

Sex category	Bulls		Steers		SEM	<i>P</i> value		
Age at slaughter (months)	15	18	15	18		<i>C</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>C</i> × <i>A</i>
Weight of the three-rib section (kg)	5.85	8.26	6.41	8.37	0.254	0.032	0.002	0.042
Composition of the three-rib section (%):								
Fat	15.90	18.32	26.26	35.44	1.542	0.000	0.001	0.030
Muscles	55.27	56.11	49.33	44.84	0.981	0.000	0.210	0.045
Bones	23.44	21.46	19.53	15.20	0.658	0.000	0.001	0.368
Tendons	5.39	4.88	4.88	3.28	0.378	0.930	0.003	0.052