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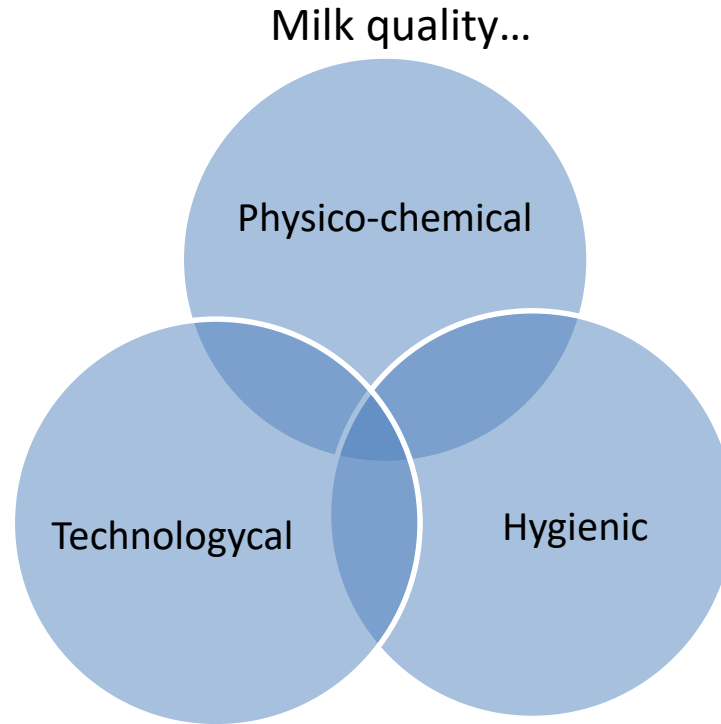
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In memoriam



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Milk quality depends on its origin



Milking parlour



Housings



Feeding



Water

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Vetch silage for feeding sheep

Widespread

Energy and fibre (and protein?) source

Economic

Potential **positive** effects on milk quality

Potential **negative** effects on milk quality (defects on cheeses)



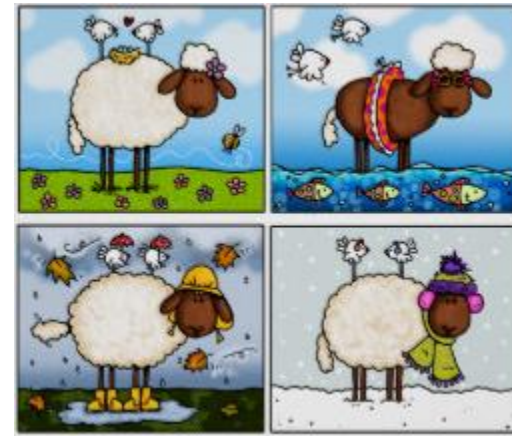
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Objectives

To study the effects of:

- Feeding management (hay or silage as forage)
- Season (winter, spring, summer, autumn)

On sheep milk quality



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20 dairy sheep farms

≠ Forage basis for the rations

10 vetch silage

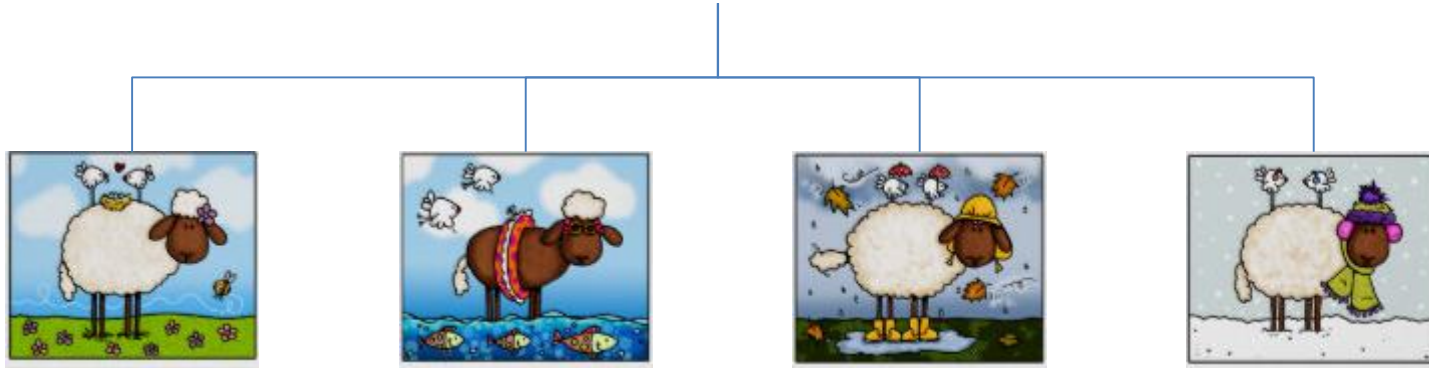


10 vetch or alfalfa hay

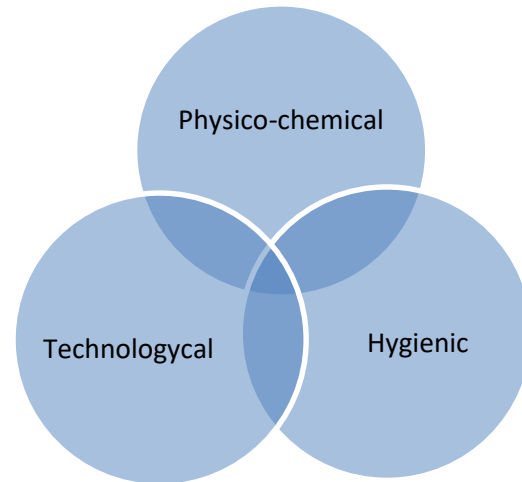


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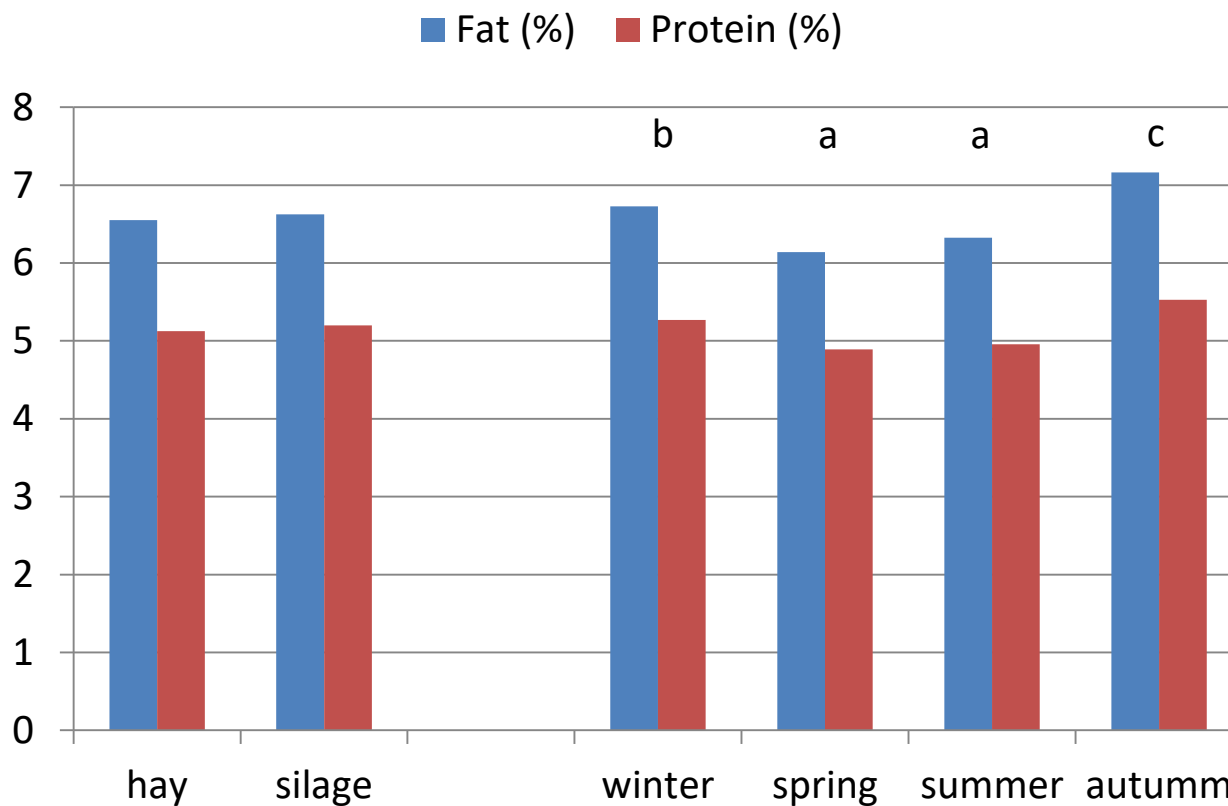


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Physico-chemical parameters



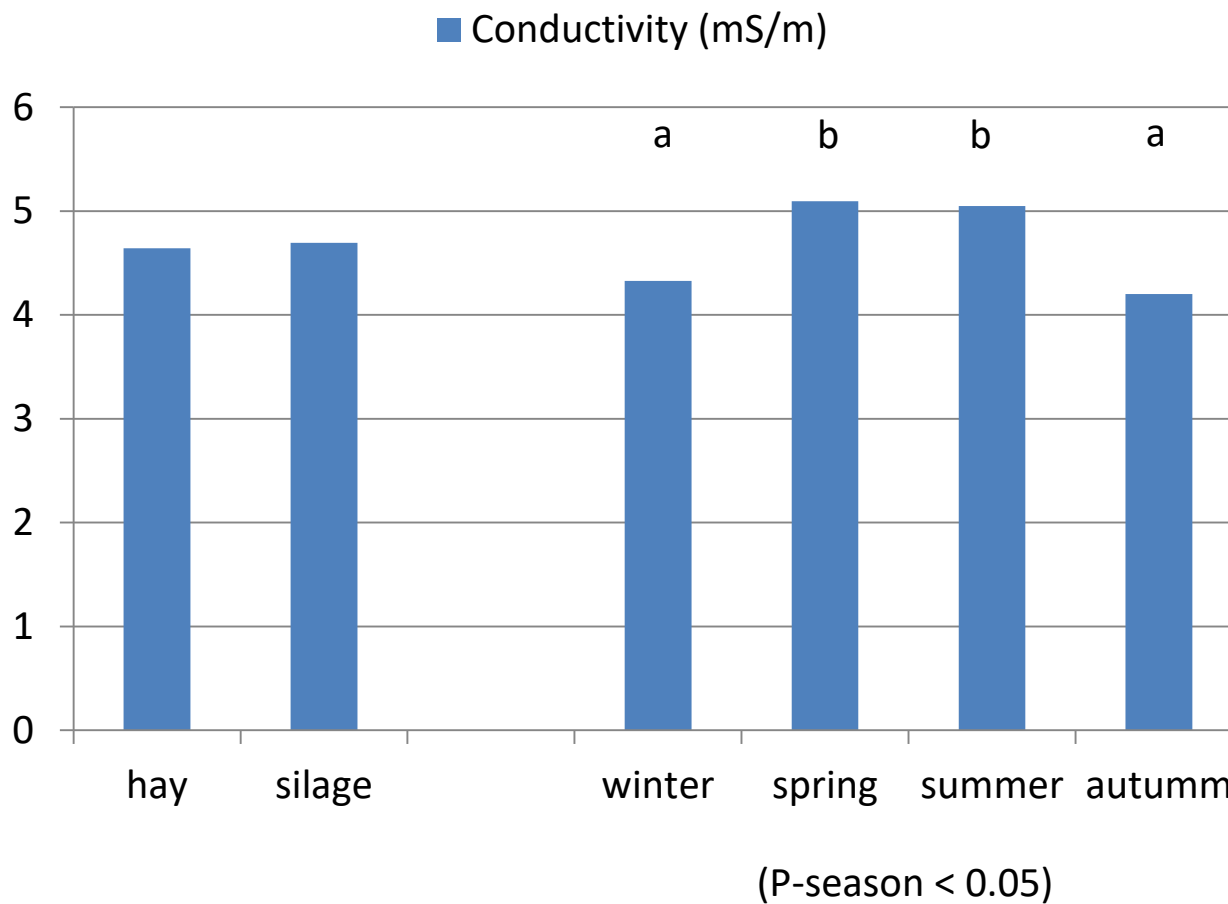
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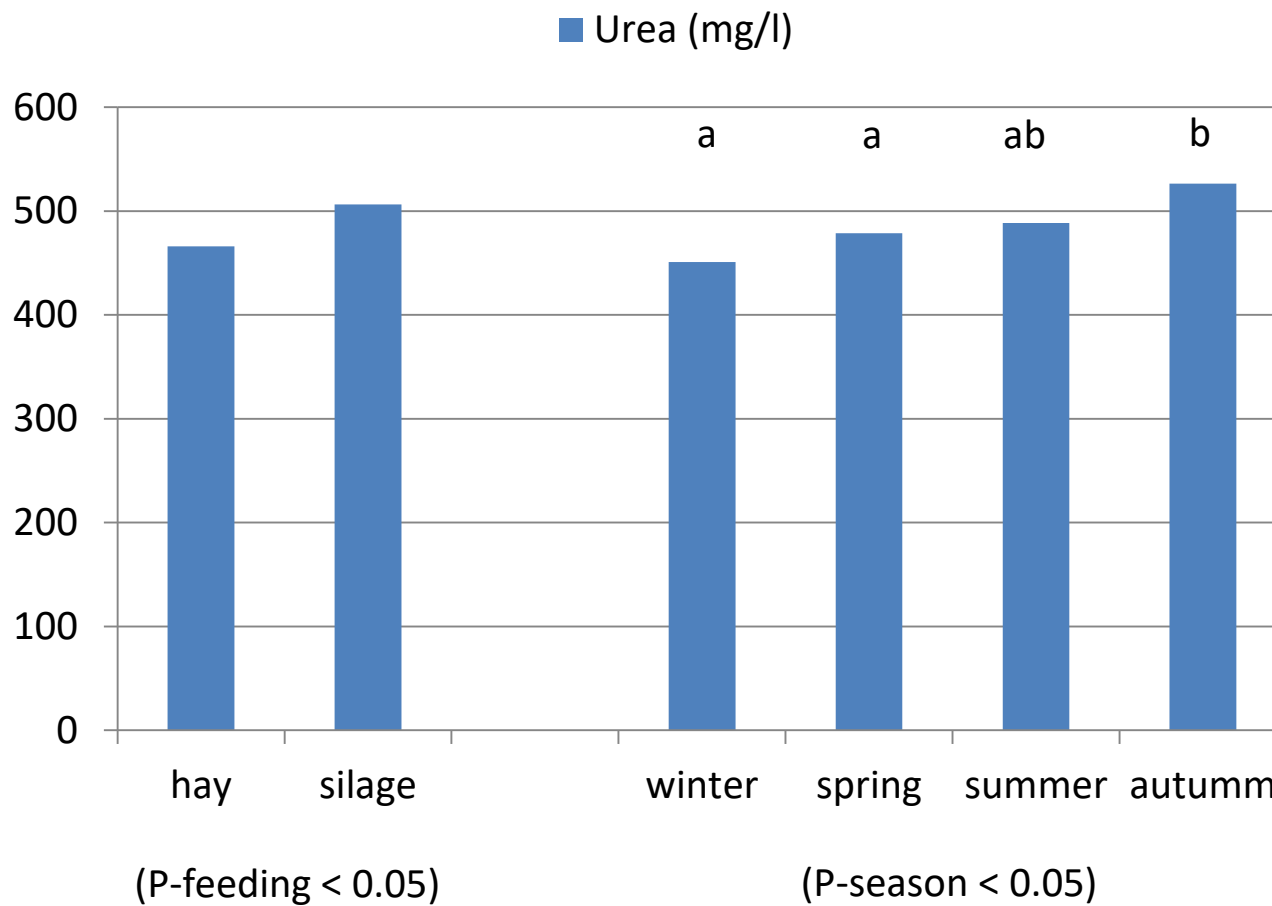


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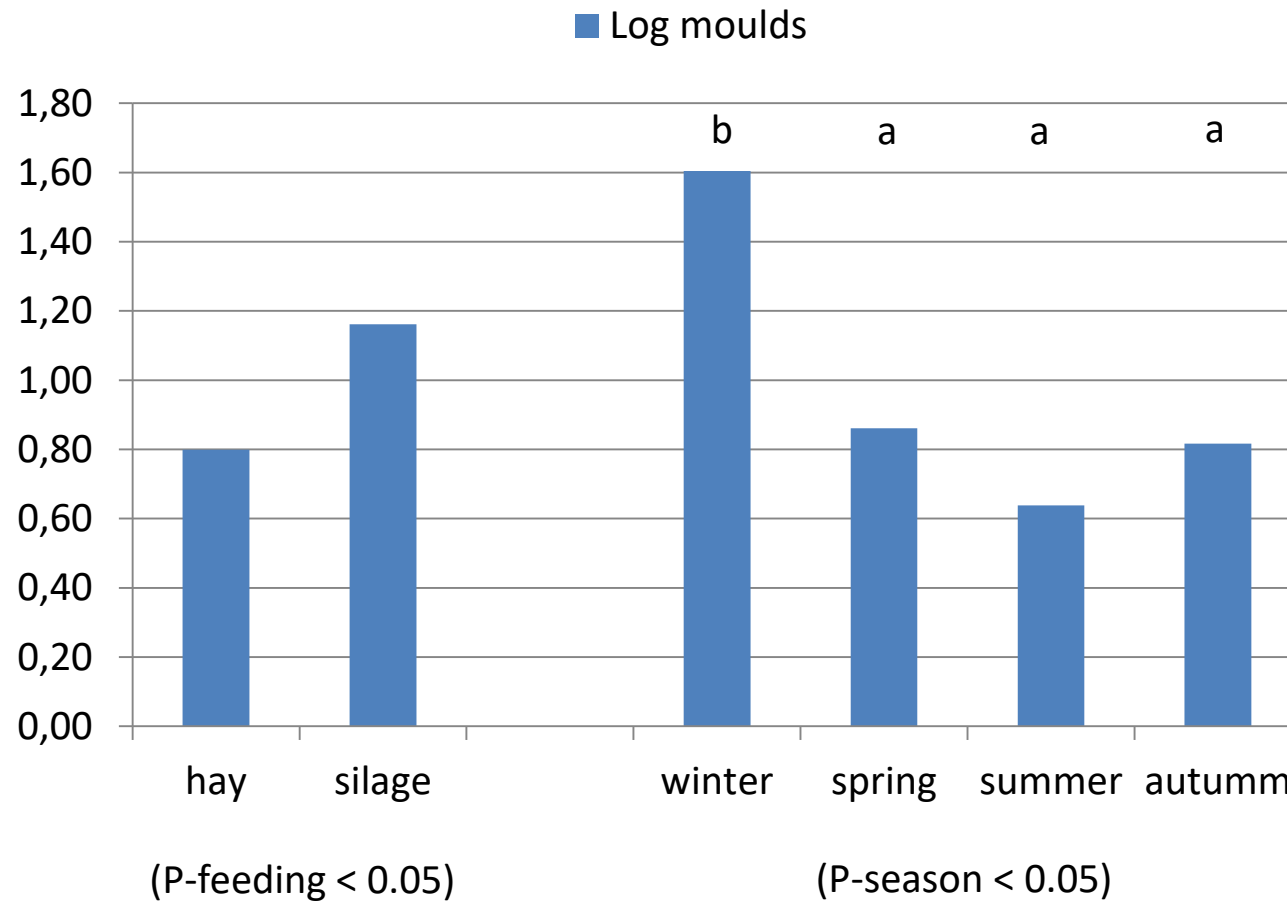
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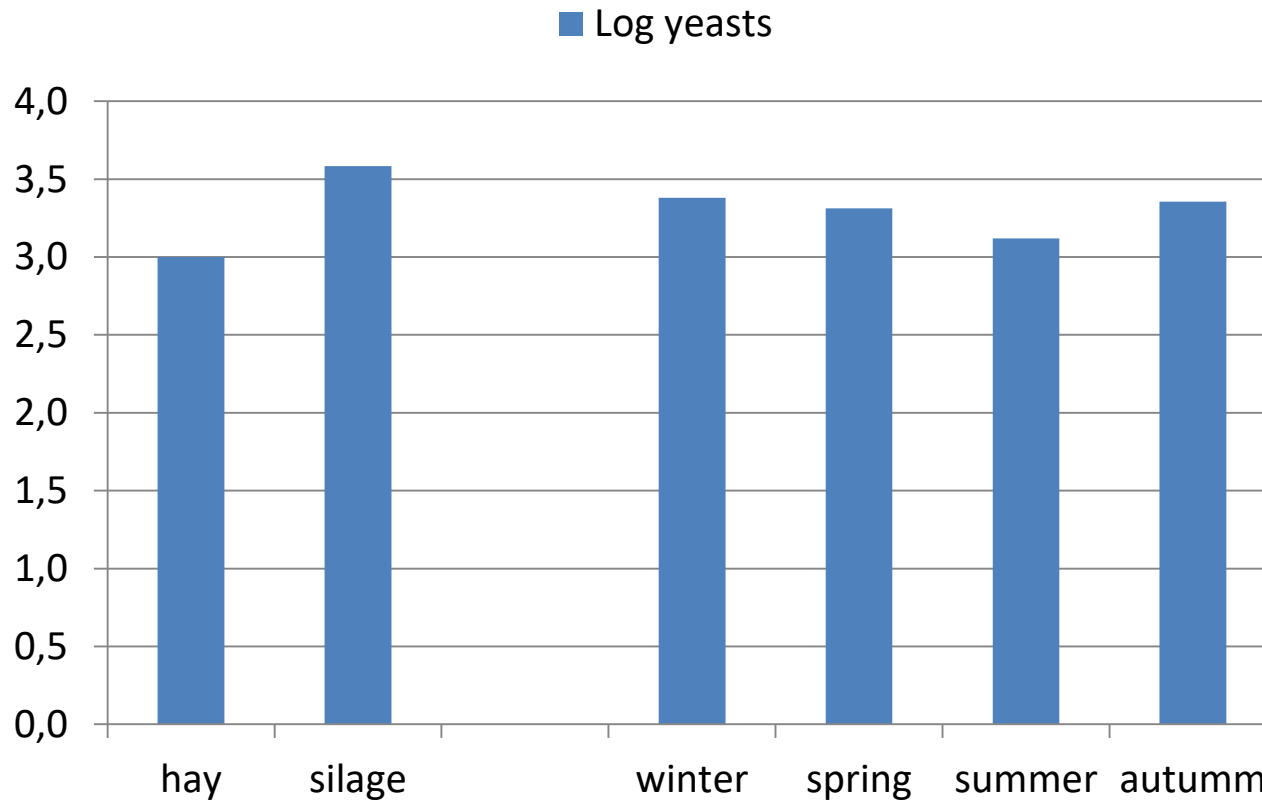
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Hygienic parameters



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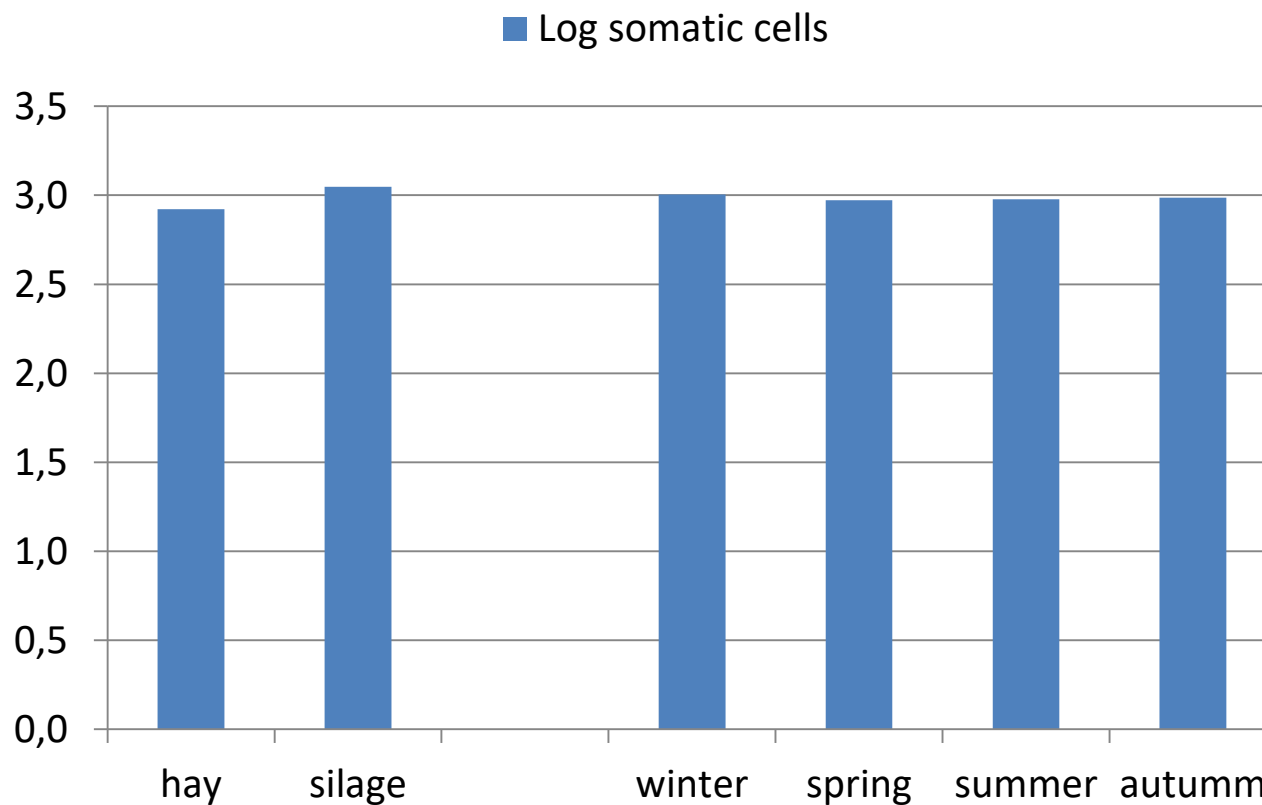
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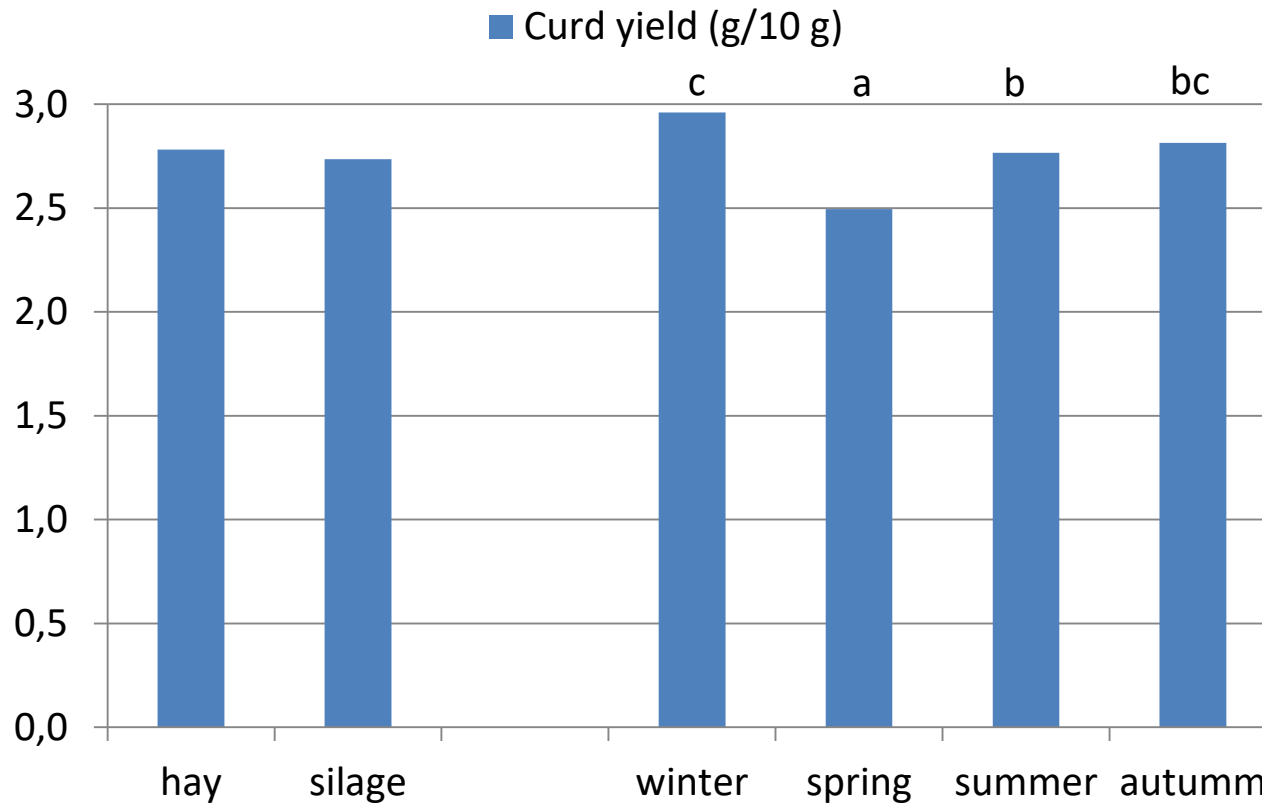
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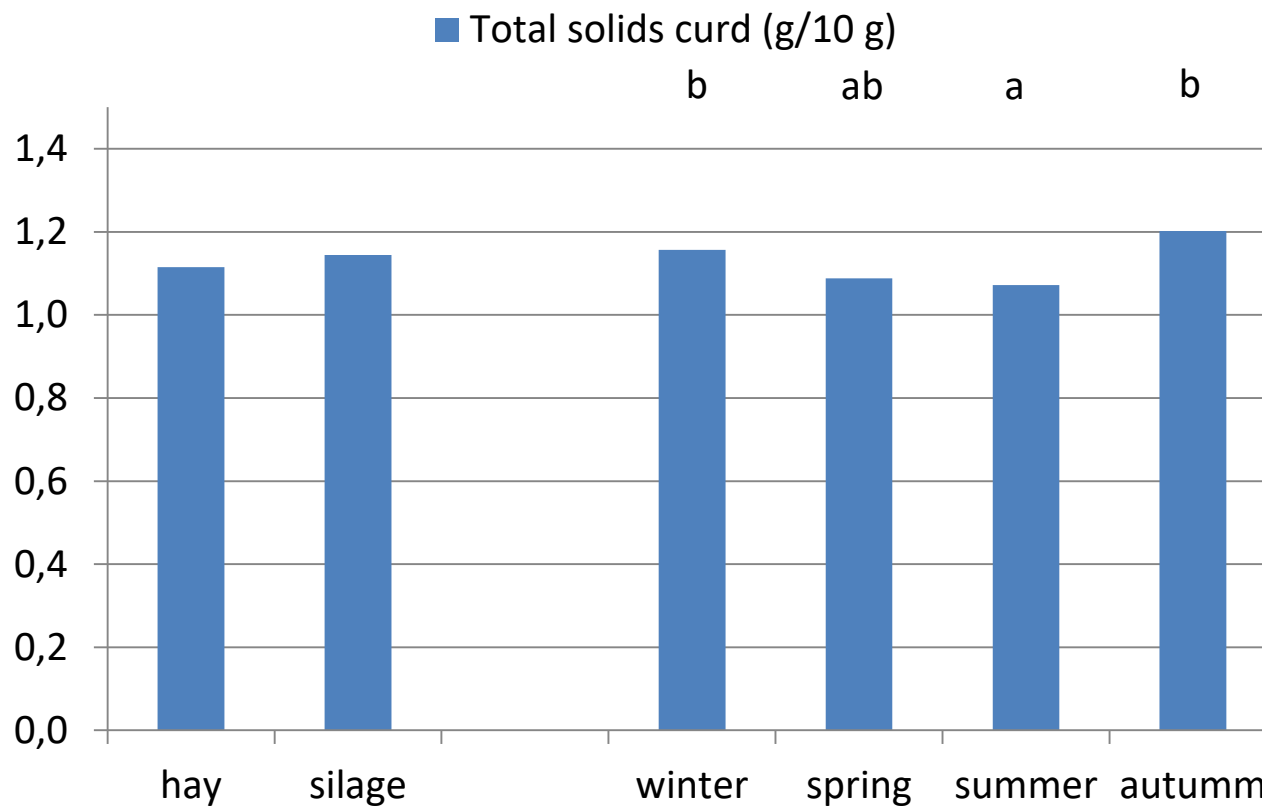
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Technological parameters



(P-season < 0.05)

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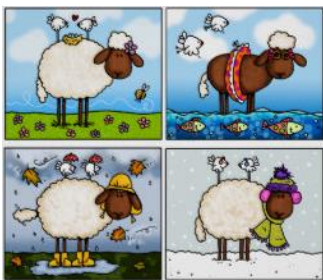


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Conclusion

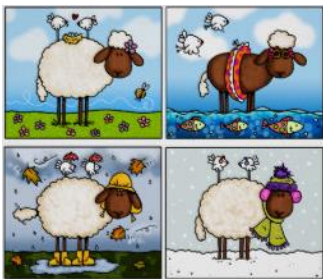
Sheep milk quality:

- Is greatly influenced by season



- May be impaired by the use of silage

(These are partial conclusions of a two years study)



Thanks for your attention



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