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CHANGES IN THE MILK AND CHEESE FATTY ACID PROFILE OF EWES FED EXTRUDED LINSEED

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INTRODUCTION

- Oilseeds
 - □ C18:3n-3 and C18:2n-6
 - In ruminant diets increase milk:
 - C18:3n-3 and C18:2 c9, t11 (rumenic acid, RA)
- Previous reports
 - Effects of whole linseed, linseed oil or extruded linseed on milk fatty acid (FA) composition in ewes
- □ Extensive grazing conditions?

INTRODUCTION

- □ Chile (South America)
 - Sheep milk and cheese are gourmet products
 - Increasing demand
 - Diversified market
 - Bioactive foods

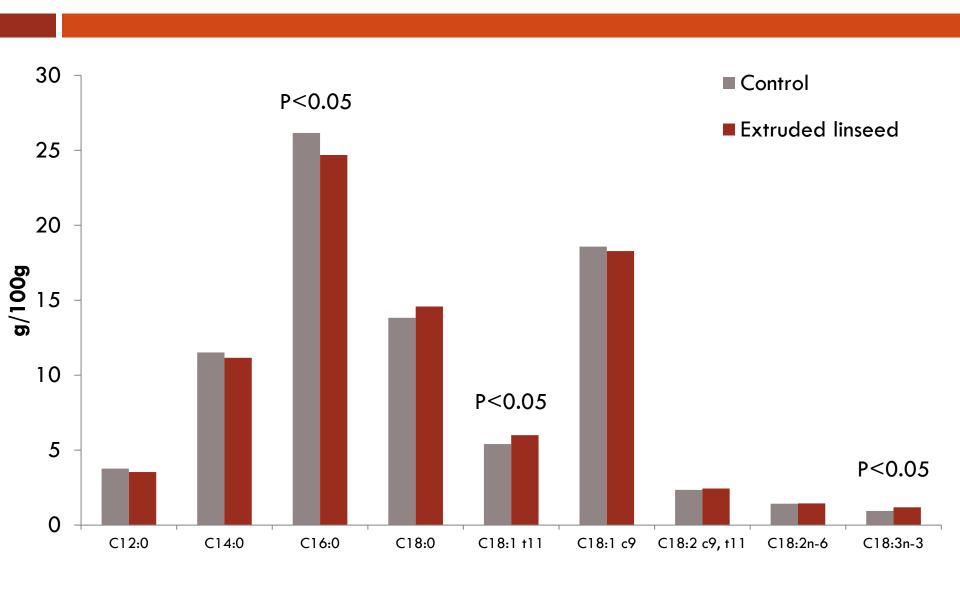
RATIONALE

- Enhance n-3 and RA levels in ewes' milk fat under field conditions (commercial farm) by dietary means (extruded linseed) in a short period of time
- Evaluate the effect of dietary supplementation of extruded linseed on milk and cheese FA profile of ewes under extensive grazing conditions

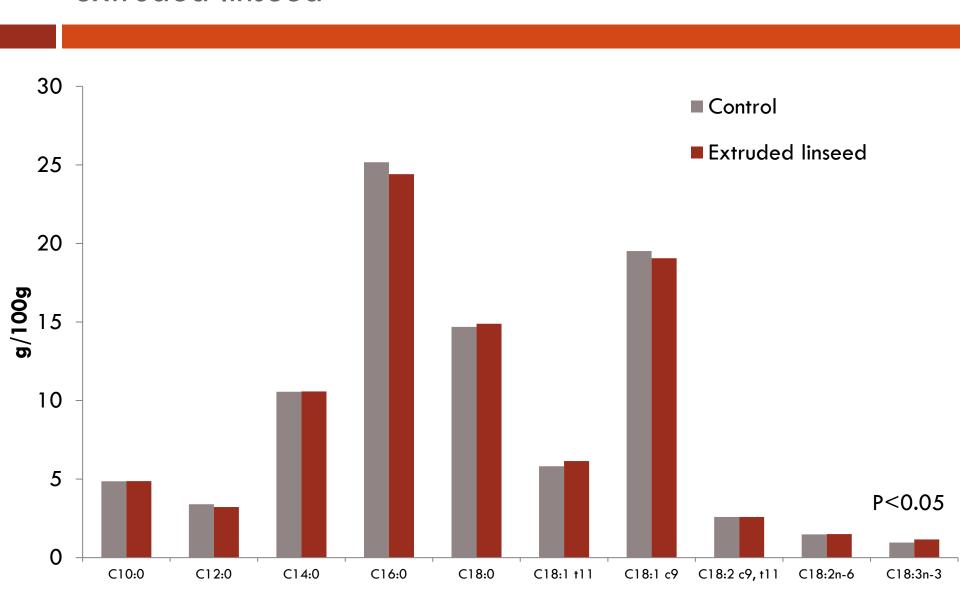
MATERIALS AND METHODS

- □ Lactating ewes (Latxa × Milchaf × Corriedale)
- Extensive grazing conditions
- Milked twice a day
- □ First 6 days (control; TC)
 - □ 50% corn + 50% oats (1000 g/ewe/d)
- □ Day 7 to 20 (extruded linseed; TEL)
 - 25% corn + 25% oats + 50% extruded linseed (1000 g/ewe/day)
- □ From day 21 to 26 the ewes were fed TC

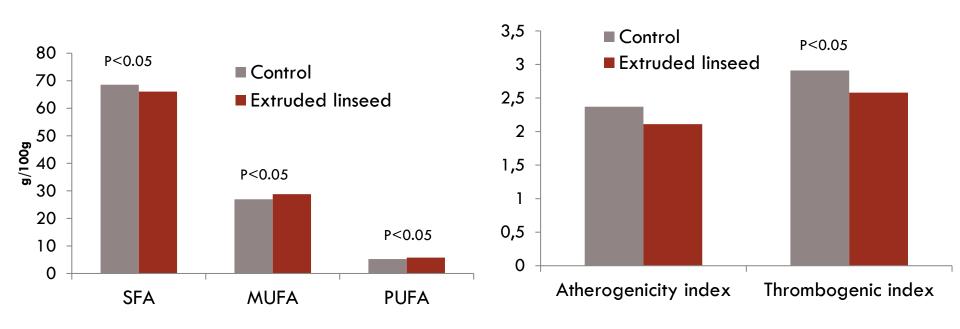
Milk fatty acid profile from ewes supplemented with extruded linseed



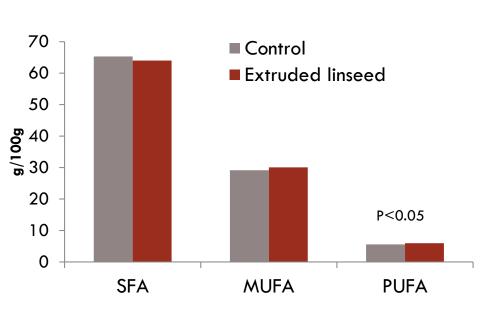
Cheese fatty acid profile from ewes supplemented with extruded linseed

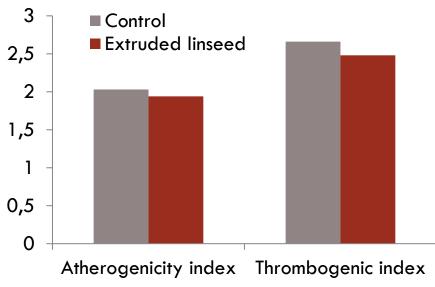


Fatty acid composition in milk from ewes receiving a diet supplemented with extruded linseed

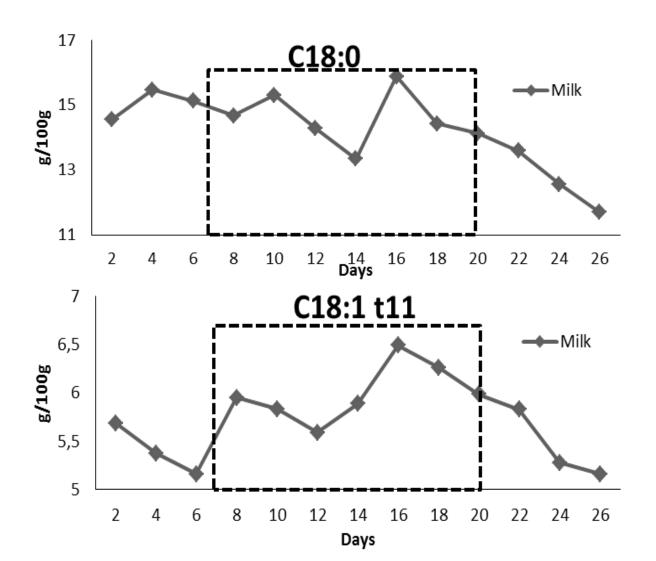


Fatty acid composition in cheese from ewes receiving a diet supplemented with extruded linseed

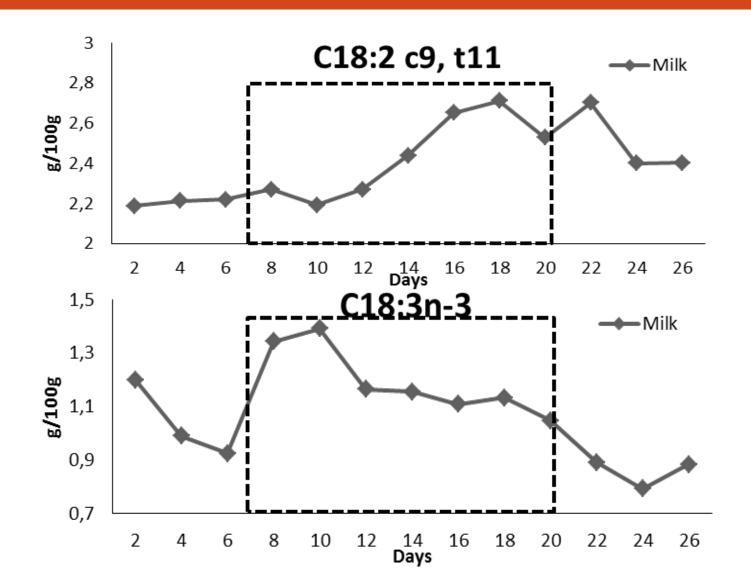




Temporal pattern of C18:0 and C18:1 t11 of milk fat from ewes receiving a diet supplemented with extruded linseed



Temporal pattern of C18:2 c9, t11 and C18:3n-3 of milk fat from ewes receiving a diet supplemented with extruded linseed



CONCLUSIONS

- Supplementation (500 g/ewe/d) of extruded linseed in ewes under grazing conditions increased MUFA and PUFA and decreased SFA and thrombogenic index in milk
- Alternative lipid source supplement that can result in cheeses from ewes with nutritional added value when pastures are scarce or are not actively growing

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