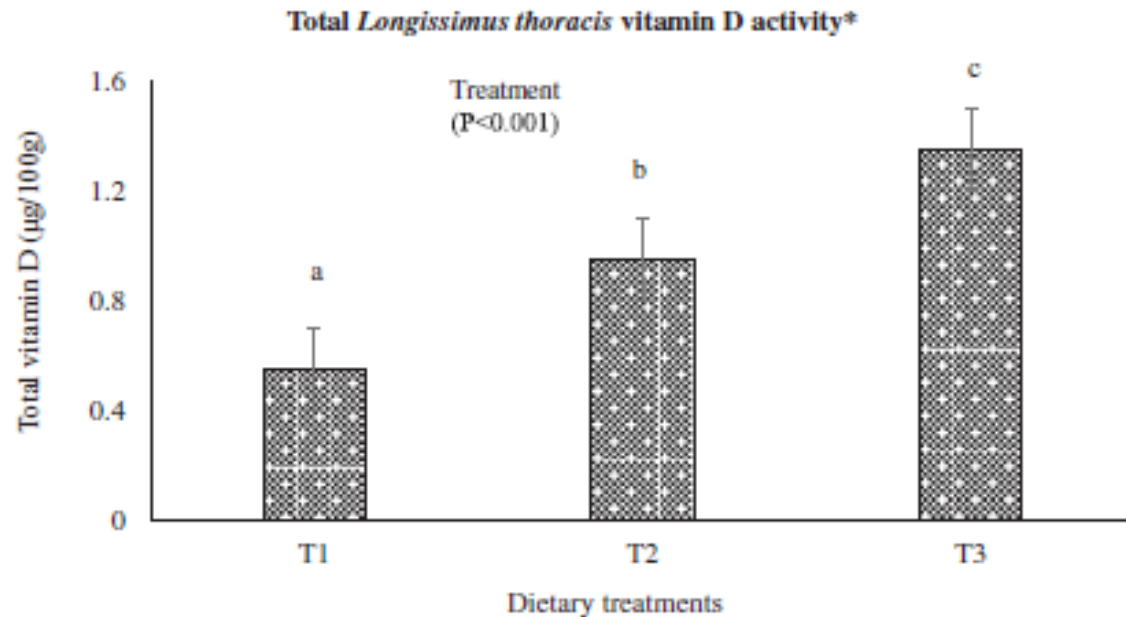
Commission Regulation (EU) No. 116/2010

Mineral concentration (mg/kg)

	Conc	GSR	GSN	Grass	Sig
Sodium	262	266	266	318	***
Iron*	14	16	14	21	***
Phosphorous*	1205	1140	1209	1422	***
Zinc*	36	41	40	50	***
Selenium*	0.25	0.56	0.63	1.49	***

Biofortification of beef

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(Duffy et al., 2017)

Biofortification of beef ($\mu\text{g}/100\text{g}$)

	Target	CON		SUPP	
Selenium	8.2	10	Source	12.6	Source
Vitamin K	11.3	11.2	Almost	22.3	Source
Vitamin D	0.8	0.5		1.5	Source
Vitamin E	1800	157		654	

(Huag et al., 2018)

Nutrition claims for fat/fatty acids

- Low total fat content ($\leq 3\%$)
- Low saturated fatty acid content ($\leq 1.5\%$)
- High monounsaturated fatty acids ($\geq 45\%$ fatty acids)
- High polyunsaturated fatty acids ($\geq 45\%$ fatty acids)

Commission Regulation (EU) No. 116/2010

- Source of omega -3 fatty acids

300mg “grass” ALA/100g and / 100 kcal

40mg “marine” EPA +DHA/100g and 100 kcal

- High in omega -3 fatty acids

600mg ALA/100g and 100 kcal

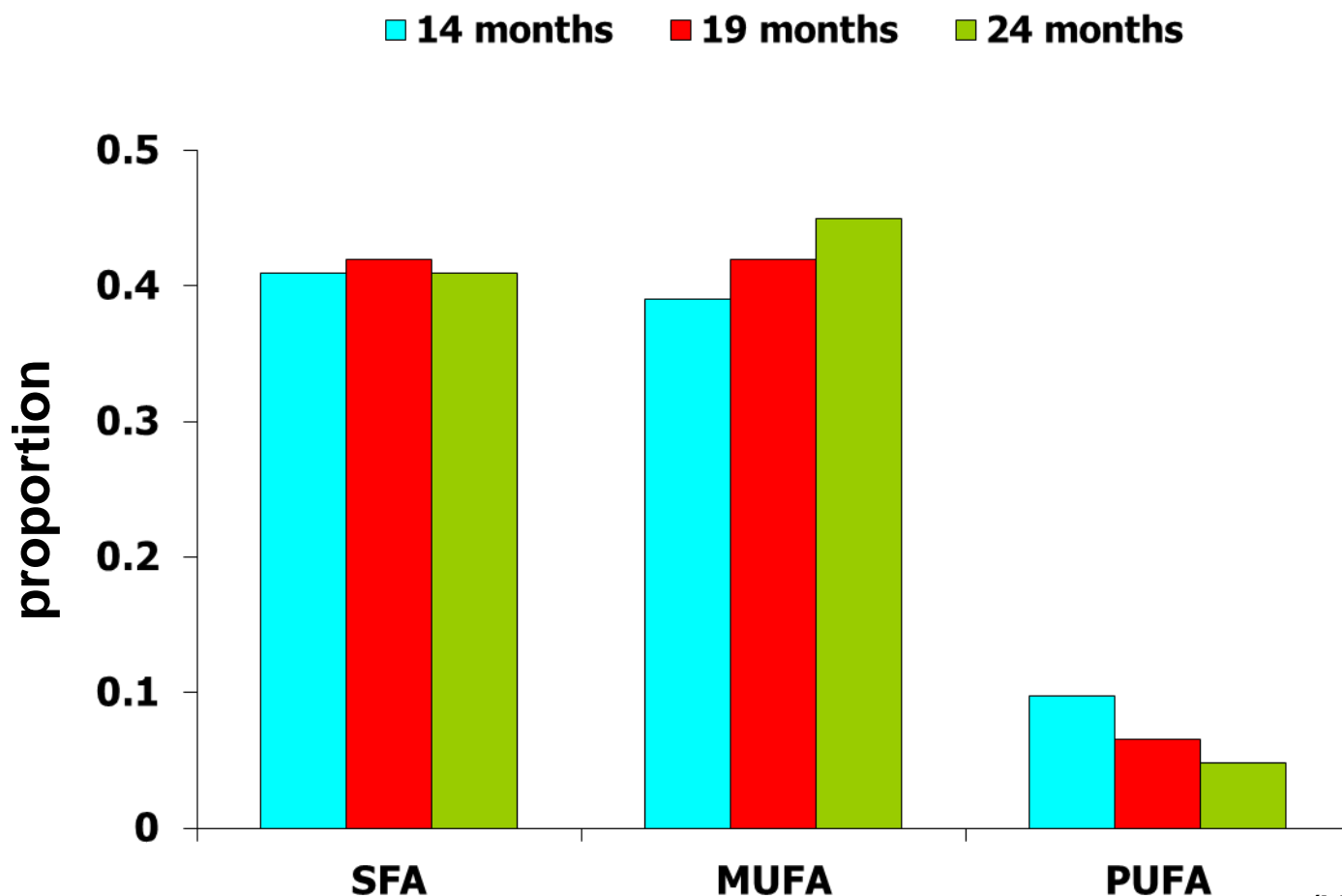
80mg EPA + DHA/100g and 100 kcal

Commission Regulation (EU) No. 116/2010

Intramuscular fat (IMF)



Fatty acids in beef: Duration of feeding



(Warren et al., 2004)

Challenge = Lipid metabolism in the rumen



Sources of dietary fatty acids

- Forages - grass 60% alpha-linolenic acid (C18:3 n-3)
- Oils and oilseeds
 - rapeseed C18:1n-9 oleic acid
 - sun/safflower C18:2n-6 linoleic acid
 - linseed C18:3n-3 alpha-linolenic acid
- Fish oil and marine algae - long chain EPA and DHA

Fatty acid concentration (g/100g)

	Conc	GSR	GSN	Grass	Sig
Total	6.1	4.8	4.4	4.3	***
Saturated	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.8	***
Monounsaturated (%)	49.9	45.9	47.8	47.8	***
Polyunsaturated (%)	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.9	***
Omega-3	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.10	***
Omega-6	0.21	0.14	0.14	0.13	***

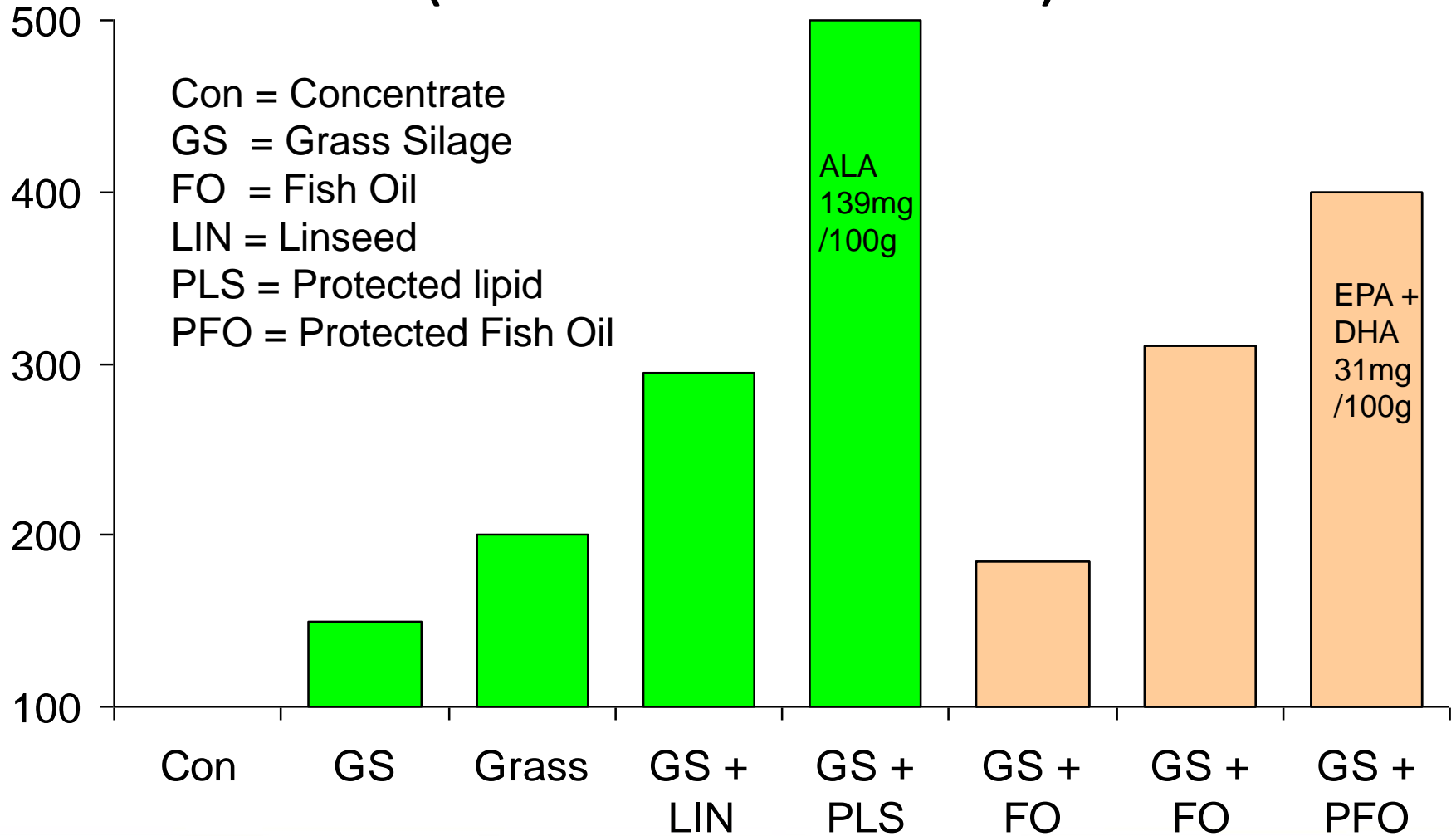
Effect of different sources of oil

Fatty acids	Control	Linseed	Fish oil	Linseed/ fish oil	s.e.d.	Sig.
18:3 n -3	22	43	26	30	5.6	**
20:5 n -3	11	16	23	15	1.9	***
22:5 n -3	15	15	16	16	0.7	NS
22:6 n -3	2.2	2.4	4.6	4.9	0.52	***

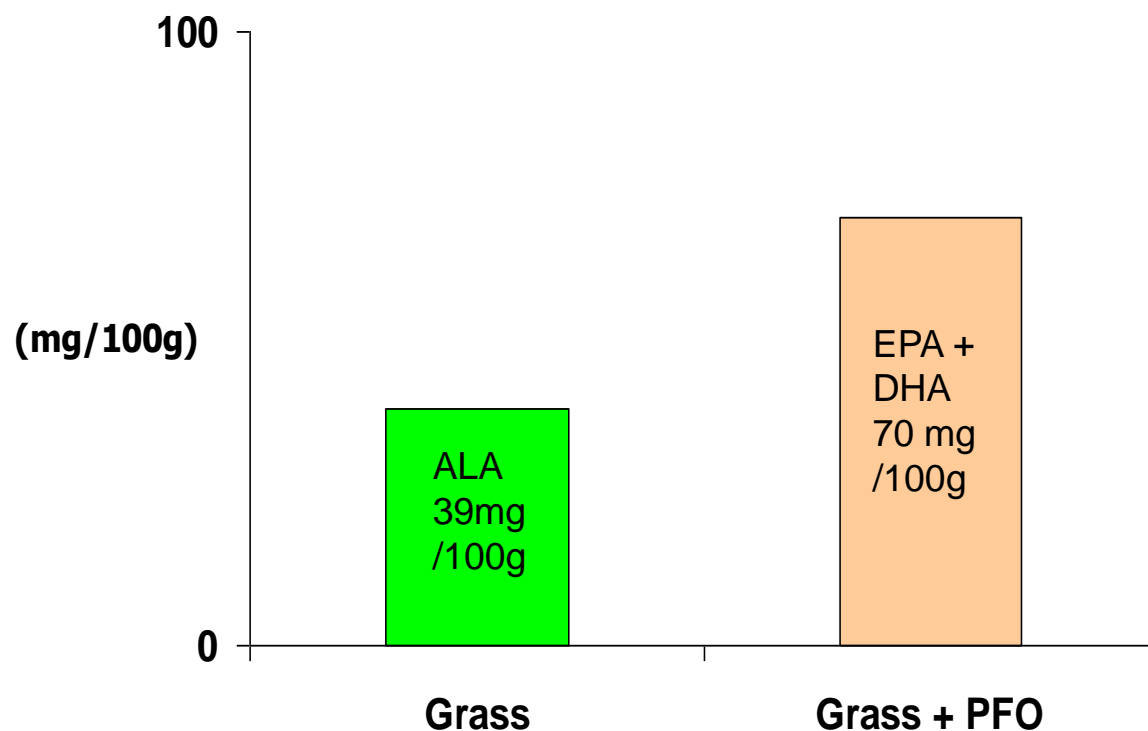
(mg/100 g tissue)

(Scollan et al. 2001)

Omega-3 PUFA concentrations in beef (Concentrate = 100)

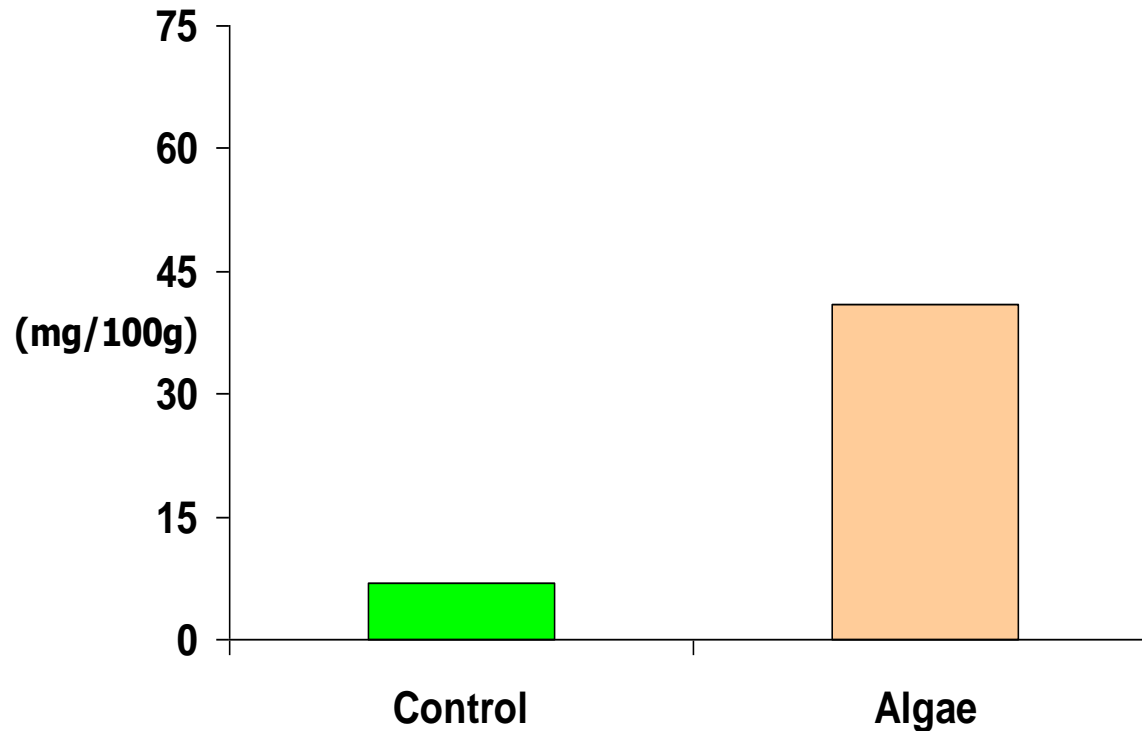


Omega-3 PUFA concentrations in beef



(Moloney *et al.*, unpub)

EPA + DHA concentrations in beef



(Phelps *et al.*, 2016)



Beef: A source of omega – 3 fatty acids !

Nutritional quality of beef

- Compared to concentrate-fed beef, grass-fed beef had a higher concentration of:
Na, Mg, P, K, Ca, Mn, Fe, Cu, Zn and Se and vitamin E
- Ration didn't change those nutrients that can be labelled "source of"
- Dietary fortification with minerals (?) and vitamins has potential to increase concentrations in beef

Nutritional quality of beef

- Dietary effects on muscle fatty acid composition greater than breed effects
- Muscle fatty acid composition reflects dietary composition: effects are small!
- Nutritional quality (omega-3) can be enhanced by lipid supplementation: greatest effect seen with ruminally-protected lipid

Chicken with omega 3 from an enriched diet

We are introducing UK's first chicken as a source of omega 3, which as a key part of a balanced diet, help maintain normal heart, brain and vision function.



a source of
omega 3 for heart,
brain & vision



Waitrose UK

http://www.waitrose.com/home/inspiration/about_waitrose/about_our_food/omega-3-chicken.html



Consumption of grass-fed beef has the potential to change the composition of dietary fatty acids and to improve population adherence to dietary recommendations

Suggests that habitual consumption of grass-fed beef is a potential public health strategy to improve dietary fat quality.



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Thank you

