The red meat consumer in South Africa: Do we meet the challenge?



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The South African Consumer

- Population of 46 million people
- Majority SA households live in poverty with limited food variety (mainly staples) available in the home

White maize porridge, brown bread, sugar, milk & tea

(NFCS, 1999)

- 30.9 % preschool children stunted (Short for their age)
 vs.
- 56.2% of the adult population overweight or obese (Demographic and Health Survey, 2003)
- Rapid urbanization and acculturation

Double burden of disease often evident within same households, and often even within the same individual



The South African Consumer

The SA population is classified according to LSM (Living standards measure) groups:

- A marketing research tool to gain better understanding of the socio-economic status of individual / group
- SA is segmented into 10 LSM groups (10 being the highest standard and 1 the lowest)
 - LSM is a multi-attribute segmentation tool
 - Based on access to services and durables, and geographic indicators as determinants of standard of living

- LIVING STANDARDS MEASURE -



LSM's are continually revised

2001 LSM®s

Old Variables Retained:

- Electric Stove/Hotplate
- Microwave Oven
- Flush Toilet
- No Domestic Worker
- VCR
- Vacuum Cleaner/Floor Polisher
- Traditional Hut
- 1/more Sedan Car
- Washing Machine
- 10 TV Set
- Home Telephone
- Hi-Fi/Music Centre
- Built-in Kitchen Sink
- 14. Hot Running Water
- 15. Fridge/Freezer

New Variables:

- Deep Freezer
- Water in Home/On Plot
- 3. MNET/DStv Subscription
- Dishwasher
- Electricity
- Sewing Machine
- Gauteng
- Western Cape
- No Cellphone in Household
- 10. PC in Home
- Tumble Dryer
- Less than two Radio Set in Household
- 13. Non-Urban outside GP/WC
- Home Security Service

2011 LSM® Update



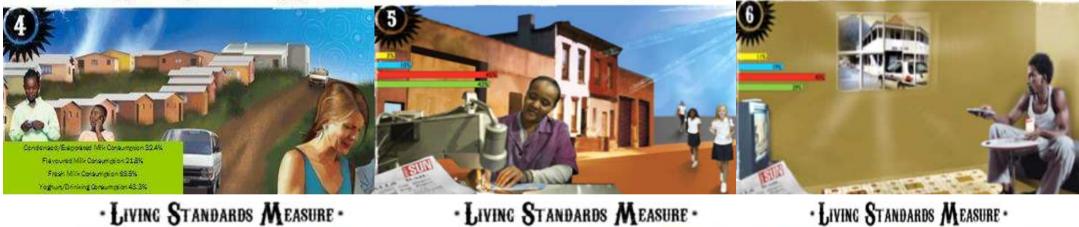
- VCR
- Hi Fi

New Variables (2)

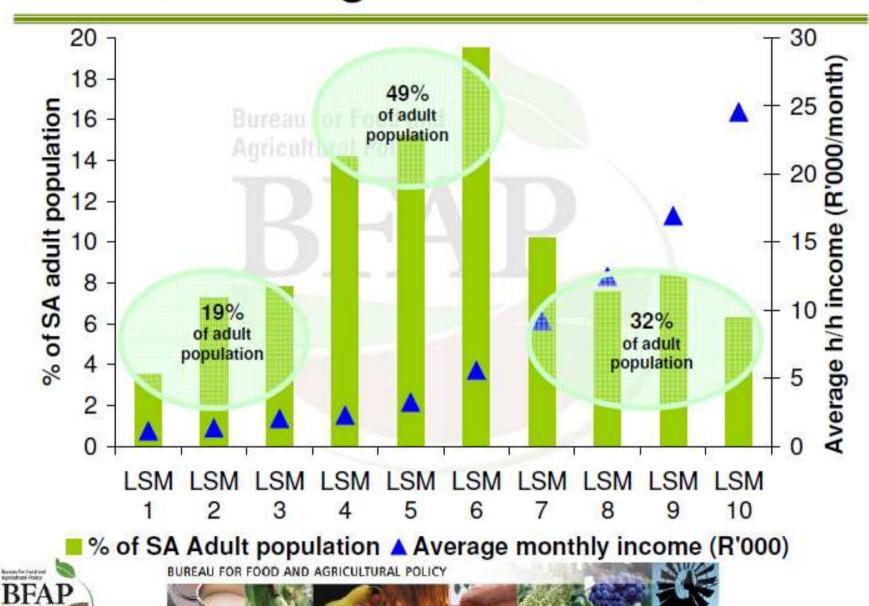
- Air Conditioner
- Swimming Pool

SAARF LSM® Extension



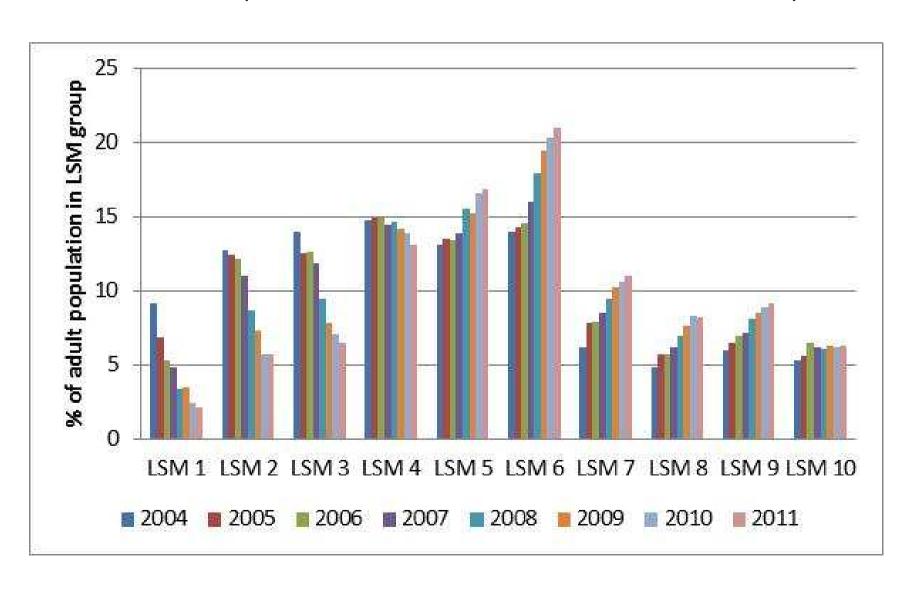


Introducing the SA consumer



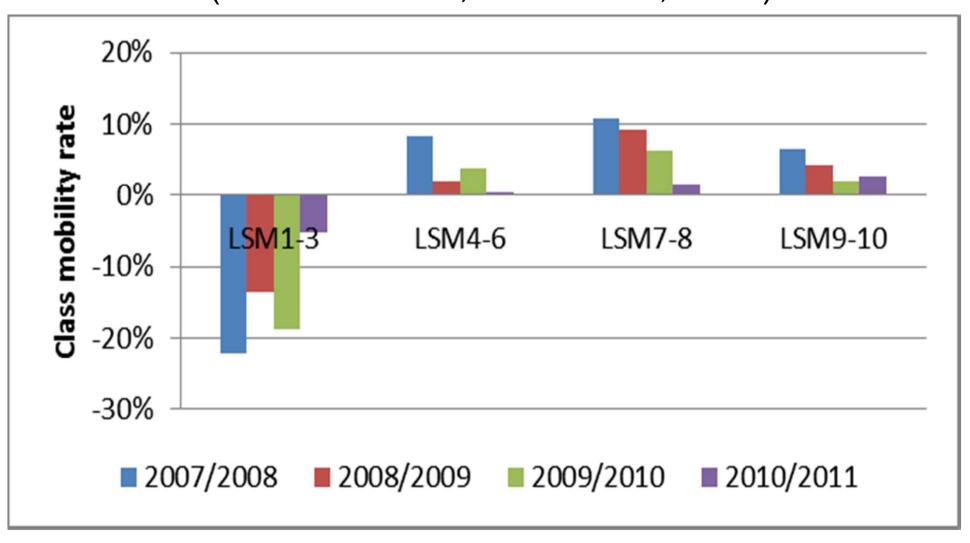
LSM class mobility: All adults

(SAARF AMPS; Vermeulen, 2012)

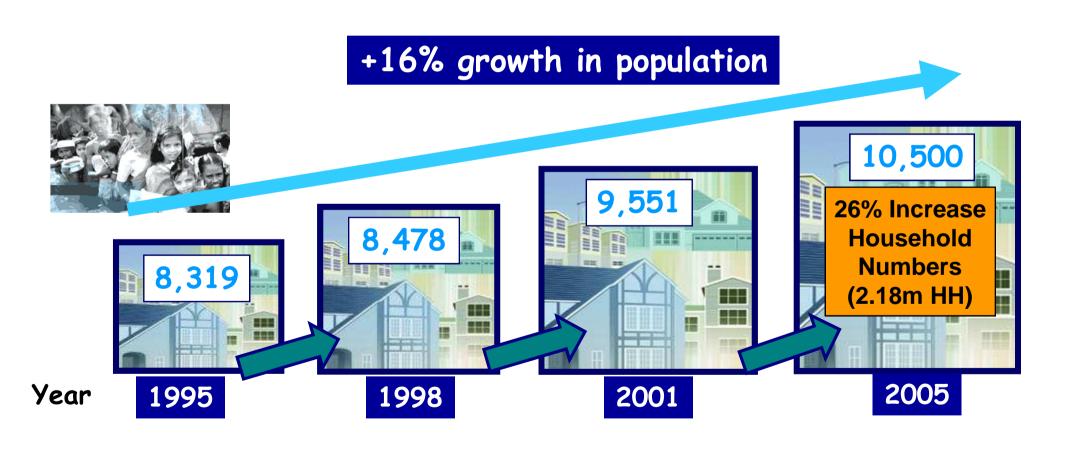


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Household growth exceeds population growth

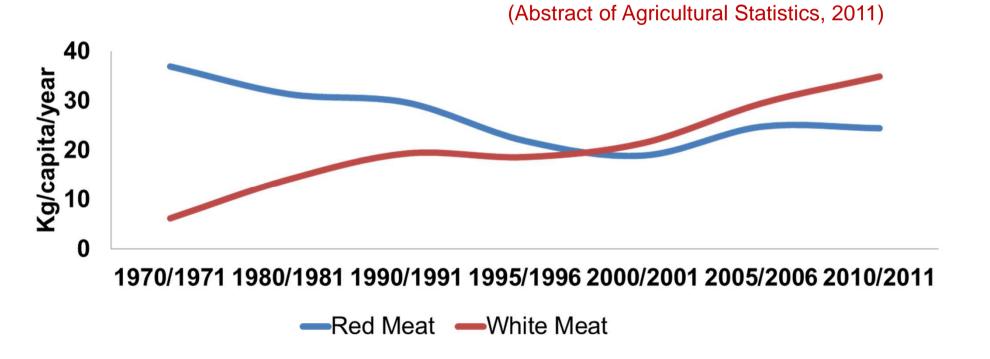


Source: SAARF AMPS

Meat consumption patterns

- Meat is a favourite and popular food in the diet
- However, the popularity of red meat is globally declining in favour of white meat and other non-meat proteins
- SA Consumption (per capita)

Red meat decreased and white meat increased

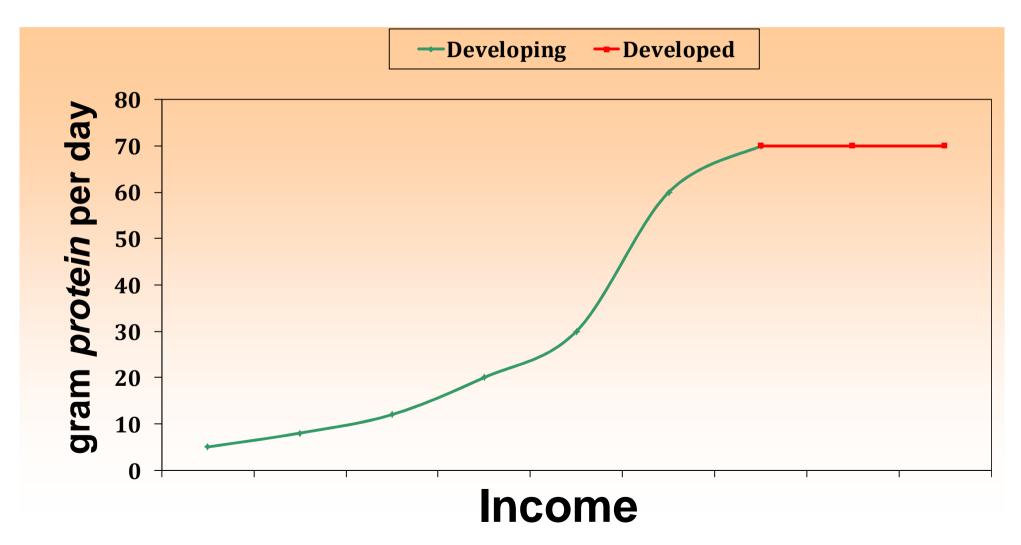


Meat consumption patterns

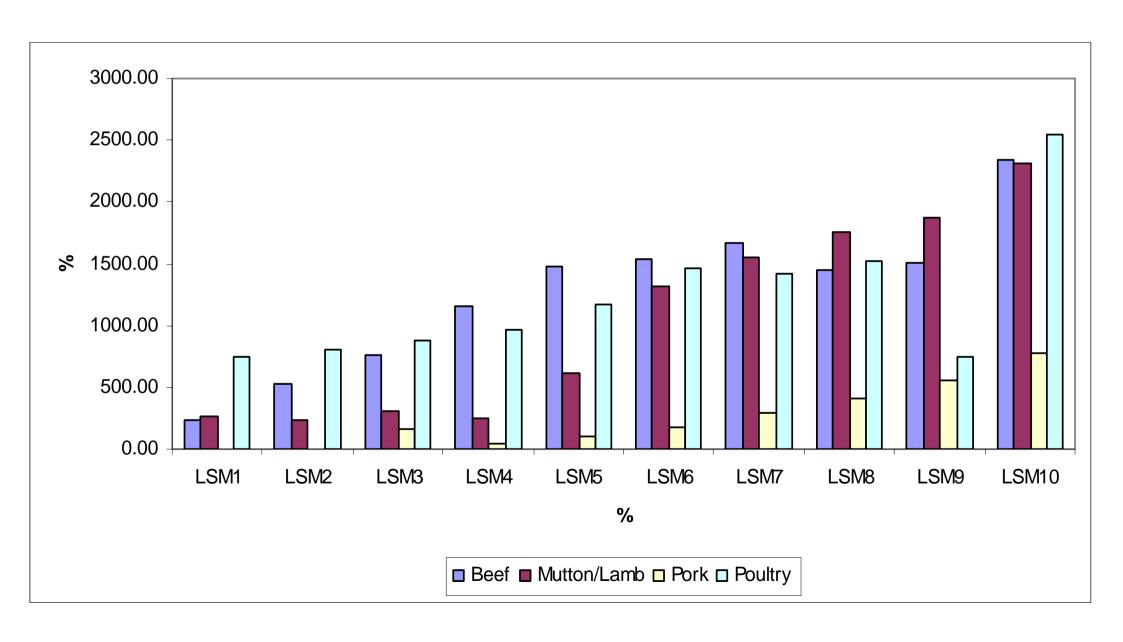
- Price difference contributes to this phenomenon
- Perceived health risk associated with the consumption of products considered to be high in total and saturated fat
- Detrimental effects on health such as increasing cholesterol levels and increasing health risk
- Concern about the link between high saturated animal fat intake and CVD as well as certain types of cancers

Global consumption of meat (developed vs. developing countries)

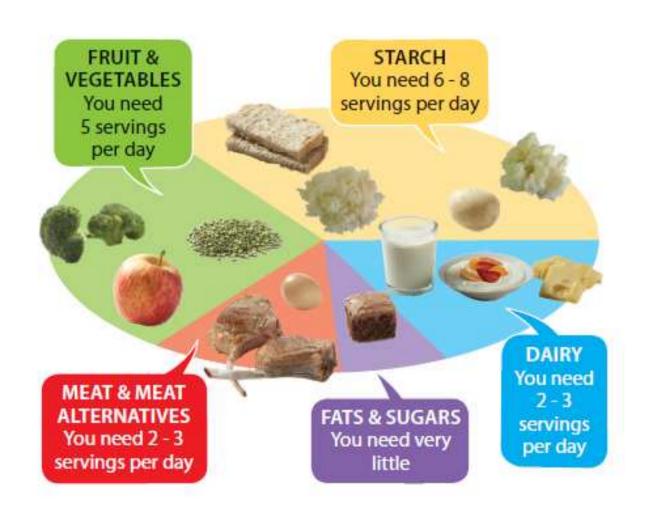
(Valin, 2000)



Estimated total annual cash expenditure on major meat products per household per LSM group (2005)



A healthy balanced diet



SOURCES OF PROTEIN (USDA, 2007)

	One Serving	Protein amount (g)		
Meat	85g beef, lean cooked	28		
	85g chicken, cooked	26		
Legumes	172g (1 cup) cooked soybeans	29		
	196g (1 cup) boiled split peas	16		
	1cup (256g) red kidney beans	13		
Dairy	245 g (1 cup) milk	8		
	28 g Cheddar cheese	7		
	30g low fat cottage cheese	4		
	185g (1 cup) white rice	15		
Starch & cereals	219g (1 cup) oat bran	7		
	25g (1 slice) whole wheat bread	3		
Veg & Fruit	180g (1 cup) spinach	5		
	1 (118g) banana	1		

HOW MUCH PROTEIN DO WE NEED?

WHO Technical Report (2007) g protein / kg body weight				
Adults	0.66			
Infants 1yr	1.14			
Child 10yrs	0.91			

Requirement does not consider ethnicity, age, gender, physical activity or status of health







HOW MUCH DO WE NEED?

- An obese individual, in a first world country
 - Uses protein as energy source after reaching req prot intake
- An undernourished individual,in a developing country
 - Livelihood depends on survival through physical work
 - Animal sources are considered sign of affluence, not a food source
 - Cereal based diets, supplemented with plants
 - Availability of nutrients?





PROTEIN CONTENT: WESTERN DIET

(Hungry Planet)



BALANCED WESTERN DIET



PROTEIN CONTENT: DEVELOPING COUNTRY DIET

Marginal daily intake of South Africa's lowest income consumers



- 532 g maize meal porridge (stiff + crumble)
- 150g brown bread
- 56ml milk
- 22g sugar

PROTEIN CONTENT: DEVELOPING COUNTRY DIET



Brown bread 13.5g Milk 1.85g Maize meal 14.4g Sugar 0g

Total protein in <u>daily</u> intake: 29.7g Less than one meal in balanced western diet

South Africa Consumption vs. Recommendations

Recommendation

- National Food-based Dietary Guidelines:
 560g meat per person per week
 - = 80g per day
- South Africans often scrutinized for eating to much meat
 - No nationally representative food consumption survey

South Africa Consumption vs. Recommendations

National Consumption based on various studies (Steyn et al., 2006)

Food group		Summarised data from combined databases		
		Children 1-5y	Adults & Children 10+years	
Meat ^a		45	86	
Fish, seafood	g/day	7	12	
Eggs		10	15	

^a Value includes consumption of red and white meat, meat products and offal

South Africa Consumption vs. Recommendations

Abstract of Agricultural Statistics, 2012*

Species	Raw carcass product / capita / year (kg)*	Raw meat / capita / day (g)	Yield factor# (edible part) (Cooking loss, bone, waste)	Actual cons cooked pro (g)		
Beef + veal	17.07	46.77	±0.60	28.06	Red 39	
Pork	4.6	12.60	±0.60	7.56	ြန္တ	
Sheep + goat	2.9	7.95	±0.50	3.98	eat g	
White meat	34.91	95.64	±0.40	38.26		
Total Meat		162.96		77.86		

*BFE, 2002

Constraints to data

Agricultural Production Statistics based on raw production, not actual consumption. Need to incorporate waste = Cooking loss, bone, plate loss, trimming etc.

The South African red meat consumer

Changes over time

- Increasing living standards
- Increase in household numbers, but decrease in people per household
- Increased prevalence of food trends
 - General trend towards white meat
 - Decreased intake of animal fats

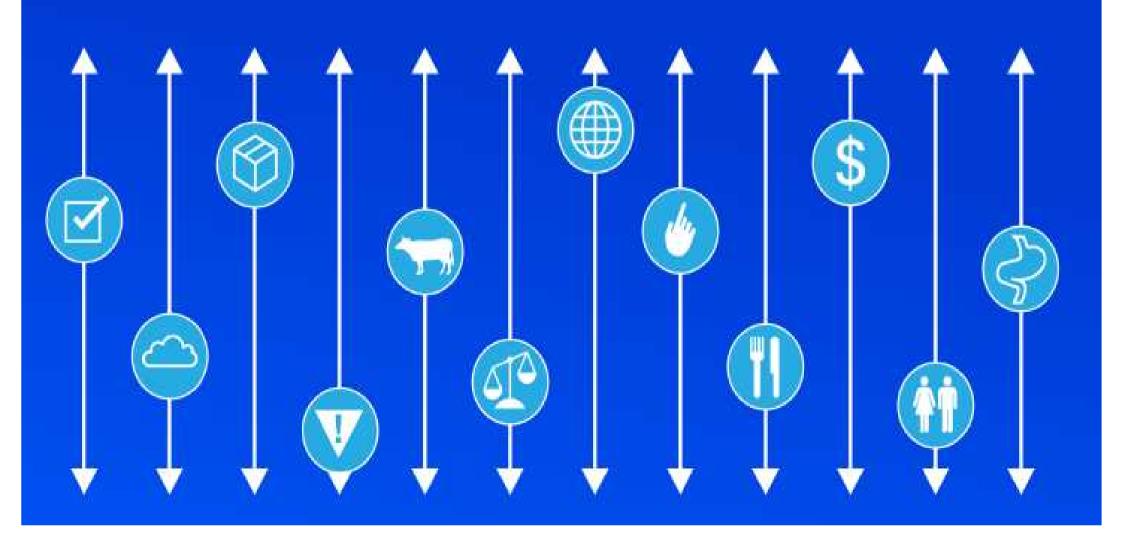
Top 10 Consumer Trend prediction for 2012

(Innova Market Insights)

- 1. Pure is the new Natural
- 2. Green is a given (Sustainability)
- 3. Location, location, location (traceability)
- 4. Premium stands out (premium or discount)
- 5. Senior draws attention (needs of an aging population)
- 6. 40 is the new 20 (successful aging)
- 7. Grounded in Science (Science based)
- 8. Regulators force a rethink (Legislation)
- 9. Immeasurable niches (Social networks, small groups & individuals)
- 10. Boom for protein

Historic Approach

International trends

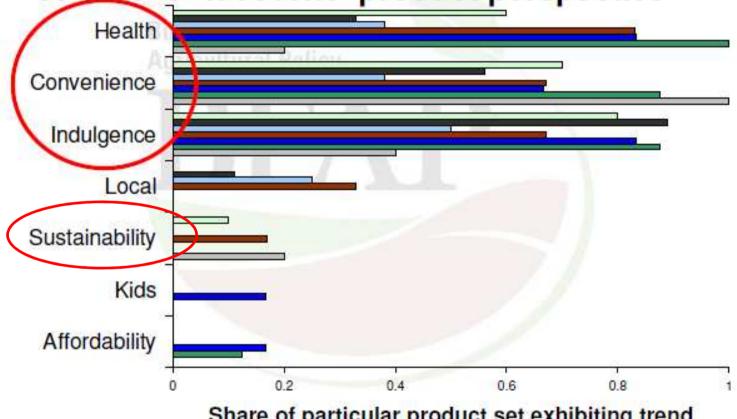


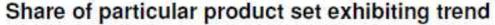
Emerging Nutrition Affairs Paradigm

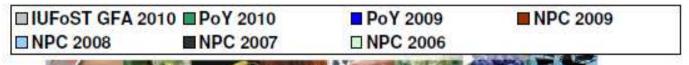
Environment Production Nutrition Safety Health **Animal** Labor **Ethics** Cost Culture Hunger **Accessibility**

South African food trends (1)

Global trends reflected in the SA food sector A 'new' & 'favourite' product perspective



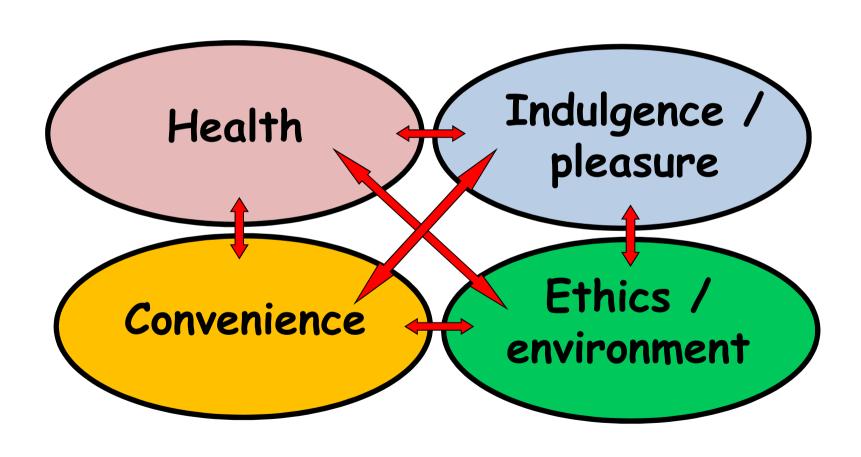






International consumer food trends

Overlap:



Trend 1: Health

Prominent dimensions:

- General wellbeing
- Dieting
- Bioavailability
- Specific health issues
- Supplements

Reflected in...

- Natural
- Functional promises (natural & 'plus' claims)
- 'Minus' claims















Trend 2: Convenience

- Time-pressed consumers
- Usually combined with health and/or indulgence

Prominent dimensions:

- Ready-meals
- Fragmented eating
- Children nutrition

Reflected in ...

- Product innovation
- Packaging innovation
- Distribution innovation









Trend 3: Indulgence

Excitement, diversity, sophistication

Prominent dimensions:

- Product presentation
- Taste, flavour
- Culture foods
- Ethnic foods

Reflected in ...

- Product & packaging
- Labeling
- Novel ingredients –wild and underutilized foods
- Novel combinations
- Texture
- 'Culture' foods







Trend 4: Going 'green'

- Environmental sustainability
- Social sustainability
- Less important globally
- For example:
 - ✓ Organic
 - √ Free range
 - √ Fair trade
 - √ Food miles
 - **✓** Carbon footprint
 - **✓** Biodiversity

Reflected in ...

- Local
- Seasonal
- Traditional
- Credence values





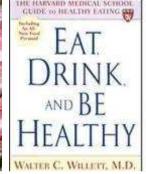




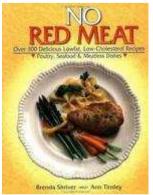
EDUCATING THE CONSUMER

- Consumers are uncertain about who and what to believe regarding diet
- Media exposure mixed messages
- General belief amongst consumers that:
 - Red meat contributes towards obesity and other lifestyle diseases
 - Red meats are difficult to prepare & inconvenient
 - The red meat industry is not environmentally friendly











Red meat linked to breast cancer

April 4, 2007

Eating even small amounts of red meat can greatly increase a woman's risk of bre according to a study published today.



FIGHT THE FAT . GO VEG PETA OF Q. UK



RECOMMENDATIONS

BODY FATNESS

Be as lean as possible within the normal range of body weight

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Be physically active as part of everyday life

FOODS AND DRINKS THAT PROMOTE WEIGHT GAIN

Limit consumption of energy-dense foods Avoid sugary drinks

PLANT FOODS

Eat mostly foods of plant origin

ANIMAL FOODS

Limit intake of red meat and avoid processed meat

ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

Limit alcoholic drinks

PRESERVATION, PROCESSING, PREPARATION

Limit consumption of salt Avoid mouldy cereals (grains) or pulses (legumes)

DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Aim to meet nutritional needs through diet alone









Meat Is Toxic

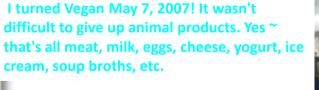
Avoid the Flu.

Go Vegetarian!

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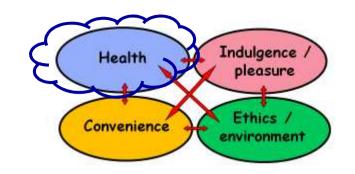
I turned Vegan May 7, 2007! It wasn't difficult to give up animal products. Yes ~ cream, soup broths, etc.

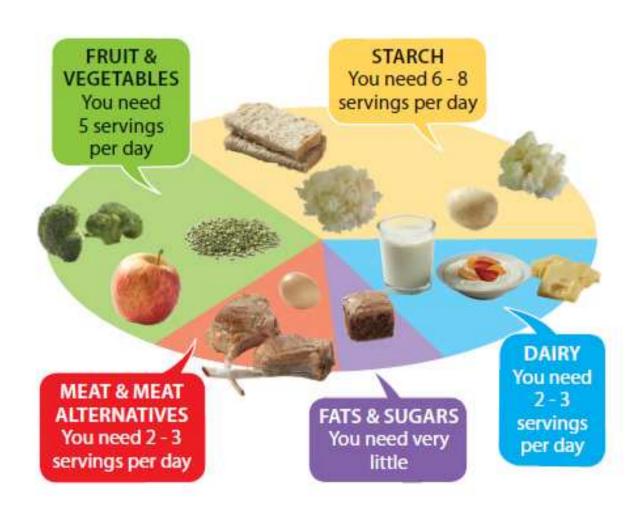
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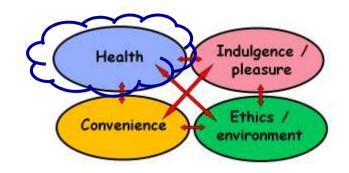


Red meat as part of a healthy, balanced diet





Red meat as part of a healthy, balanced diet



- In terms of the South Africa population:
 - Obesity:
 - 56.2% of the adult population overweight or obese
 - 9.3% of children (Demographic and Health Survey, 2003)
 - Undernutrition
 - 30.9 % preschool children stunted (Short for their age)
 - 1/2 children consume ≤ half the RDA for vit A, vit B2, B3, B6, folic acid, calcium, iron & zinc

(NFCS, 1999)

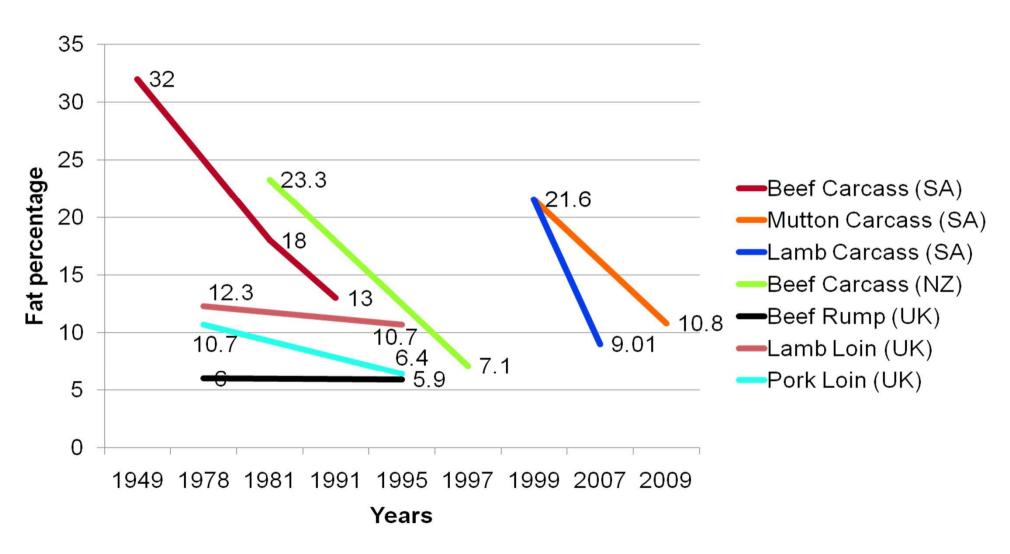
- Poor Vit A status: 2/3 children &1/4 women
- Poor iron status: 1/7 children &1/5 women
- Inadequate zinc status: 45% of children

(NFCS, 2005)





Global decreases in fat content of meats observed over time

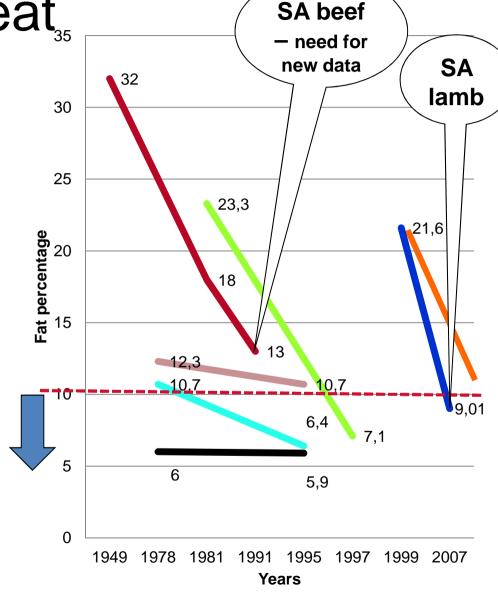


Implication of reduction in fat content of red meat,

The Heart Foundation and Cancer Foundation states that the fat content of food products consumed should be less than 10%

The implication:

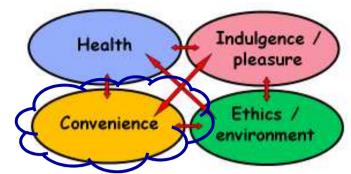
Many meats, according to recent composition data, in fact lies within the recommended fat range Due to breeding, slaughtering and preparation



In terms of *undernutrition*: Red meat is a nutrient dense food

- Meat is an excellent source of protein containing all the essential amino acids
- Good source of many vitamins & minerals
 e.g. iron, zinc and the B-vitamins
- In leaner meat the nutrient content is higher, as fat dilutes the nutrients in the protein matrix
- With the high prevalence of nutritional deficiencies, the higher percentage of nutrients in lean red meat, increases the positive health image due to consumption

Red meat as part of a convenient lifestyle



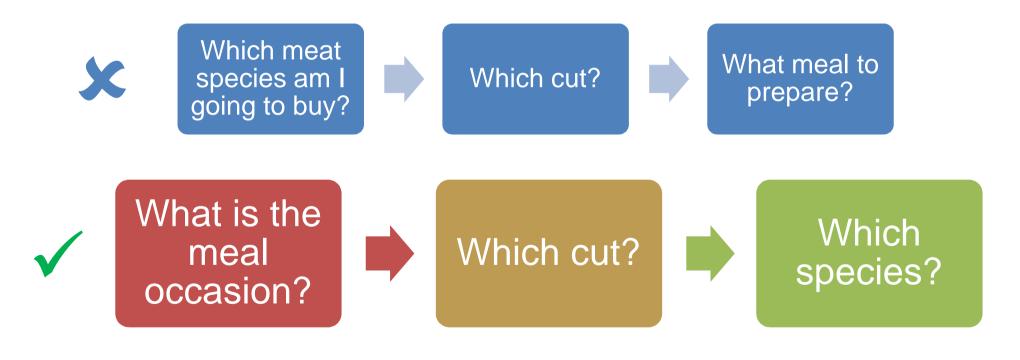


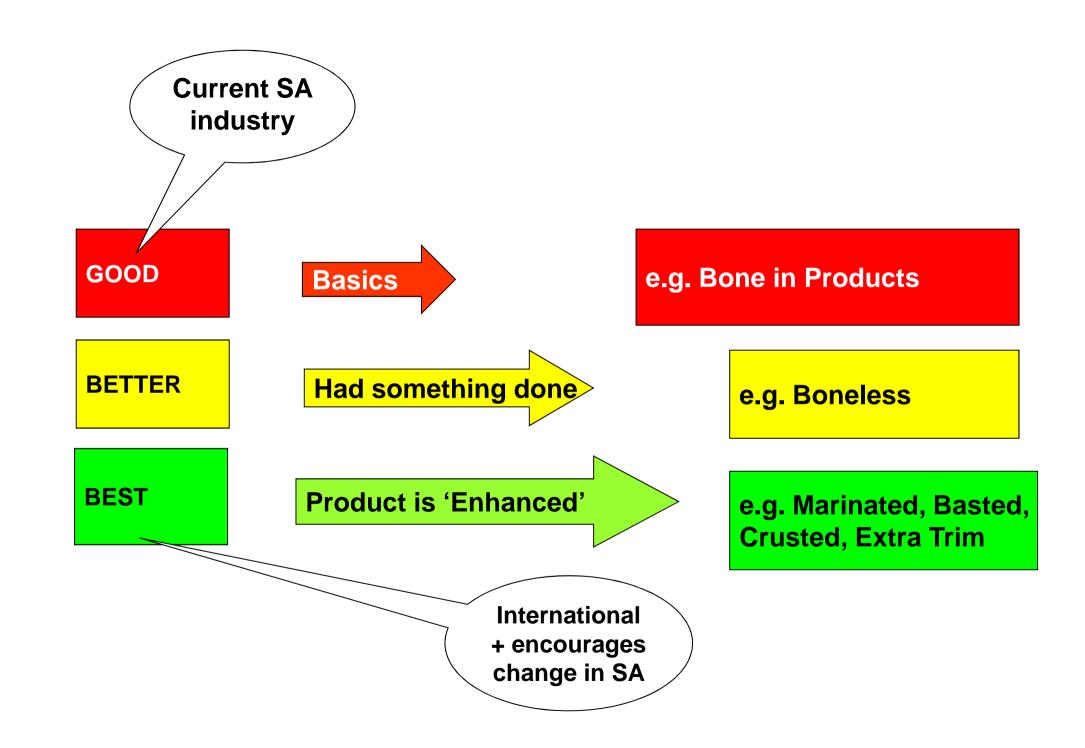
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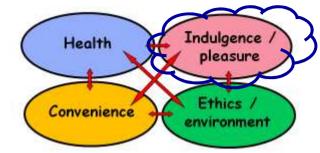
Red meat as part of a convenient lifestyle

Meat species is rarely the main driver of purchase





Red meat as an indulgence / pleasure





Red meat as an indulgence / pleasure

Increased consumer trend towards:

- Sense of simplicity
 - Back-to-basics is becoming an indulgence
 - Natural ingredients
 - Clean label foods
 - More natural ingredients
 - Continue to cook at home
- Authenticity & region specific
 - Not just enough to regionally position, but also based on ingredients from that region
- Increased trend for new and exotic flavors



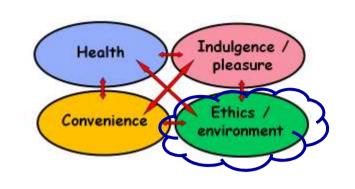
Indulgence



- Hand made
- Raw added value
- Stuffed & marinades
- Extra matured
- Special occasion
- Treat



Red meat as a ethical choice



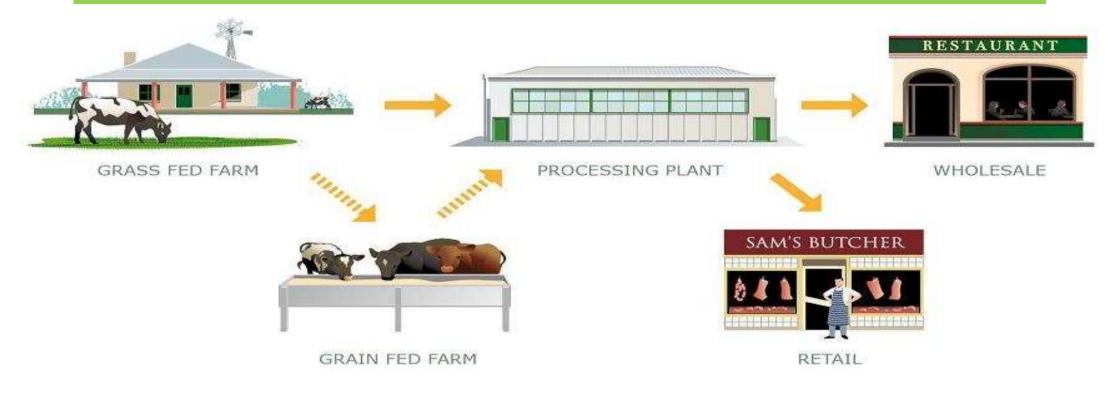


Red meat as a ethical choice

People are increasingly becoming nostalgic about simpler times & remain environmentally conscious

- Not yet as prominent in SA as the other trends
- Sustainable gather-systems
 - Locally sourced
 - More sustainable
 - Fairly traded
 - Carbon footprints
- "Free from"
- Naturally produced
- Hormone free linked to health trend
- Limited industry involvement in terms of ethics

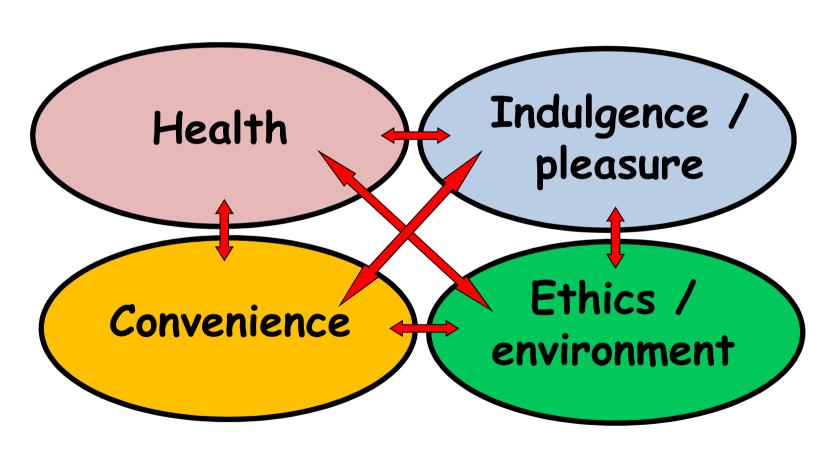
AIM: LOWEST POSSIBLE CARBON FOOTPRINT



- > >80% of SA lamb and mutton are exclusively grass fed and roam free
- >60% of SA beef are produced on natural or cultivated pastures

South African red meat:

A healthy option to satisfy the needs of the modern consumer



Thank you



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