

AUTOCHTHONOUS BALKAN GOAT BREED – COMPOSITION AND TRAITS OF KID CARCASS

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Abstract: Investigations were realized within the program of protection of genetic resources of autochthonous goat breeds – Balkan goat breed. Trial was carried out on farms of individual producers, breeders on the territory of Svrljig region, on 12 male kids of average age of 63 days and average body mass prior to slaughtering of 10,54 kg. Objective of the research was to determine the meat yield (dressing percentage), share of by products of in body mass prior to slaughtering and in processed carcass, commercial value of carcass (by evaluation of conformation, covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue, colour of meat and tallow) and share of main carcass parts. Results of the research indicated that kids of Balkan goat breed at stated age have average body mass of 10,54 kg and yield of warm carcass with head and giblets of 58,89%, which is high value and is within the limits for yield realized by kids of approximate age of pure goat breeds. Shares of slaughter by products (rumen, small intestines, skin, abomasus), giblets (liver, lungs, heart, spleen, kidneys), fat tissue (peritoneum, kidney, mesenterium) and head in cooled carcass are also within the limits realized by kids of pure goat breeds. Commercial value of carcass, established based on assessment of conformation (scored as good), covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue (scored as medium), colour of meat and tallow (scored as very good) is good and within the values realized by kids of pure goat breeds. Quality of carcass evaluated based on share of main carcass parts of category I (thigh, loin part) of 33,41%, category II (back, shoulder, neck) of 38,68% and category III (breast, second fore thigh, second thigh) of 26,91%, was very good. Muscle, fat and binding tissue (meat in narrow sense) made 2/3, whereas bones made 1/3 of the mass of three rib cut, which is also very good. Ratio of muscle and fat tissue was also very favourable - 5,08.

Key words: kids, carcass mass, meat yield, slaughter yield, giblets, carcass evaluation, carcass composition, tissue ratio

Introduction

Kid meat is very important in human nutrition, especially in poor countries, although in the last decades, due to its high biological value, the demand for this meat is increasing even in countries of high standard of living. Production of kid meat was not in focus of attention in Serbia in past several decades, especially after the World War II in former Yugoslavia, breeding of goats was forbidden. However, starting from the seventies of the last century, interest in goat breeding is increasing, and their number is constantly increasing, and slaughter kids are sold on the market, mainly light kids (8 – 12 kg), rarely somewhat heavier kids (above 15 kg).

In scientific literature there are almost no data relating to quality of carcass of kids of Balkan autochthonous breeds. *Fehr et al. (1975)* investigated the effect of age (from 56 to 166 days) at slaughtering on slaughter yield of Alpina kids and established that older kids, i.e. kids of greater body masses, resulted in statistically significantly lower yield. *Morand – Fehr et al. (1985)* established that in the carcass of kids of Alpina and Saanen breed (slaughtered with body masses of 8, 10, 12, 14, 18 and 24 kg) the amount of fat tissue increased with the increase of body mass at slaughtering. *Žujović et al. (1983, 1988, 2007)* stated data according to which kids of Domestic improved goat at the age of 2 months reach average body mass of approx. 10 kg and average yield of warm carcass with giblets of approx. 59%. *Žujović et al. (1984)* established that in carcasses of kids of Domestic improved goat of average body mass at slaughtering of 10,79 kg, there was 8,27% intermuscular fat tissue and 59,50% of muscle tissue. *Ćeranić et al. (1981)* established that average body mass of kids of Domestic White goat at the age of 60 days was approx. 13,21 kg. *Ćeranić (1984)* stated that kids of Domestic Balkan goat at the age of 60 days realized body mass of approx. 10 kg. *Sanz – Sampelayo et al. (1987)* stated data on quantity of tissues (muscle, fat and bone) in the carcass and main parts (thigh, shoulder and back) of Granadiana breed kids.

Authors established that the amount of muscle and fat tissue increased, and amount of bones decreased, with the increase of age of animals. *Chanin et al. (1990)* stated that kids of large goat breeds realize better yields. In regard to the effect of breed, *Samini et al. (1988)* stated data on yield of kids of Barbari and Jamnapari goat breeds and concluded that breed had no significant effect on yield. *Žujović et al. (1998, 2000)* established that lighter kids, crosses of Domestic White goat breed and Saanen breed, compared to heavier kids had higher yield. *Marković (1997)* established in kids of Red and Spotted Balkan goat at the age of approx. 90 days average body mass of approx. 11 kg. *Žujović et al. (2006, 2008)* stated that heavier kids had more favourable carcass evaluation in regard to conformation, covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue, colour of meat and tallow compared to lighter kids.

Materials and Methods

Investigations were realized within the program of protection of genetic resources of autochthonous goat breeds. Trial was carried out on farm of individual producer-breeder in Svrljig region, on 12 male kids of Balkan breed, average age of 63 days and average body mass prior to slaughtering of 10,54 kg. At slaughtering, mass was measured before slaughtering, mass of warm carcass with giblets, skin, fore stomach, small intestines and abomasus, which had previously been freed of the content and large intestines (free of content and washed), front thighs (cut in carpal joint) and hind thighs (cut in tarsal joint), mesentherium, as well as trachea, sex organs and horns. Subsequent to cooling (which lasted 18 – 20 hours, on 2 to 4⁰C), mass of cooled carcass was measured and carcasses were evaluated visually, their conformation, covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue, as well as colour of meat and tallow. Scoring system was from 1 to 5, where the highest mark designated the best traits. Subsequently, heads, giblets and fat tissue were measured, as well as mass of carcasses without heads and giblets. Carcasses were cut into sides along the spine, but tail remained on the right carcass side. After cutting of the carcass into sides, carcass sides were measured/weighed and cut into main carcass parts according to Rulebook on quality of meat from slaughter livestock, poultry and wild game, Official Journal of SFRY, No. 34/74. Three rib cut, which included 9th, 10th and 11th rib, was separated from the back, and dissected in order to separate tissues, muscle, fat, binding and bone tissues. Obtained data were categorized and processed and mean values were calculated based on statistical indicators, as well as standard deviation and variation coefficient.

Results and Discussion

Results of the investigation showed that kids of Balkan goat breed at the age of two months realized average body mass of 10,54 kg, average yield of warm carcass with head and giblets of 58,89%, average yield of cooled carcass with head and giblets of 56,26% and average yield of cooled carcass without head and giblets of 42,81% (Table 1). Results of investigation are in concordance with results stated by *Žujović et al. (1983)* for kids of Domestic improved goat, as well as *Samini et al. (1988)* for kids of Barbari and Jamnapari breeds. Based on obtained results and literature data it can be concluded that in regard to observed traits, kids of Balkan goat breed realize same or approximately same results as kids of pure goat breeds at the approximately same age.

Table 1. Average age and body mass at slaughtering, carcass mass and yield of kids of Balkan goat breed

Indicator	X	min – max	Sd	Cv
Age (days)	63.00	51 – 81	9.1917	14.59
Body mass (kg) prior to slaughtering	10.54	8.8 – 12.5	0.1838	11.23
Mass(kg) of warm carcass with giblets	6.20	5.38 – 7.76	0.0820	13.22
Yield (%) of warm carcass with giblets	58.89	52.40 – 62.96	0.3875	6.58
Mass(kg) of cooled carcass with giblets	5.93	5.09 – 7.39	0.7758	13.09
Yield (%) of cooled carcass with giblets	56.26	50.08 – 61.58	3.7384	6.65
Mass (kg) of cooled carcass without head and giblets	4.51	3.74 – 5.57	0.6488	14.38
Yield(%) of cooled carcass without head and giblets	42.81	37.45 – 47.77	3.4312	8.02
Cooling loss (%)	4.47	3.72 – 4.72	0.4054	9.07

Table 2. Share of by-products of slaughtering of kids of Balkan goat breed, average body mass prior to slaughtering 10.54 kg

Indicator	Weight (kg)	X	(%) min - max	Cv
Edible giblets				
Rumen (empty)	0.242	2.32	1.25 – 3.41	24.30
Small intestines (empty)	0.324	3.08	2.00 – 3.88	19.19
Total edible giblets	0.566	5.40	3.92 – 7.16	18.90
Giblets in the carcass				
Liver	0.248	2.33	1.74 – 2.78	19.75
Lungs	0.216	2.05	1.43 – 2.52	18.36
Heart	0.054	0.51	0.41 – 0.60	11.80
Spleen	0.028	0.27	0.20 – 0.33	18.76
Kidneys	0.058	0.33	0.40 – 0.67	15.28
Total giblets in the carcass	0.604	5.49	4.95 – 6.13	16.96
Fat tissue				
Kidney	0.055	0.53	0.14 – 1.32	71.52
Peritoneum	0.062	0.58	0.24 – 1.25	32.00
Mesenterium	0.100	0.96	0.20 – 2.58	51.90
Total fat tissue	0.217	2.07	1.11 – 3.87	45.84
Head	0.504	5.23	4.88 – 5.80	4.23
Skin	0.856	8.18	5.32 – 14.33	25.23
Abomasus (empty)	0.079	0.80	0.59 – 1.02	19.96
Waste (lower thighs, omasus)	0.569	5.46	2.83 – 8.05	14.34

Shares of slaughter by products, such as edible giblets (rumen, small intestines), also giblets which are component of the carcass (liver, lungs, heart, spleen, kidneys), fat tissue as part of the carcass (kidney, peritoneum, mesenterium), head, skin and abomasus (Table 2), were favourable and within values realized for same traits by kids of pure breeds. Similar results were also obtained by *Morand - Fehr et al. (1985)*.

Shares of head, giblets (liver, lungs, heart, spleen, kidneys) and fat tissue (kidney, peritoneum, mesenterium) in cooled carcass of kids of Balkan breed (Table 3) were satisfactory and within values obtained in pure breed kids.

Table 3. Mass and share of head, giblets and fat tissue in cooled carcass of kids of Balkan goat breed average weight of 5.93 kg

Indicator	kg	X	(%) min – max	Cv
Head	0.504	9.45	8.55 – 10.73	8.34
Giblets				
Liver	0.248	4.17	3.19 – 6.85	20.65
Lungs	0.216	3.63	2.82 – 4.49	16.64
Heart	0.054	0.92	0.72 – 1.14	11.60
Spleen	0.028	0.47	0.36 – 0.57	14.24
Kidneys	0.058	0.97	0.74 – 1.20	11.73
Total giblets	0.604	10.16	9.46 – 12.06	8.06
Fat tissue				
Kidney	0.062	1.04	0.45 – 2.22	31.34
Peritoneum	0.055	0.94	0.14 – 2.27	71.01
Mesenterium	0.100	1.73	0.34 – 4.75	54.14
Total fat tissue	0.217	3.78	2.14 – 7.13	44.35

Measures taken on carcass and carcass sides, fat tissue thickness, evaluation of carcass based on conformation and covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue, colour of meat and tallow (Table 4) were satisfactory and within values determined in kids of pure breeds at the same age.

Table 4. Measures on carcass and carcass sides and evaluation of the carcass of kids of Balkan goat breed

Indicators	X	min - max	Sd	Cv
Carcass measures (cm)				
Calcaneum – Ischium	23.09	22.0 – 25.0	0.9328	4.04
Last sacral vertebrae – neck	43.46	40.0 – 48.0	2.5902	5.96
Last sacral vertebrae – atlas	59.79	56.0 – 69.0	3.0971	5.18
Articulatio gerus – shoulder joint	56.92	52.0 – 70.0	6.1474	10.80
Width of both thighs	10.17	9.0 – 12.0	0.8441	8.30
Breast width	9.71	8.5 – 12.5	1.1836	12.19
Breast depth	18.37	16.0 – 21.0	1.5008	8.17
Breast circumference	49.04	45.0 – 54.0	3.1140	6.35
Carcass side measures (cm)				
Pubis – Articulatio gerus	14.37	12.0 – 16.0	1.0116	7.04
Pubis – Calcaneum	26.88	25.0 – 30.0	1.7418	6.48
Pubis – I rib	47.84	44.0 – 54.0	3.0187	6.31
Pubis – atlas	59.34	56.0 – 65.0	3.0382	5.12
Thigh circumference	24.42	22.0 – 27.0	1.5849	6.49
Thickness (mm) of fat tissue				
On breast	4.34	2.0 – 7.0	1.8510	42.65
Above back muscle	1.45	1.0 - 3.0	0.1923	13.26
On the side	2.10	1.0 - 4.0	0.4429	21.09
Carcass evaluation				
Conformation (points)*	3.38	1.0 - 4.5	0.8697	25.73
Covering with fat tissue (points)**	3.96	3.0 – 5.0	0.7785	19.66
Covering of kidneys with fat tissue (%)***	50.42	15.0 – 100.0	32.9747	65.40
Meat colour (points)****	4.09	3.0 – 5.0	0.6442	15.75
Tallow colour (points)*****	4.25	3.5 – 5.0	0.4327	10.18

*Evaluation: very good – 5; good – 4; medium – 3; poor – 2; bad – 1.

** Evaluation: equal, tallow thickness up to 5 mm – 5; partially no tallow, tallow thickness up to 5 mm – 4; large areas without tallow – 3; substantial areas without tallow and tallow thicker than 5mm – 2; carcass almost without tallow, tallow thickness up to 1 mm – 1.

*** Evaluation: 100% -kidney completely covered with tallow; 75% - approx. 2/3 of kidney covered with tallow; 50% - approx. 1/2 of kidney covered with tallow; 25% - approx. 1/4 of kidney covered with tallow.

**** Evaluation: light red – 5; pink – 4; light pink – 3; pale pink – 2; dark – 1.

***** Evaluation: white – 5; cream – 4; reddish – 3; red-cream – 2; yellow-red – 1.

Share of carcass (carcass side) of category I (thigh, loin part) was 33,41%, of category II (back, shoulder, neck) 38,68% and category III (breast, second fore thigh/cannon, second thigh/cannon) 26,91% (Table 5).

Table 5. Mass and share of main carcass parts in carcass sides of kids of Balkan goat breed

Indicators	kg	X	(%) min – max	Cv
Mass of right carcass side	2.283	-	-	14.53
Mass of left carcass side	2.207	-	-	14.62
Parts of carcass side (left)				
Thigh	0.537	24.27	22.03 – 28.43	5.57
Loin section	0.203	9.17	7.78 – 10.49	11.82
Total category I parts	0.740	33.41	31.18 – 38.25	5.43
Back	0.213	9.61	8.22 – 11.69	12.86
Shoulder	0.429	19.36	15.55 – 22.69	14.16
Neck	0.217	9.71	7.33 – 11.69	10.97
Total category II parts	0.859	38.68	34.51 – 42.52	7.75
Breast with second fore thigh/cannon	0.426	19.60	15.59 – 25.06	17.46
Second thigh/cannon, hind	0.160	7.32	4.29 – 9.02	13.13
Total category III parts	0.586	26.91	19.29 – 31.58	12.66

According to shares of tissues in three rib cut (Table 6), the highest share (approx. 52%) had the muscle tissue, significantly less (approx. 10%) fat tissue and 3,62% binding tissue, in total 66% of meat in broader sense. Share of bones was 24,76%.

Table 6. Share and ratio of tissues in three rib cut of kids of Balkan goat breed

Indicator	(g)	X	(%) min-max	Kv
Mass of three rib cut	91.98	-	-	38.41
Share of tissues in three rib cut				
Muscle	52.29	56.94	40.35 – 63.91	10.77
Fat	10.30	10.53	5.50 – 16.77	33.56
Binding	3.62	4.01	1.86 – 5.56	21.41
Total soft tissue	66.21	71.48	56.13 – 82.27	9.76
Bones	24.76	26.80	17.19 – 35.56	17.89
Tissue ratio				
Muscle - fat	5.08	-	2.48 – 11.19	43.35
Muscle - bone	2.11	-	1.03 – 3.72	29.51
Fat - bone	0.42	-	0.16 – 0.85	45.06

Conclusion

Based on results obtained in the investigation of yield of meat, evaluation of carcass and carcass composition of kids of Balkan goat breed at the age of 2 months, the following can be concluded:

- Values of yield of warm and cooled carcass with head and giblets and yield of cooled carcass without head and giblets were very good and within values realized by kids of pure goat breeds;
- Shares of edible giblets, giblets within the carcass, head, fat tissue and skin were also within values realized by kids of pure goat breeds;
- Evaluation of carcass in regard to conformation, covering of carcass and kidneys with fat tissue, colour of meat and tallow was good;
- Shares of main carcass parts was favourable since 2/3 of carcass consisted of category I and II parts;
- Muscle, fat and binding tissue (meat) made 2/3 of the carcass;
- Very favourable ratio of muscle and fat tissue.

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Autohtona balkanska rasa koza - sastav i osobine jarećeg trupa

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Rezime

Ispitivanja su obavljena u okviru programa zaštite genetskih resursa autohtonih rasa koza – balkanske rase. Ogled je izveden kod individualnih odgajivača na području Svrliškog regiona, na 12 muških jaradi prosečnog uzrasta 63 dana i prosečne telesne mase pred klanje od 10,54 kg. Cilj ispitivanja je bio da se utvrdi prinos mesa (randman), udeo pratećih proizvoda klanja u trupu pred klanje i u ohlađenom trupu, komercijalna vrednost trupa (ocenom konformacije, prekrivenosti trupa i bubrega masnim tkivom, boje mesa i loja) i udeo osnovnih delova trupa. Rezultati ispitivanja ukazuju da jarad balkanske kože u navedenom uzrastu imaju prosečnu telesnu masu od 10,54 kg i randman toplog trupa sa glavom i iznutricama od 58,89%, što predstavlja visoku vrednost i nalazi se u granicama vrednosti randmana koji postižu jarad približnog uzrasta plemenitijih rasa koza. Udeo pratećih proizvoda klanja (burag, tanka creva, koža, sirište), iznutrica (jetra, pluća, srce, slezina, bubrezi), masnog tkiva (peritoneum, bubrežno, opornjak) i glave u ohlađenom trupu su takođe u granicama koje postižu jarad plemenitijih rasa koza. Komercijalna vrednost trupa, utvrđena na osnovu ocene

konformacije (ocenjena je kao povoljna), prekrivenosti trupa i bubrega masnim tkivom (ocenjena je kao osrednja), boje mesa i loja (ocenjene su kao veoma povoljne) je dobra i u okviru vrednosti koju imaju jarad plemenitijih rasa koza. Kvalitet trupa, procenjen na osnovu udela osnovnih delova trupa I kategorije (but, slabinski deo) od 33,41%, II kategorije (leđa, plečka vrat) od 38,68% i III kategorije (grudi, podlaktica potkolenica) od 26,91%, je veoma povoljan. Mišićno, masno i vezivno tkivo (meso u užem smislu) čini 2/3, dok kosti čine 1/3 mase trorebarnog isečka, što je veoma povoljno. Odnos mišićnog i masnog tkiva je takođe povoljan i iznosi 5,08.

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