

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>
Main groups of fatty acids (% total fatty acids):								
SFA	50.78	49.43	49.78	49.38	0.454	0.578	0.355	0.613
UFA	49.22	50.57	50.22	50.62	0.454	0.538	0.328	0.572
MUFA	41.91	43.53	45.87	47.21	0.640	0.002	0.189	0.900
PUFA	7.31	7.04	4.36	3.41	0.475	0.000	0.436	0.666
n-6 PUFA	5.02	4.89	2.80	2.13	0.352	0.000	0.479	0.642
n-3 PUFA	1.89	1.72	1.21	1.15	0.122	0.010	0.603	0.810
FA ratios:								
PUFA/SFA	0.15	0.14	0.09	0.07	0.010	0.000	0.501	0.654
MUFA/SFA	0.83	0.88	0.92	0.96	0.020	0.032	0.206	0.866
n-6 / n-3 PUFA	2.76	2.80	2.44	1.93	0.108	0.003	0.209	0.139
Fatty acids in IMF (g/100 g):								
CLA	0.27	0.29	0.21	0.20	0.013	0.003	0.882	0.412
C20:5 EPA	0.17	0.14	0.10	0.06	0.016	0.017	0.282	0.869
C22:5 DPA	0.37	0.37	0.30	0.20	0.029	0.029	0.376	0.326
C22:6 DHA	0.18	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.041	0.718	0.426	0.394