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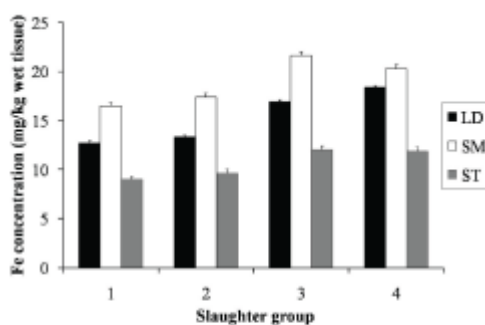


Figure 1. The effect of muscle type and animal age on muscle Fe level. Slaughter group 1 = 4 months, slaughter group 2 = 8 months, slaughter group 3 = 14 months, slaughter group 4 = 20 months; LD = longissimus dorsi, SM = semimembranosus, ST = semitendinosus.

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Table 1. Mean live weight change, daily dry matter intake (DMI) and water intake (WI) of sheep housed in a cool room (20 °C) or a hot room (40 °C during the day and 30 °C during the night) and offered drinking water at 20 °C, 30 °C or 40 °C (Savage et al., 2008b).

		Cool room			Hot room			SED	Room	Water	Room × water
		20 °C	30 °C	40 °C	20 °C	30 °C	40 °C				
Liveweight change	(kg)	-0.9	-1.7	-1.2	0.2	-0.4	-1.2	0.9	0.38	0.69	0.92
DMI	(g/d)	1515 ^{ab}	1620 ^a	1475 ^{ab}	1096 ^c	1211 ^{bc}	1073 ^c	156	<0.01	0.68	0.97
WI	(ml/d)	5237 ^a	5822 ^a	5575 ^a	6591 ^b	8491 ^{bc}	9913 ^c	1121	<0.01	0.41	0.52

^{ab}Means within rows with common superscripts are not significantly different ($P > 0.05$).

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