

## Product quality from a nutritional and sustainability perspective

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## Evolution animal product quality: towards a holistic approach

# Productivity & efficiency

- Economy

# Sustainable development!

**Growing importance of societal & consumer concerns** 



- Sensory
- Nutritional
- Safety

#### **Production system**

- Social-cultural
- Ecology
- Ethics
- Animal welfare&health

- ..



# Animal product quality important for differentiation

#### Pig production systems identified in EU-23

<b>Production system</b>			
40 conventional			Impact of
	Claim	%	nutrition on both
44 (≥ 1 claim for differentiation)	Welfare	68	product
	Eating quality	70	
	Nutritional quality	25	& process
	Environment	41	process
	Organic	25	
	Local	9	

Source: M. Bonneau, INRA, Q-PorkChains 2011



# Nutrition only one of the many factors influencing animal product quality (product & process)

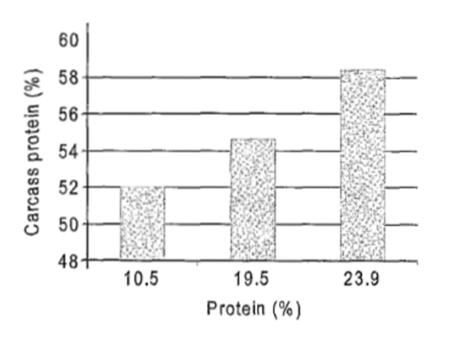
#### Impact on end product quality: factors influencing meat quality

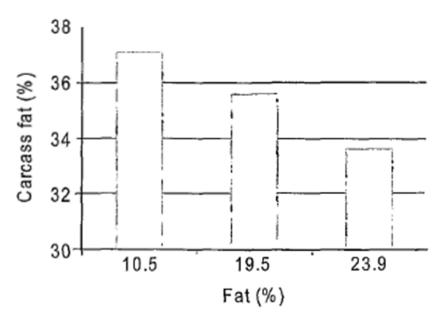




# Traditionally, nutrition focus was on improvement of efficiency with interest in side effects on end product quality

Influence of dietary protein levels on broiler carcass protein and fat content (Summers et al, 1992)







# In particular the effects of amino acids have been investigated

Influence of lysine on the refrigerated broiler carcass composition (Moran and Bilgili, 1990)

Lysine (%)	H <sub>2</sub> O (%)	Protein (%DM)	Fat (%DM)	Ash (%DM)
0.85	66.1	41.3	44.2	6.9
0.95	65.7	45.1	37.2	8.3
1.05	67.2	46.7	34.3	9.4



## ... as well as effects of fats from raw materials on fatty acid profile

Effect of fish meal feeding to cattle on longissimus dorsi fatty acids (Mandell *et al*, 1997)

Parameter	Fatty acids (%)		
mg /100 g fresh weight	0.0	5.0	10
n-3 FA	37	63	77
EPA 20:5	5.2	19.1	29.8
DHA C22:6	1.8	9.7	10.9
EPA and DHA	7.0	28.8	40.7



# Balance in nutrition is important for optimizing end product quality

#### Fat level in carcass

# Minimum level

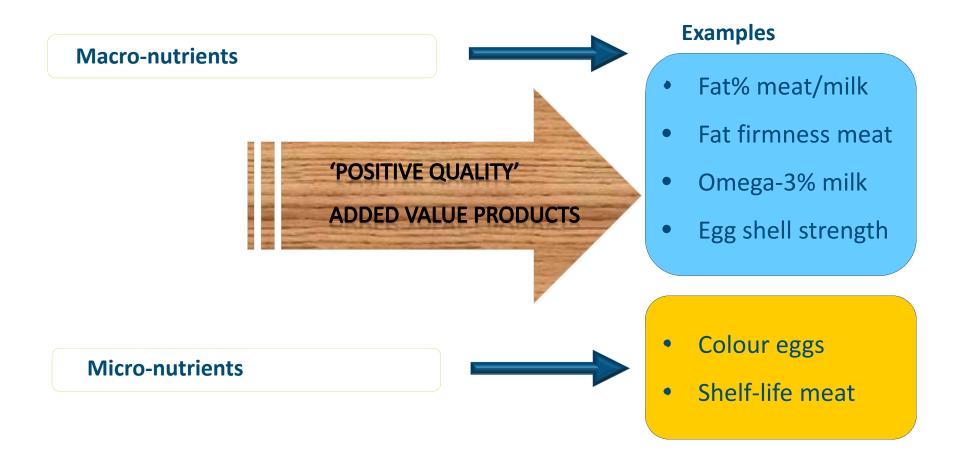
- Guarantee good flavour and texture
- Avoid excessive drying out when being cooked

# Maximum level

- Customer acceptability
- Health implications



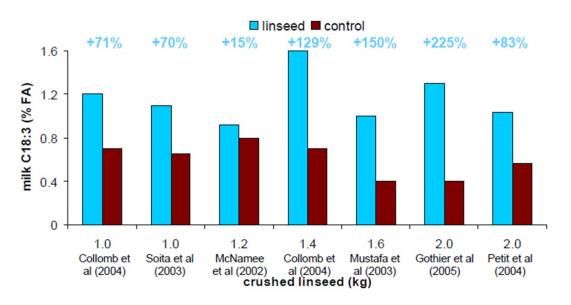
# Today many effects of nutrition on end product quality are known





#### Commercialisation sometimes difficult...

#### Omega-3 milk from dairy cows fed on omega-3 rich raw materials





#### Fortification of end product sometimes more simple...





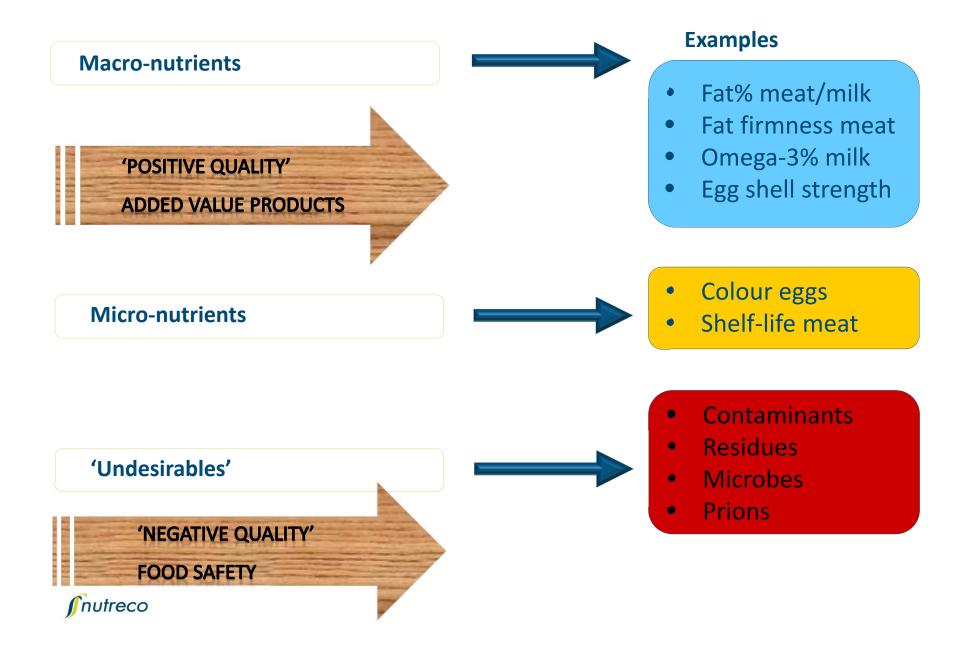








# Nutrition not only influences "positive quality" but also "negative quality"



## Nutrace® - Quality feeds value

Nutrace® is Nutreco's company-wide proactive programme to assure feed-to-food quality and safety. Nutrace® safeguards the quality of Nutreco products and services. The programme, complying with legislation and customer demands, is structured in five standards:

- 1. Certified Quality & Food Safety
- Ingredient & Supplier Assessment and Management
- 3. Monitoring & Control
- 4. Risk Management
- 5. Tracking & Tracing





## Nutrition is also related to the production system

#### Role of nutrition in reducing antibiotic use

Nutritional strategies for optimizing gut health

#### Mode of action **Functional ingredients** Zn / Cu, Organic acids, MCFA, Bacteriocins, Bacteriophages, Etheric oils,... Gut flora modulators Probiotics, Prebiotics, Enzymes,... **Ecological** Gut integrity & Glutamine, Xylanases, Butyrate,... morphology enhancers 'Stimulating' Beta-glucans, Vitamin E,... **Immunologica** 'Inhibiting' Omega-3 fatty acids, Mannanases,...



## ... but choices are difficult

## Soy debate

#### Environmental impacts of locally cultivated or imported feed materials

	Soybean meal	Lupines	Peas	Rapeseed meal
	South-America	NL	NL	NL
Land occupation (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	9,43	34,15	14,39	7,56
Energy use (MJ/ton)	11,32	26,06	15,11	22,68
GHG (kg CO <sub>2</sub> -eq/ton)	4,28	12,17	6,24	4,80
Acidification (kg SO <sub>2</sub> -eq/ton)	0,01	0,04	0,02	0,05
Eutrophication (kg NO <sub>3</sub> -eq/ton)	0,37	0,44	1,45	0,64

Milieueffecten van diervoeders, WUR 2009

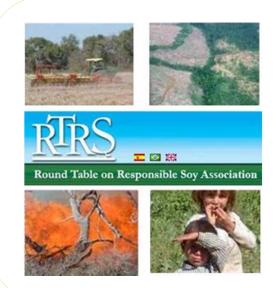


#### Animal production chains committed to solutions

Aim: set up multi-stakeholder participatory process that promotes economically viable, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable production, processing and trading of soy

#### **Status:**

- 28 criteria and 98 of auditable indicators
- RTRS certified: 1 mio ton in 2012; 3-5 mio ton in 2013



#### The '5 Principles':

- Legal compliance & good business practice
- Responsible labour conditions
- Responsible community relations
- Environmental responsibility
- Good agriculture practices



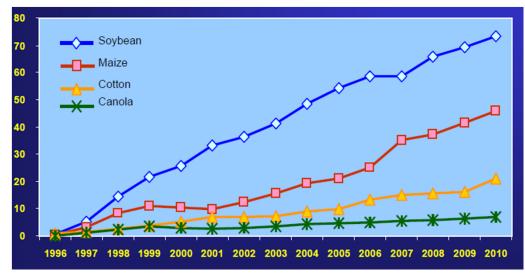
# ... many challenges to solve

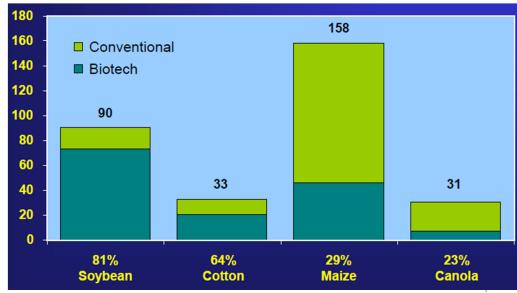
#### Steady increase cultivation biotech crops vs consumer concerns

#### Biotech crops:

■ Global adoption rates (%)

■ Global area (mio hectares)

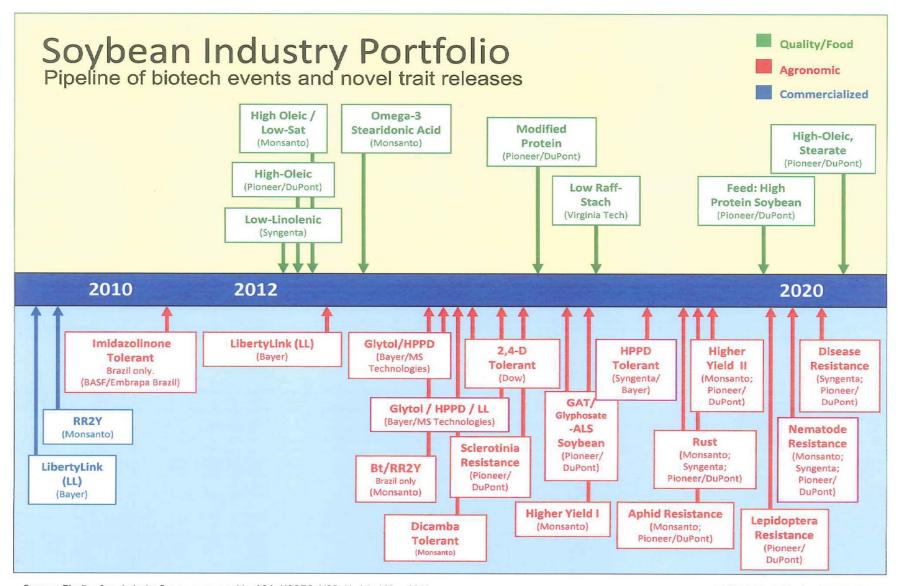






Source: C. James, ISAAA 2012

## New opportunities



Source: Pipeline from Industry Sources; prepared by ASA, USSEC, USB. Updated May, 2011

RVSD Biotech Pipeline 050311 V10

# Need for quantitative, predictive models



#### **Productivity & Efficiency**

Optimising ration composition

#### **End product quality**

Optimising milk production and composition

#### **Production system**

Minimising environmental footprint

- •N, P
- •GHG



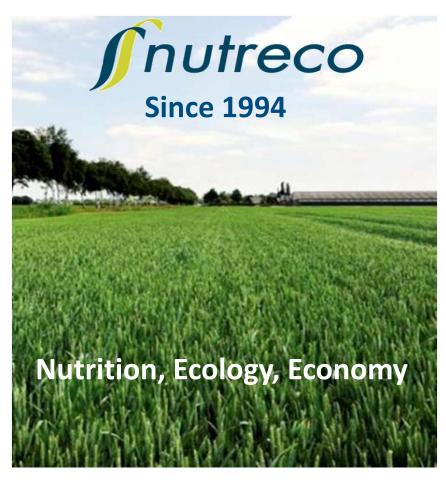


## Concluding remarks

- Sustainable development requires a holistic approach for animal product quality
- Nutrition is of crucial importance for steering the animal product quality
  - Effects on end product and production system
  - Both 'positive' and 'negative' quality (i.e. added value products and food safety, resp.)
- Importance is growing because of
  - increasing awareness of role nutrition in sustainable / social responsible production of animal products
  - Need for product differentiation



# Thank you



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