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Consumer drivers and the meat chain

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What consumer demands mean for meat products


- Differentiation
 - different flavours, different levels of tenderness
 - specific health characteristics
 - ‘natural’, different levels of processing
- Information
 - ‘extrinsic cues’, ‘stories’
 - examples: origin, local production, special health characteristics, history of the product....

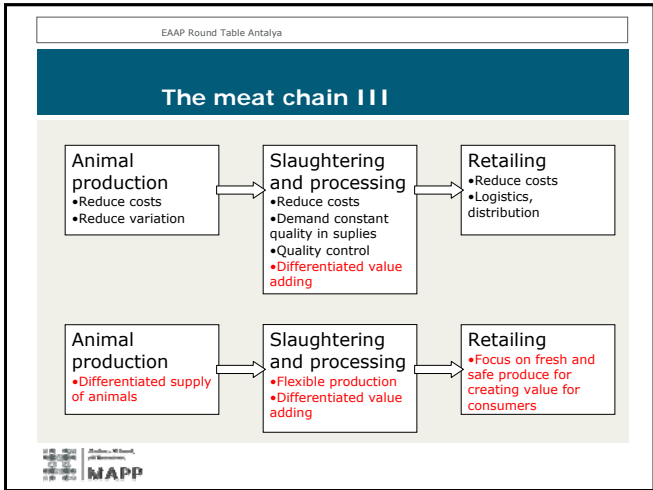
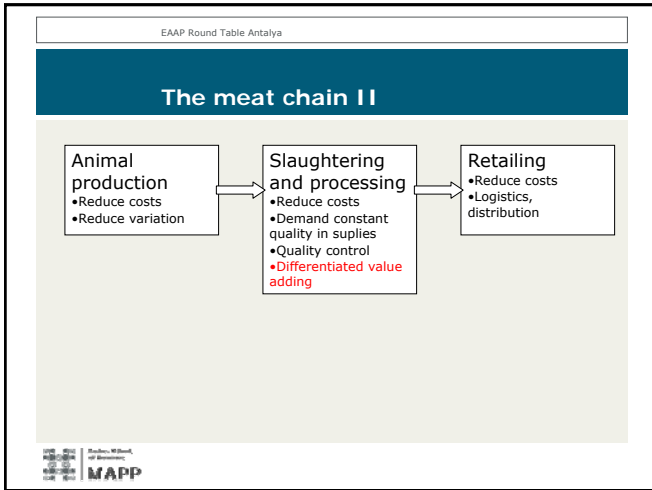
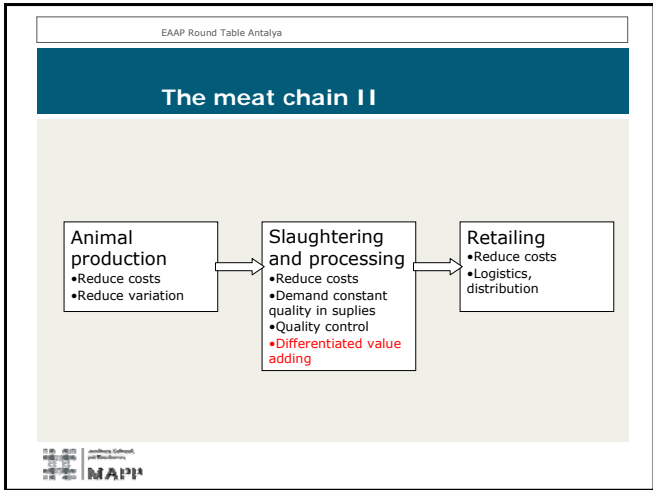
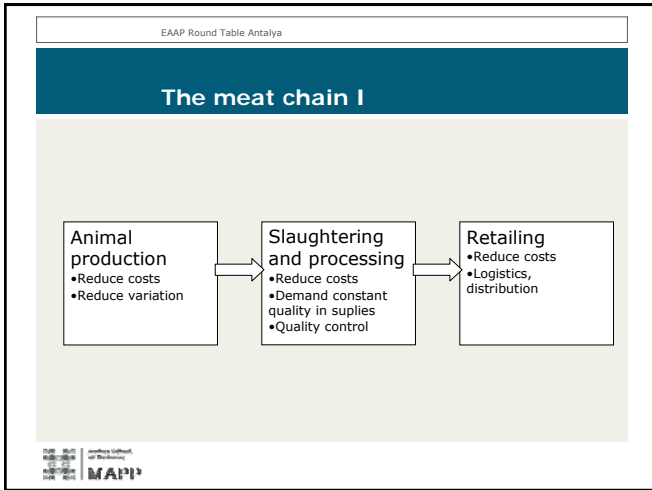


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Who understands consumer demand and differentiates products accordingly?

- The farmer?
- The slaughterhouse?
- The meat processor?
- The retailer?





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- ### Consumer-driven changes in the meat chain
- Diversity in animal production becomes an asset, not a nuisance - exploit diversity to develop differentiated products
 - Understanding of consumer demands is necessary at all levels in the value chain
 - Relations between members of meat chain need to be based on trust and long-term cooperation
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- ### Animal production in C&E Europe and Mediterranean rim
- Diversity instead of standardization
 - Understanding of demands of European consumers
 - Link to international meat chains
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