

# Effect of Age on Sensory Characteristics and different Cuts of Black Bengal Goat Carcasses in different agro-climatic Conditions of West Bengal

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## ABSTRACT

The study was conducted on sixteen numbers of castrated male Black Bengal goats from four different agro climatic zones of west Bengal at the age group of 6-9-month, 9-12 month and above 12-month age were selected from registered farmer under "AICRP on goat improvement, Black Bengal field unit-Kolkata" to compare the sensory characteristics and different cuts of Black Bengal goats' carcasses. The present study, represented colour, flavor, texture, tenderness and overall acceptability of Black Bengal goats of different age groups and different clusters. There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for colour, flavor, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon but no variation was recorded for colour, flavor, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon among different cluster. But in case of texture at above 12-month age group lower values were observed in Nadia district. There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon but no variation was recorded for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon among different cluster. Sensory quality of the selected goat meat samples was affected by the age but not by the sex and zones.

## Keywords:

Black Bengal goat, age, agro-climatic zones, sensory Attributes and different Cut-up-parts

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## INTRODUCTION

Goats are among the main meat-producing animals in India and goat meat is a rich source of nutrition and is consumed in large quantities through worldwide, especially in the tropics and developing countries, (Park 1988, 1990). Despite the popularity of goat meat, goat rearing has not been conducted as either a large or a small-scale industry in the state of West Bengal or in India as a whole (Biswas 2010). Black Bengal goats (*Capra hircus*) are highly prolific and reputed for quality meat and skin production throughout the world (Salim *et al.* 2002). Black Bengal goat comprises more than 85% of the total goat population and 40% of the rural population below poverty line rear their goat with low input cost in diverse agro-climatic condition in West Bengal (Anonymous 2005). In West Bengal, contribution of goat meat is around 0.242 MT (Anonymous 2012) and more than Rs. 106 billion annually to the national economy, providing livelihood to millions of marginal and small farmers and agricultural laborers (Kumar 2007). In order to intensify meat trading, the practice of making the carcass into wholesale cuts had been found supportive towards better marketing. There are five primal wholesale cuts namely- neck & shoulder, breast & shank, rack, loin and leg as per BIS-1963. Consumers prefer meat cuts with high lean meat yield to carcass with higher proportions of fat (Johnson *et al.* 1995). Improving the tenderness of such carcasses may improve their marketing opportunities by increasing the retail price (Yanar and Yetim 2003). Relatively fewer studies conducted on meat production characteristics of Black Bengal goat (Chowdhury and Faruque 2004). In this

context, the present study had been carried out in four different agro-climatic zones of West Bengal to compare the sensory attributes and different cut-up-parts of goat carcasses at different age groups under field condition at farmers door step.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

A pilot survey for designing data collection format was conducted during the month of September, 2017 to March, 2018. All Parameters were studied at the Department of Livestock Products Technology, F/O-Veterinary and Animal Sciences, West Bengal University of Animal and fishery Sciences. The research programme was carried out in four adopted clusters of the ongoing project "AICRP on Goat Improvement, Black Bengal Field Unit - Kolkata" distributed in four agro-climatic zones (Coastal Saline Zone: Sundarban; Gangetic Alluvial Zone: Nadia; Undulating Red and Lateritic Zone: Jhargram and Old alluvial zone: Murshidabad) of West Bengal. In the present study, 6 nos. of castrated male Black Bengal goats from each agro climatic zone at the age group of 6-9 month, 9-12 month and above 12 month age were purchased from registered farmer under AICRP. Goats were weighted and kept off-feed overnight with free access to water and were slaughtered and dressed by the halal method in different local slaughter booths in the study areas. Immediately after dressing, chest circumference, carcass length and leg circumference of the carcass hanging with Achilles tendon were recorded using a measuring tape in centimetre. Carcasses were sectioned down the vertebral column with a band saw and then divided into 5 primal

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**Table 1:** Age wise variation of sensory attributes of Black Bengal goats

| Parameter             | Cluster        | Age Group                                   |   |   |                   |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|---|---|-------------------|
|                       |                | 6-9 month                                   | 9-12 month                                  | Above 12 month                              | Overall           |
| Colour                | Nadia          | 6.08±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.17±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.92±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.39±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Murshidabad    | 6.08±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.36±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Jhargram       | 5.91±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.31±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Sundarban      | 6.17±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.67±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.36±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | <b>Overall</b> | <b>6.06±0.07<sup>s</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.22±0.07<sup>f</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.77±0.73<sup>e</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> |                   |
| Flavour               | Nadia          | 5.92±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.67±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.28±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Murshidabad    | 6.08±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.33±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.39±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Jhargram       | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.92±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.31±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Sundarban      | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | <b>Overall</b> | <b>5.87±0.06<sup>s</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.27±0.61<sup>f</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.77±0.61<sup>e</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> |                   |
| Texture               | Nadia          | 6.25±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.58±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.03±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Murshidabad    | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.50±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.83±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.19±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Jhargram       | 6.17±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.67±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.75±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.19±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | Sundarban      | 6.33±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.58±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.83±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.08<br>(18) |
|                       | <b>Overall</b> | <b>6.25±0.07<sup>f</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.50±0.07<sup>e</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>5.75±0.07<sup>s</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> |                   |
| Tenderness            | Nadia          | 6.58±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.19±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Murshidabad    | 6.58±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.17±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 5.67±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.14±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Jhargram       | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 5.67±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.22±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Sundarban      | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.17±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.22±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | <b>Overall</b> | <b>6.67±0.05<sup>e</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.20±0.60<sup>f</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>5.70±0.05<sup>s</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> |                   |
| Overall Acceptability | Nadia          | 6.25±0.11 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.83±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.28±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Murshidabad    | 6.25±0.11 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.75±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 5.75±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Jhargram       | 6.17±0.11 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.50±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.08±0.01 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.25±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | Sundarban      | 6.33±0.11 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)               | 6.58±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)               | 6.16±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)               | 6.36±0.07<br>(18) |
|                       | <b>Overall</b> | <b>6.25±0.06<sup>f</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>6.64±0.06<sup>e</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> | <b>5.96±0.05<sup>s</sup></b><br><b>(24)</b> |                   |

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wholesale cuts namely neck and shoulder, breast and shank, rack, loin and leg as per Indian Standard Institution (Anonymous 1963). The right sides of the carcasses were used to determine the physical cut composition. All the samples

were weighed by digital weighing balance and covered with plastic wrap to prevent moisture loss and kept in chilled with ice pack and transported to departmental laboratory for storage and further study at 4±1°C.

**Table 2:** Age wise variation of Different Cut-up-parts of Black Bengal goats

| Parameter              | Cluster        | Age Group                            |                                      |                                      |                          |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                        |                | 6-9 month                            | 9-12 month                           | Above 12 month                       | Overall                  |
| Leg (kg)               | Nadia          | 1.01±0.04 <sup>br</sup><br>(6)       | 6.17±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.92±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.39±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Murshidabad    | 1.01±0.04 <sup>br</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.36±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Jhargram       | 1.06±0.04 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.31±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Sundarban      | 1.10±0.04 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.67±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.36±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | <b>Overall</b> | <b>1.04±0.02<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.22±0.07<sup>t</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.77±0.73<sup>e</sup></b><br>(24) |                          |
| Loin (kg)              | Nadia          | 0.66±0.03 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.67±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.28±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Murshidabad    | 0.65±0.03 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.33±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.39±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Jhargram       | 0.64±0.03 <sup>br</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.92±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.31±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Sundarban      | 0.66±0.03 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.12 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.25±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | <b>Overall</b> | <b>0.65±0.01<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.27±0.61<sup>t</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.77±0.61<sup>e</sup></b><br>(24) |                          |
| Rack (kg)              | Nadia          | 0.75±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.25±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.58±0.14 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.03±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Murshidabad    | 0.74±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.50±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.83±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.19±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Jhargram       | 0.70±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.67±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.75±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.19±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Sundarban      | 0.73±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.58±0.14 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.83±0.14 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.25±0.08</b><br>(18) |
|                        | <b>Overall</b> | <b>0.72±0.01<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.50±0.07<sup>e</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>5.75±0.07<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) |                          |
| Neck and Shoulder (kg) | Nadia          | 0.54±0.05 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.19±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Murshidabad    | 0.54±0.05 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.17±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 5.67±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.14±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Jhargram       | 0.60±0.05 <sup>br</sup><br>(6)       | 6.25±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 5.67±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.22±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Sundarban      | 0.64±0.05 <sup>ar</sup><br>(6)       | 6.17±0.12 <sup>q</sup><br>(6)        | 5.75±0.12 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.22±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | <b>Overall</b> | <b>0.56±0.02<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.20±0.60<sup>t</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>5.70±0.05<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) |                          |
| Breast and Shank (kg)  | Nadia          | 0.76±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.83±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.28±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Murshidabad    | 0.77±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.75±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 5.75±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.25±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Jhargram       | 0.76±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.50±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 6.08±0.01 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.25±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | Sundarban      | 0.75±0.03 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | 6.58±0.11 <sup>p</sup><br>(6)        | 6.16±0.11 <sup>r</sup><br>(6)        | <b>6.36±0.07</b><br>(18) |
|                        | <b>Overall</b> | <b>0.76±0.01<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>6.64±0.06<sup>e</sup></b><br>(24) | <b>5.96±0.05<sup>s</sup></b><br>(24) |                          |

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The sensory qualities of samples were evaluated by descriptive analysis method. The goats from different age groups and from different zones were slaughtered by

standard humane procedure and meat from each sample was cooked separately. The spice, condiments, oil and other ingredient were fixed for the whole trial and cooking

procedure was the preparation of chevon curry by pure indigenous method. The sensory quality of samples was evaluated using 8 point descriptive scale (Keeton and Foegeding 1984) where 8 denoted extremely desirable and 1 denoted extremely poor. A sensory panel (semi trained) of seven judges drawn from post-graduate students and staff of the University were requested to evaluate the product for different quality attributes viz: colour, flavour, appearance and overall acceptability (Sensory Evaluation of Meat Products Scoring guide). All the data which were obtained during the present investigation were analyzed statistically to draw valid conclusion in SPSS (Version 16.0) software.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the present study, the colour of Black Bengal chevon obtained from different clusters namely Nadia, Murshidabad, Jhargram and Sundarban under four different agro-climatic zones at different age groups viz. 6-9 month, 9-12 month and above 12 month were recorded as  $6.08 \pm 0.14$ ,  $6.17 \pm 0.14$  &  $6.92 \pm 0.14$  in Nadia;  $6.08 \pm 0.14$ ,  $6.25 \pm 0.14$  &  $6.75 \pm 0.14$  in Murshidabad;  $5.91 \pm 0.14$ ,  $6.25 \pm 0.14$  &  $6.75 \pm 0.14$  in Jhargram; and  $6.17 \pm 0.14$ ,  $6.25 \pm 0.14$  &  $6.67 \pm 0.14$  in Sundarban cluster respectively. Table 1 represented colour, flavour, texture, tenderness and overall acceptability of Black Bengal goats of different age groups and different clusters. There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for Colour, flavour, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon but no variation was recorded for Colour, flavour, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon among different cluster. But in case of texture at above 12 month age group lower values were observed in Nadia district. Adam *et al.* (2010) reported that colour is an important sensory characteristic for the consumer. Carlucci *et al.* (1998) observed that the rearing system affected texture more than odour and flavour, whereas sex had little effect on textural attributes compared with odour and flavour. Adam *et al.* (2010) also reported that the type of diet had no significant effect ( $p > 0.05$ ) on the tenderness, juiciness, flavour, colour and overall acceptability of meat from Nilotic kids. Ekiz *et al.* (2009) documented that the effect of breed on flavour quality and overall acceptability scores were not significant. Sikder *et al.* (2013) reported that Colour score increased with advancement of age but flavour score was gradually decreased with the progress of age in all the zones and all the groups exhibited a significant increasing trend ( $p < 0.05$ ) in appearance score after 3 months of age except Coastal saline zone. Overall acceptability score of Bengal Goat meat (cooked) in all the zones have got significant highest ( $p < 0.05$ ) scores at only "9 months and above" age group. Dhandra *et al.* (2003) stated that the breed and slaughter weight had no effect on flavour and connective tissue. Das and Rajkumar (2010) reported that the no significant difference was found between the breeds with regard to meat tenderness, juiciness and flavour. The deviation of the results of our study may be due to age of the animal as well as geographical location and agro-climatic condition.

In the table 2, the weight of leg cut (kg) of carcass obtained from Black Bengal goats in Nadia, Murshidabad, Jhargram

and Sundarban cluster under four different agro-climatic zones at different age groups viz. 6-9 month, 9-12 month and above 12 month were  $1.01 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.01 \pm 0.04$  &  $1.01 \pm 0.04$  kg in Nadia;  $1.01 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.50 \pm 0.04$  &  $2.13 \pm 0.04$  kg in Murshidabad;  $1.06 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.52 \pm 0.04$  &  $1.80 \pm 0.04$  kg in Jhargram;  $1.10 \pm 0.04$ ,  $1.50 \pm 0.04$  &  $1.87 \pm 0.04$  kg in Sundarban cluster respectively. At 6-9 month and at 9-12 month age group the weight of leg cuts (kg) was significantly lower ( $p < 0.01$ ) in Nadia and Murshidabad cluster. At 6-9 month age higher values were observed in Sundarban cluster. At 9-12 month higher values were observed in Jhargram cluster. At above 12 months higher values were noticed in Nadia & Murshidabad cluster than Jhargram cluster. At 6-9 month age group loin weight (kg) of carcass was found to be lower in Jhargram than Nadia & Sundarban cluster. At 9-12-month age group, significantly higher loin weights were recorded in Jhargram & Nadia than Murshidabad cluster. At above 12 month age lower values were observed in Jhargram and higher values was observed in Murshidabad cluster. The weight of Neck and Shoulder cut (kg) at 6-9 month was found to be higher in Sundarban cluster, whereas lower values were observed in Nadia & Sundarban cluster. At 9-12 month and above 12-month age, higher values were observed in Jhargram & Nadia cluster than Sundarban cluster. There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon but no variation was recorded for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon among different cluster. Chowdhury and Faruque (2004) reported that the average proportion of different carcass cut of Black Bengal goats, reared under semi-intensive management were - round 27%, rump 7%, loin 10%, ribs (6-12th) 14%, shoulder 21 %, Neck 7%, chest 14%. Thigh and shoulder constituted about 48.3% of the cold carcass weight. Agro-climatic zones have non-significant effect ( $p > 0.05$ ) on cut up parts wt. Viz. leg, loin, rack, neck and shoulder and breast and shank but value of all these parameters reveal significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) increment with the advancement of age. The deviation of the results of our study may be due to age of the animal as well as geographical location and agro-climatic condition.

## CONCLUSION

There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for colour, flavor, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon but no variation was recorded for colour, flavor, tenderness and overall acceptability of chevon among different cluster. But in case of texture at above 12 month age group lower values were observed in Nadia district. There was significant variation in different ages has been observed for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon but no variation was recorded for Rack, Breast and Shank of chevon among different cluster.

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