

# Contribution to the Assessment of Suitability to Cheese Processing of Milk of Some Bovine Breeds (Prim'holstein, Montbeliarde, Flechvieh, Brown of Atlas) in the Region of Algiers

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**Abstract:** In order to reduce the import bill for milk, the government has opted to import dairy cows known for their high milk performance. The objective of the study is to evaluate the performance of these breeds in their new environment by comparing some chemical characteristics of the raw milk and the corresponding curd, as well as those of the brown Atlas present in the same farm. Then, evaluate recovery rates of Total Dry Extract (TSE) and Fat (MG) as well as ash in the curd. In this study, we looked at a dairy cattle farm in Algiers. It contains the aforementioned races. The selected heads were at the same number and stage of lactation. They received the same food. Our results show that Atlas Brown cows produce significantly higher fat and EST milk. That the curd of the Prim'Holstein cows and the Atlas Brown is richer in MG. That the Montbéliarde cows produce a milk with a ratio MG / Proteins of the most interesting curd, which translates into a good consistency of the curd. This ratio predisposes this breed to a better cheese processing ability.

**Keywords:** Cattle breeds, brown of Atlas, aptitude, milk, curdled.

## 1. Introduction

The characteristics of fresh cheese depend in part on the physico-chemical and bacteriological characteristics of the milks used in its manufacture [12].

These characteristics are of particular importance, especially when cheeses are made from small quantities of milk derived from a single herd in the case of farm products [1]. The objective of this study is divided into two parts. The first is to characterize and compare some chemical characteristics of the raw milk and the corresponding curd of the four races studied. The second is to evaluate the recovery rates in the curd of some chemical parameters (Fat, Dry Matter, Ash). In order to achieve our objectives, we were interested in the manufacture of fresh cheese from the individual milks obtained from a single operation for optimal control of the identical experimental conditions throughout the study period [7]. This operation consists of three breeds of imported cows recognized for their milk

potential. These are the Prim'Holstein, the Montbéliarde and the Fleckvieh as well as the brown breed of the Atlas.

## 2. Materiel and Methods

### 2.1. Presentation of the exploitation

The farm in which the study was conducted consisted of fifty-three (53) dairy cows. It is located in LARBAA (25 km southeast of Algiers). The method of breeding is semi-intensive for Prim'Holshtein, Montbéliarde and Fleckvieh. Atlas brown cows are raised in extensive mode. They are housed only in the evening or during bad weather. Feeding of breeding cows is based on concentrate, hay with controlled food supplements and pasture. In this operation, trafficking is mechanized. It is done twice a day (4:00 am and 5:00 pm). Cows of the local population are treated only once a day (Monotraite). The zootechnical parameters of the farm are summarized in Table I.

**Table I:** Main zootechnical characteristics of the LARBAA cattle farm

Designation of Selected lots	Breed			
	Prim holshtein	Fleckvieh	Montbéliarde	Atlas brown
Number of samples	20	20	20	20
Alimentation	Pasture + hay + concentrate + supplement			
Driving mode	Semi-intensive			Extensive
Milking mode	Mechanical			
Number of lactation	Fourth lactation			
Month of lactation	Between the second and the seventh month			
Level of production /cow	36 kg / day	25 kg/ day	31 kg / day	7 kg / day
Number of milking	Two per day			One per day

## 2.2. Conduct of Study

The present study focused on five breed heads previously identified so as to constitute homogeneous batches in order to optimally neutralize the extrinsic parameters of variation of the milk composition (the same stage and the same number of lactation [3] [5] , Having the same age and the same diet [1] [6] [14]). We collected samples over a period of four (4) weeks. The frequency of sampling is of the order of one sampling per head per week. This allowed us to eventually have a representative sampling of eighty (80) samples.

## 2.3. The realization of the samples

The samples are taken at the time of the milking in the morning (04h: 30 GMT + 1). The cows are milked individually. At the end of each milking of a selected cow, we retrieve the can of the milking machine and we pour its contents collected in a clean bucket. We agitate the milk collected by means of a ladle with a hemispherical cap in stainless steel with handle in one piece. This ladle makes it possible to make the contents of the container perfectly homogeneous and allows to take 200 ml of milk mixture per head. This volume is transferred to sterile labeled bottles. Each cow has its corresponding bottle. The bottles are immediately refrigerated in a cooler at + 4 ° C. As soon as the samples have been collected, we send them to the laboratory to avoid any changes occurring after harvest [8] and we divide the samples in two equal quantities (100 ml each):

100 ml are analyzed fresh and 100 ml are subsequently used for the production of fresh cheese. The manufacture is launched in the afternoon, ten hours after milking. P.s: volume of sample is of 1liter / breed / week.

## 2.4. Methodology of Cheese Manufacturing

Individually collected milk is filtered through a slotted spoon Nylon fabric to remove foreign particles. The milk is then transferred to a Beaker. Each individual milk is put in a clean and identified container. Milk Is then heated in a water bath at 65 ° C. for 30 minutes. The milk is cooled in a cold water bath at 20 to 25 ° C. Using freeze-dried concentrated lactic leaven " MA 100 " (EZAL, Lacto-Labo, France), the

milk undergoes maturation at ambient temperature (18 to 22 ° C.) The level of added yeast is 1%. These yeasts are first put back into culture at a

Concentration of 2 g / l in UHT milk at 27-33 ° C for 15 to 18 hours. After a maturation of 2 to 3 hours, corresponding to the decrease of the milk pH from 0.25 to 0.3, the renneting is carried out at the same temperature and at a pH of 6.30 to 6.35 at a rate of 3 ml of GRANDAY rennet extract / kg of milk (0.3 ml / 100ml). We have used the extract from Rennet GRANDAY to 520 mg of chymosin / liter of extract (GRANDAY -ROGER, Sanofi, La France). 17 to 25 hours after the addition of the rennet, the curd obtained is left to drain spontaneously. This operation separates the whey from the curd. This operation lasts about 50 minutes. The curd is immediately refrigerated at + 4 ° C. and analyzed in the laboratory of physicochemical analysis (maximum 12 hours later) [9].

*N.b: In order to make the salting, two turns are provided followed by demolding and a deposit on grids; To have pieces of fresh cheese (JBEN) which will be kept at + 4 ° C. But in our study, the turnings are not accompanied by salting so as not to distort the ash content of the curd.*

## 2.5. Laboratory analysis

The analyzes concern the samples of the individual milk and the corresponding curd at the end of drainage. They include the determination of total dry extract (E.S.T), fat (MG), total proteins (PRO) and ash in both matrices by conventional chemical methods [2].

## 2.6. Statistical analysis of data

The comparison between the breeds studied for the different parameters is carried out by a Student test with an independent sample. The STATVIEW software is used for this test as well as for the calculations of the averages and the standard deviations.

## 3. Results

The results obtained in our study are presented in Table N°: II

**Table No II:** Chemical characterization of breast milks studied and influence on cheese yield (Mean ± SD) (in g / kg)

Composition (g / kg)	Prim Holstein	Montbéliarde	Fleischvieh	Brown of Atlas
<b><u>Fresh milk:</u></b>				
MG	36,6± 1,76	24,3± 1,33	23,6± 0,65	<b>38,4± 0,87</b>
PRO. TOTALES	29,9± 0,56	34,3± 0,33	<b>35,4± 0,35</b>	31,9± 0,63
EST	120,2± 2,83	115,0± 2,11	119,3± 1,48	<b>125,5± 2,14</b>
CENDRES	6,7± 0,04	7,4± 0,03	7,4± 0,03	<b>8,8± 0,01</b>
<b>G/PRO (%)</b>	<b>1,20± 0,67</b>	<b>0,68± 0,34</b>	<b>0,96± 0,16</b>	<b>1,24± 0,34</b>
<b><u>Curdled :</u></b>				
MG	31,6± 1,75	14,2± 1,24	12,9± 0,11	<b>33,5± 0,81</b>
TP	18,2± 0,58	15,2± 0,72	<b>18,6± 0,65</b>	10,3± 0,53
EST	63,3± 3,10	49,7± 1,95	60,1± 0,63	<b>72,4± 1,66</b>
CENDRES	5,4± 0,03	6,5± 0,02	6,8± 0,02	<b>8,4± 0,02</b>
<b><u>Recovery rate in the curdled:</u></b>				
MG	78,73± 23,14	50,78±25,86	52,08± 22,28	87,14± 7,11
EST	59,78±10,88	43,20± 19,53	51,70± 15,12	31,41± 14,05
CENDRES	81,27±3,18	87,47±1,45	92,31±2,49	95,17±0,61

## 4. Interpretation and Discussion

### 4.1. The milk

Our results show that milk from the Atlas Brown is significantly higher in fat (L / P:  $p = 0.47$ ) and Total Dry Extract (L / P:  $p = 0.49$ ) than in Primholstein. In terms of protein content, Atlas Brown has slightly lower levels (31.9 g / kg) than Fleckvieh (35.4 g / kg) and Montbéliarde (34, 3 g / kg) but with a statistical significance at a threshold of 5% (L / F:  $p = 0.03$ , L / M:  $p = 0.14$ ). As regards the ash content, Atlas Brown milk has a content Significantly higher (8.8 g / kg) than the other breeds studied (7.4 g / kg for Montbéliarde as well as Fleckvieh and 6.7 g / kg for Primholstein. These differences in composition between Atlas Brown and other breeds can be attributed in part to other factors of variation such as the mode of milking [10] (one milking in Atlas Brown, bitraite for Other breeds) and level of production (7 kg / d for Atlas Brown, 25 kg / d for the Fleckvieh breed, 31 kg / d for the Montbéliarde breed and 36 kg / d for the Primholstein breed). It is known that the milk of races with low milk potential in the Mediterranean zones is generally more concentrated in fat and fat solids and in protein than in breeds producing high temperatures [15]. Our results concerning the protein content of Atlas Brown milk do not corroborate the observations described in the scientific literature [15]. In fact, Atlas Brown milk with a low milk potential has a lower protein content than Montbéliarde and Fleckvieh. We can argue that the negative genetic correlation between milk production and The richness of major compounds concerns, in fact, only the fat and the defatted dry extract. Our observations confirm those described in the scientific literature [11]. It should be noted that the course of draining was more and more different between the breeds studied according to the literature [4]. Nevertheless, it was ok for all races. This could be attributed to the ratio of protein to protein ratio of less than 1.4 in the four races studied [13] with 1.20 for Primholstein, 0.68 for montbéliarde, 0.66 for Fleckvieh, 1.24 For the Brune of the Atlas.

### 4.2. The curdled

Concerning MG and EST, our results show that the Atlas Brown curd is richer in MG (33.5 g / kg) and EST (72.4 g / kg) than the Primholstein breed (MG = 30.08 g / kg, TSE = 63.4 g / kg) and Montbéliarde (14.2 g / kg, 49.7 g / kg) and Fleckvieh , 1 g / kg). Concerning protein levels, the milk curd of the Atlas Brown has the lowest content (10.3 g / kg). Curds of the Primholstein breed and fleckvieh showed significantly higher grades (18.2 g / kg, 18.6 g / kg) at a statistical threshold of 5%. Concerning the ash content, the Atlas Brown curd is rich (8.4 g / kg) than that of the other breeds at a threshold of 5% (L / F, L / M, L / P : P = <0.0001).

## CONCLUSION

Our observations suggest that our Atlas Brown produces a milk rich fat and a total dry extract that other breeds studied. This could be explained by its very low milk yield (7 kg / d). Concerning the cheese-making abilities, we have found that the Atlas Brown makes it possible to obtain a curd richer in

fat and lower in protein than other races. But the curd in this breed is the most softened and more melted compared to other races studied. Concerning the race Prim'holstein; The milk resulting from this breed is rich in major compounds (fat, protein) but less than that of the local breed. Nevertheless, the curd resulting from this breed is less firm and much more melted than that of milk from the Montbéliarde breed. Concerning the breed Montbéliarde, this breed produces a milk relatively rich in major compounds and allows to obtain a better consistency of the curd. The latter is firmer and more consistent than other targeted breeds. Data on the chemical composition of "milk" reveal lower fat and protein contents for Atlas Brown who may be related to its genetic make-up and / or its mode of conduct. We noted that the "curd" of the local breed, although richer in MG, is less rich in protein. This results in a textured cheese softened. We found that the milk of the Prim'holstein breed is rich in major compounds (MG, protein) but that its curd is less firm and more melted than that of Montbéliarde. We found that the milk of the Montbéliarde breed is relatively rich in major compounds and that the "curd" is firmer and less melted than that of Primholstein milk. This confirms the choice of cheese producers for this breed. We found that the milk of Fleckvieh is less rich in fat but the richest in total protein and that the "curd", although less rich than that of Primholstein, is firmer and less melted. The aim of this type of research is to sensitize decision-makers on the opportunity to upgrade the milk of only a few bovine breeds in the form of fresh cheese for a better profitability of breeding.

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**Table**

**Calculation details by STATVIEW :**

**Abbreviations :**

**P** : Prim'Holstein, **M** : Montbéliarde, **F** : Flechvieh, **L** : Local Population 'Brown of Atlas ;  
**MG** : Fat, **PR** : Totale Proteine, **TDE** : Total Dry Extract

**Table III** : Test-t unpaired series for **MG Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed  
 Theoretical ecart = 0

	Medium ecart	DDL	t	p
<b>F, L</b>	1,473	38	6,084	<,0001
<b>F, M</b>	-,062	38	-,187	,8523
<b>F, P</b>	-1,146	38	-2,633	,0122
<b>L, M</b>	1,411	38	3,979	,0003
<b>L, P</b>	,327	38	,721	,4753
<b>M, P</b>	-1,084	38	-2,140	,0388

**Table III'** : Info. du groupe pour **MG lait**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	Number	Moy.	Variance	Dév Std	Erreur Std
<b>F</b>	20	2,366	,423	,651	,145
<b>L</b>	20	3,839	,749	,865	,194
<b>M</b>	20	2,428	1,766	1,329	,297
<b>P</b>	20	3,512	3,364	1,834	,410

**Table IV** : Test-t unpaired series for **PR Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed  
 Theoretical Ecart = 0

	Medium ecart	DDL	t	p
<b>F, L</b>	,347	38	2,162	,0370
<b>F, M</b>	,111	38	1,039	,3053
<b>F, P</b>	,545	38	3,689	,0007
<b>L, M</b>	-,236	38	-1,493	,1436
<b>L, P</b>	,198	38	1,052	,2993
<b>M, P</b>	,434	38	2,992	0048

**Table IV'** : Info. du groupe pour **PR Milk**  
 Variable groupe : Breed

	Number	Moy.	Variance	Dév Std	Erreur Std
<b>F</b>	20	3,542	,122	,349	,078
<b>L</b>	20	3,195	,393	,627	,140
<b>M</b>	20	3,431	,106	,326	,073
<b>P</b>	20	2,997	,315	,561	,125

**Table V** : Test-t unpaired series for **TDE Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	Medium ecart	DDL	t	p
<b>F, L</b>	-,616	38	-1,057	,2970
<b>F, M</b>	,428	38	,743	,4619
<b>F, P</b>	,179	38	,249	,8049
<b>L, M</b>	1,044	38	1,555	,1283
<b>L, P</b>	,795	38	,996	,3256
<b>M, P</b>	-,249	38	-,314	,7554

**Table V'** : Info. du groupe pour **TDE Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	Number	Moy.	Variance	Dév Std	Erreur Std
<b>F</b>	20	11,935	2,200	1,483	,332
<b>L</b>	20	12,551	4,587	2,142	,479
<b>M</b>	20	11,507	4,432	2,105	,471
<b>P</b>	20	11,756	8,157	2,856	,639

**Table VI** : Test-t unpaired series for **CENDRES Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	Medium ecart	DDL	t	p
<b>F, L</b>	-,140	6	-7,668	,0003
<b>F, M</b>	,002	6	,113	,9137
<b>F, P</b>	,075	6	2,852	,0291
<b>L, M</b>	,142	6	8,902	,0001
<b>L, P</b>	,215	6	10,043	<,0001
<b>M, P</b>	,073	6	2,924	,0265

**Table VI'** : Test-t unpaired series for **CINDER Milk**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	Number	Moy.	Variance	Dév Std	Erreur Std
<b>F</b>	20	,740	,001	,034	,017
<b>L</b>	20	,880	,0002	,014	,007
<b>M</b>	20	,738	,001	,029	,014
<b>P</b>	20	,665	,002	,040	,020

**Table VIII : Info. du groupe pour MG Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Moy.</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Dév Std</i>	<i>Erreur Std</i>
<b>F</b>	20	1,291	,504	,710	,159
<b>L</b>	20	3,354	,651	,807	,180
<b>M</b>	20	1,423	1,544	1,243	,278
<b>P</b>	20	3,008	3,381	1,839	,411

**Table IX : Test-t unpaired series for PR Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Medium ecart</i>	<i>DDL</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>
F, L	,823	38	4,411	<,0001
F, M	,344	38	1,588	,1206
F, P	,041	38	,211	,8342
L, M	-,478	38	-2,396	,0216
L, P	-,782	38	-4,452	<,0001
M, P	-,303	38	-1,462	,1521

**Table IX' : Info. du groupe pour PR Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Moy.</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Dév Std</i>	<i>Erreur Std</i>
<b>F</b>	20	1,862	,418	,647	,145
<b>L</b>	20	1,039	,277	,527	,118
<b>M</b>	20	1,517	,520	,721	,161
<b>P</b>	20	1,821	,339	,582	,130

**Table X : Test-t unpaired series for TDE Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed  
 Ecart théorique = 0

	<i>Medium ecart</i>	<i>DDL</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>
<b>F, L</b>	-1,225	38	-3,083	,0038
<b>F, M</b>	1,045	38	2,281	,0283
<b>F, P</b>	-,028	38	-,040	,9686
<b>L, M</b>	2,270	38	3,962	,0003
<b>L, P</b>	1,197	38	1,523	,1361
<b>M, P</b>	-1,073	38	-1,311	,1977

**Table X' : Info. du groupe pour EST caillé**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Moy.</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Dév Std</i>	<i>Erreur Std</i>
<b>F</b>	20	6,015	,396	,629	,141
<b>L</b>	20	7,240	2,763	1,662	,372
<b>M</b>	20	4,970	3,803	1,950	,436
<b>P</b>	20	6,043	9,593	3,097	,693

**Table XII : Test-t unpaired series for CINDER Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Medium ecart</i>	<i>DDL</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>
<b>F, L</b>	-,155	6	-13,638	<,0001
<b>F, M</b>	,037	6	2,666	,0372
<b>F, P</b>	,142	6	8,626	,0001
<b>L, M</b>	,192	6	13,141	<,0001
<b>L, P</b>	,297	6	17,482	<,0001
<b>M, P</b>	,105	6	5,547	,0015

**Table XII : Info. du groupe pour CINDER Curdled**  
 Group Variable : Breed

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Moy.</i>	<i>Variance</i>	<i>Dév Std</i>	<i>Erreur Std</i>
<b>F</b>	4	,683	2,250E-4	,015	,007
<b>L</b>	4	,837	2,917E-4	,017	,009
<b>M</b>	4	,645	,001	,024	,012
<b>P</b>	4	,540	,001	,029	,015