

Halal – Dispelling the myths and exploring the market

Lamb retail and consumer trends

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AHDB: Retail and Consumer Insight Introduction

What we do

AHDB's Retail and Consumer Insight team actively track, monitor and evaluate consumer behaviour.

We use this to support growth in our industries by:

- Providing a better understanding of how consumers shop
- Helping levy payers understand their final customers needs

Working in close collaboration with AHDB's Market Development team and industry partners.

How we do this

Through bespoke consumer research and a range of subscriptions.

We analyse primary data, online surveys, shopper data and review specialist consumer research reports.

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Retail and consumer insight

What are shoppers buying?

99.7%

Households buy cow's dairy per year



598 million

Kilograms of beef sold through retail

69 million

Lamb kebab meals in foodservice



Retail and consumer insight

What do consumers think?

36%

plan on
eating out
less²

83%

concerned
about plastic
usage¹

51%

believe beef is
a good source
of protein²



Retail and consumer insight

Impact for levy payers

84%

of stakeholders we have presented to said they definitely will or potentially will make a change following our insights

Including changes in store



“

The insights allows us to focus on the key opportunities to drive category and retailer growth

Beef processor

”

“

The insights will be used to inform and support consumer work on dairy and sustainability, which is a key strategic area for us

Dairy trade association

”

“

We will be using this information to share with customers and internally to educate and influence change

Pork processor

”

We also develop and evaluate our marketing campaigns

Reached
88%
of UK
households



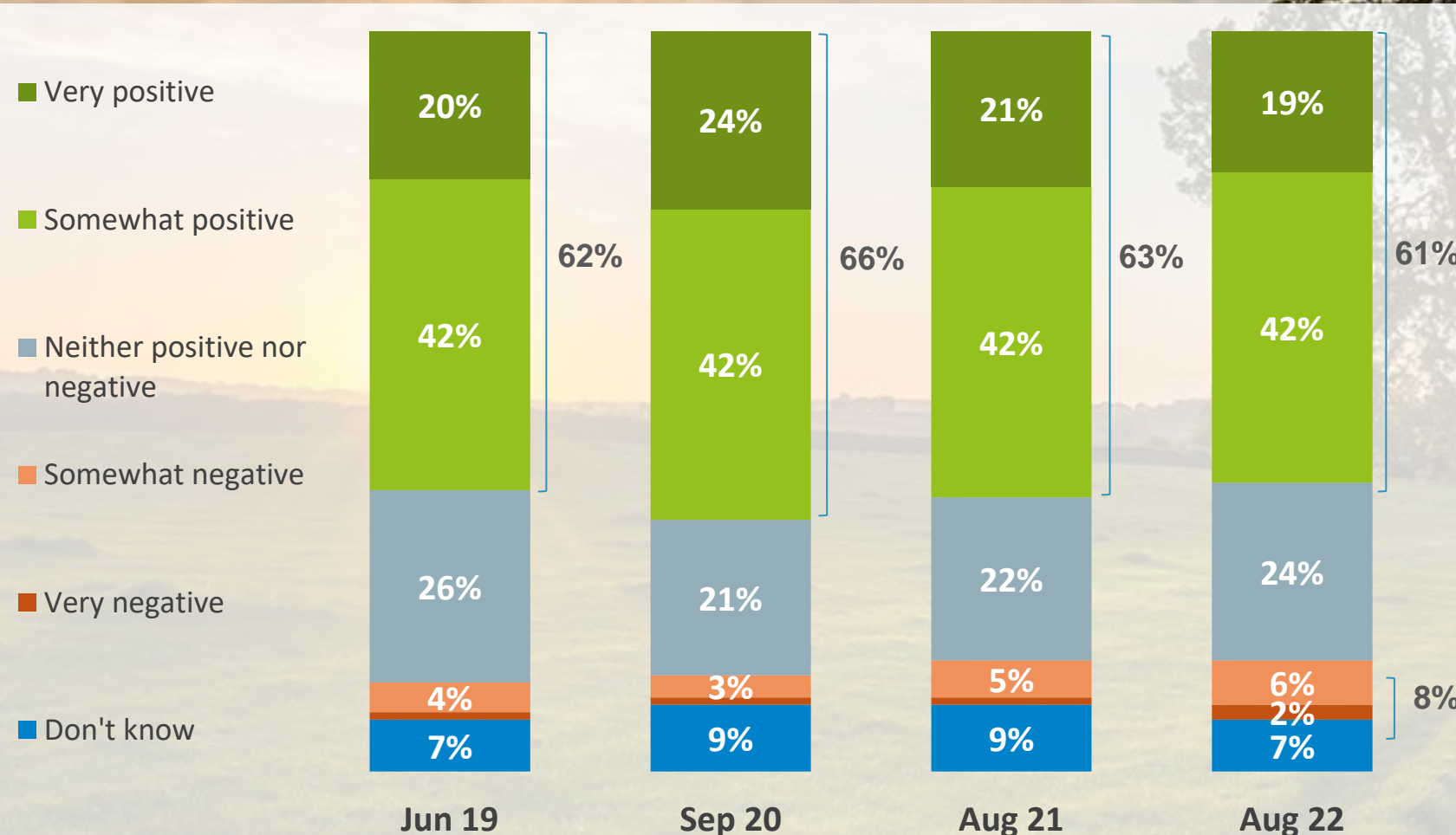
Reassured
8 in 10
shoppers¹ to
continue eating
meat and dairy



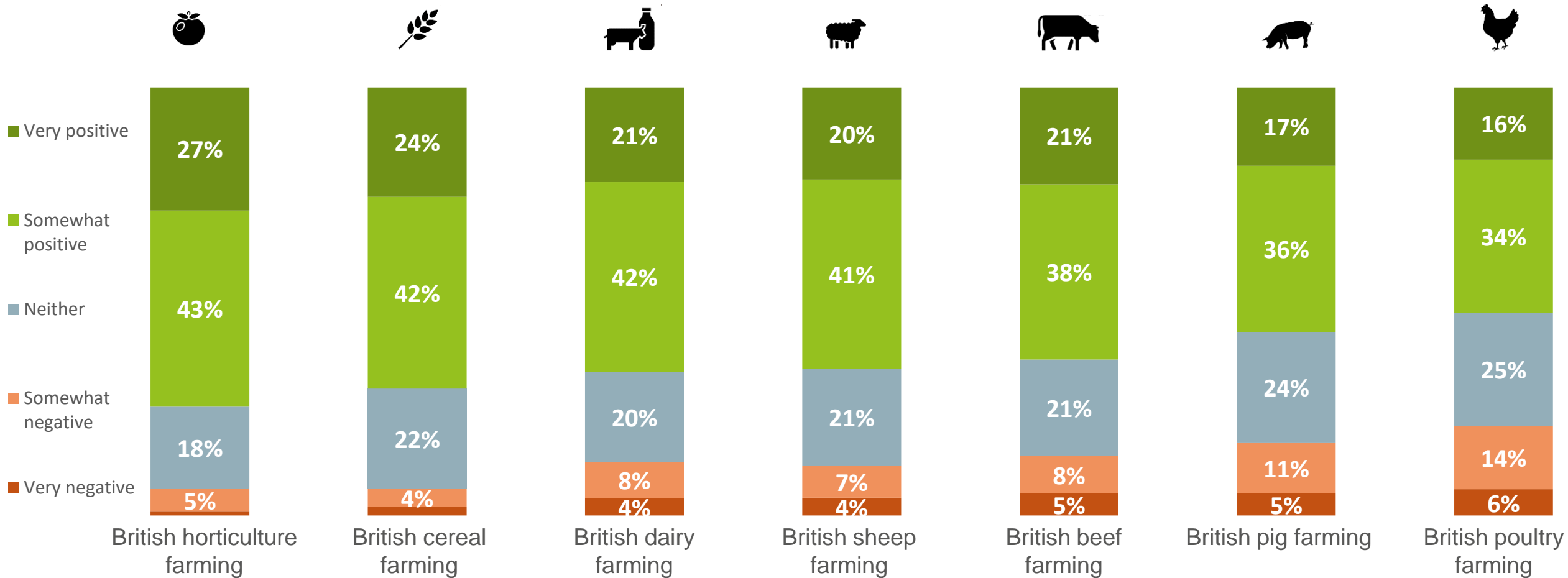
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Consumer views on agriculture

Consumers are largely positive about agriculture

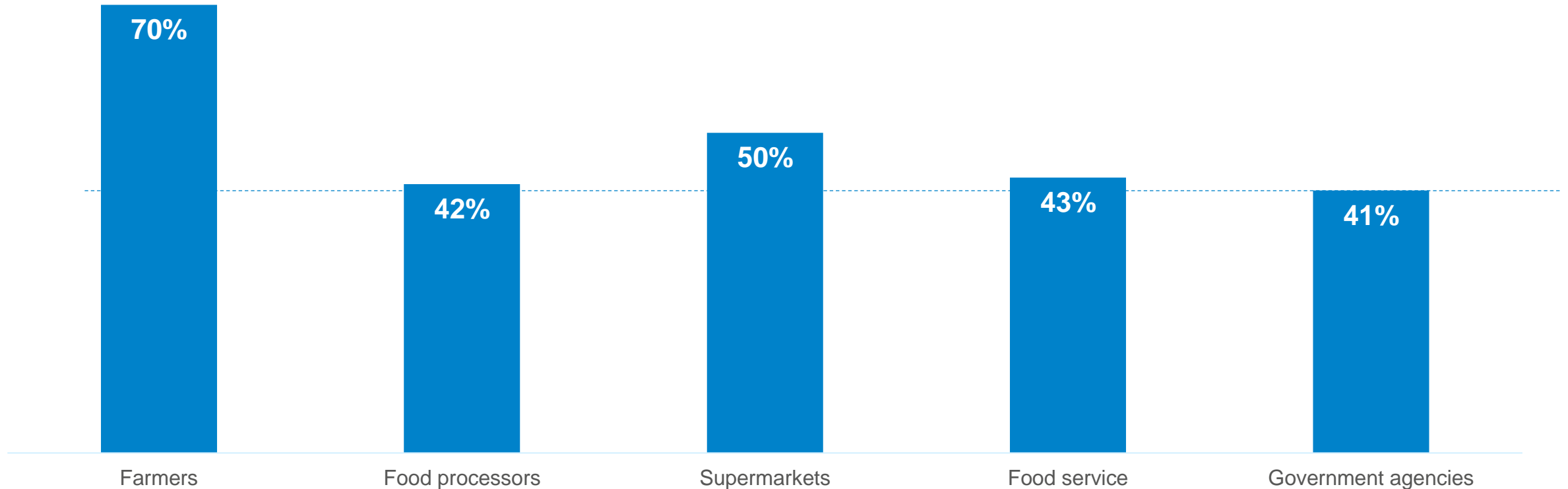


Some signs of more negativity emerging around the pig and poultry sectors



Farmers have consistently been the most trusted part of the supply chain

Trust in the supply chain
% Agree "Is trustworthy"



What builds trust?

'Farmers are trustworthy'

■ Strongly agree

23%

■ Tend to agree

47%

■ Neither / nor

20%

■ Tend to disagree

■ Strongly disagree

Drivers of Trust: Farmer Performance

Farmers deliver on their promises

Farmers care about animals

Farmers care about people

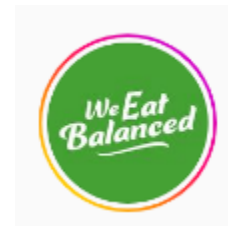
Farmers are experts at what they are doing

Farmers care about the planet

Farmers communicate well to consumers

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Consumer and retail landscape for lamb

Consumption is still much more impacted by the pandemic than by the cost-of-living crisis



More at home meals



Eating earlier



Less guests

Our repertoire of meals remains largely unchanged



Sandwiches
5.0bn occasions
+0.1ppts YoY
-0.2ppts vs 2019



Italian Meals
2.4bn occasions
+0.5ppts YoY
+0.1ppts vs 2019



Pies/Pasties/Pastries
1.5bn occasions
+0.2ppts YoY
+0.2ppts vs 2019



Pizza
1.4bn occasions
+0.3ppts YoY
+0.2ppts vs 2019



Soup
1.3bn occasions
-0.2ppts YoY
+0.2ppts vs 2019



Roast Dinners
1.2bn occasions
-0.1ppts YoY
-0.2ppts vs 2019



Indian Foods
1.1bn occasions
+0.2ppts YoY
-0.1ppts vs 2019



Oriental Foods
1.0bn occasions
+0.3ppts YoY
+0.3ppts vs 2019



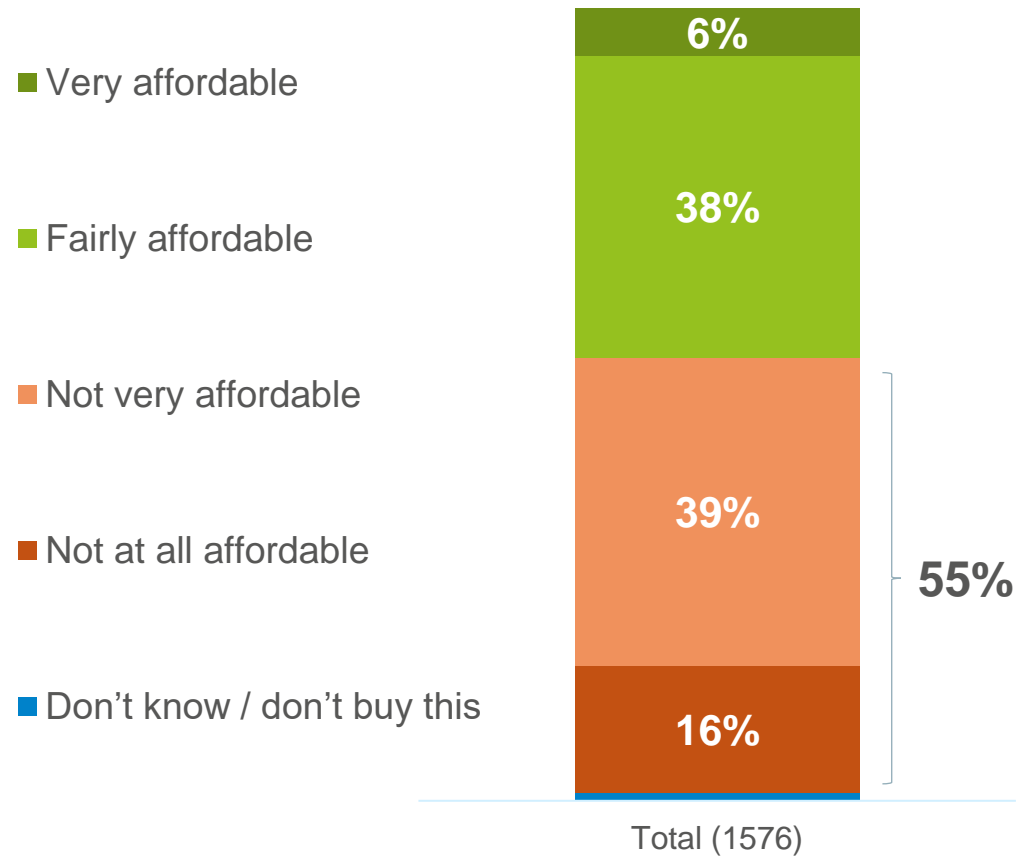
Vegetarian Dishes
936m occasions
+0.5ppts YoY
+0.7ppts vs 2019



Toast Meals
679m occasions
+/-0ppts YoY
+/-0ppts vs 2019

Main Meals are defined as Lunch, Teatime, and the Evening Meal.

Consumers are increasingly finding food unaffordable



60%
for families

How consumers are responding?



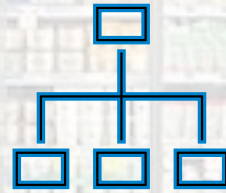
Category
repertoire

38%



Buy less

24%



Tier mix

22%



Promotions

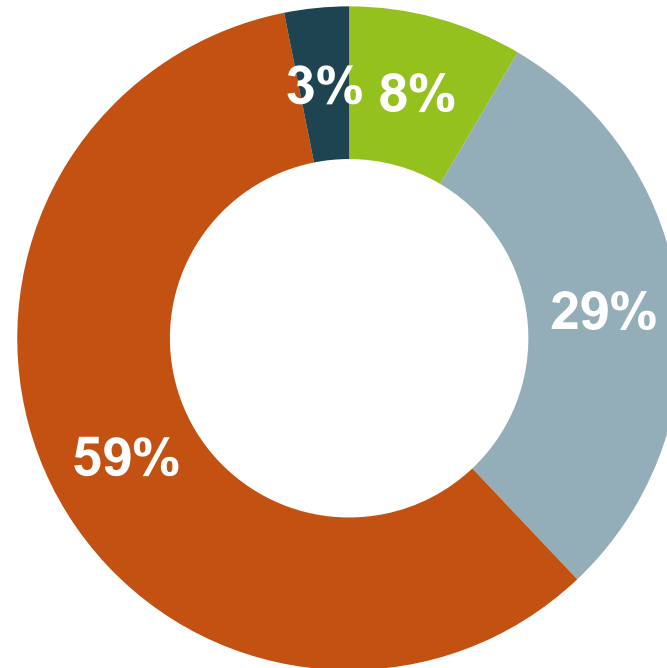
10%



Store mix

7%

Scratch and batch cooking could increase as shoppers look to save money



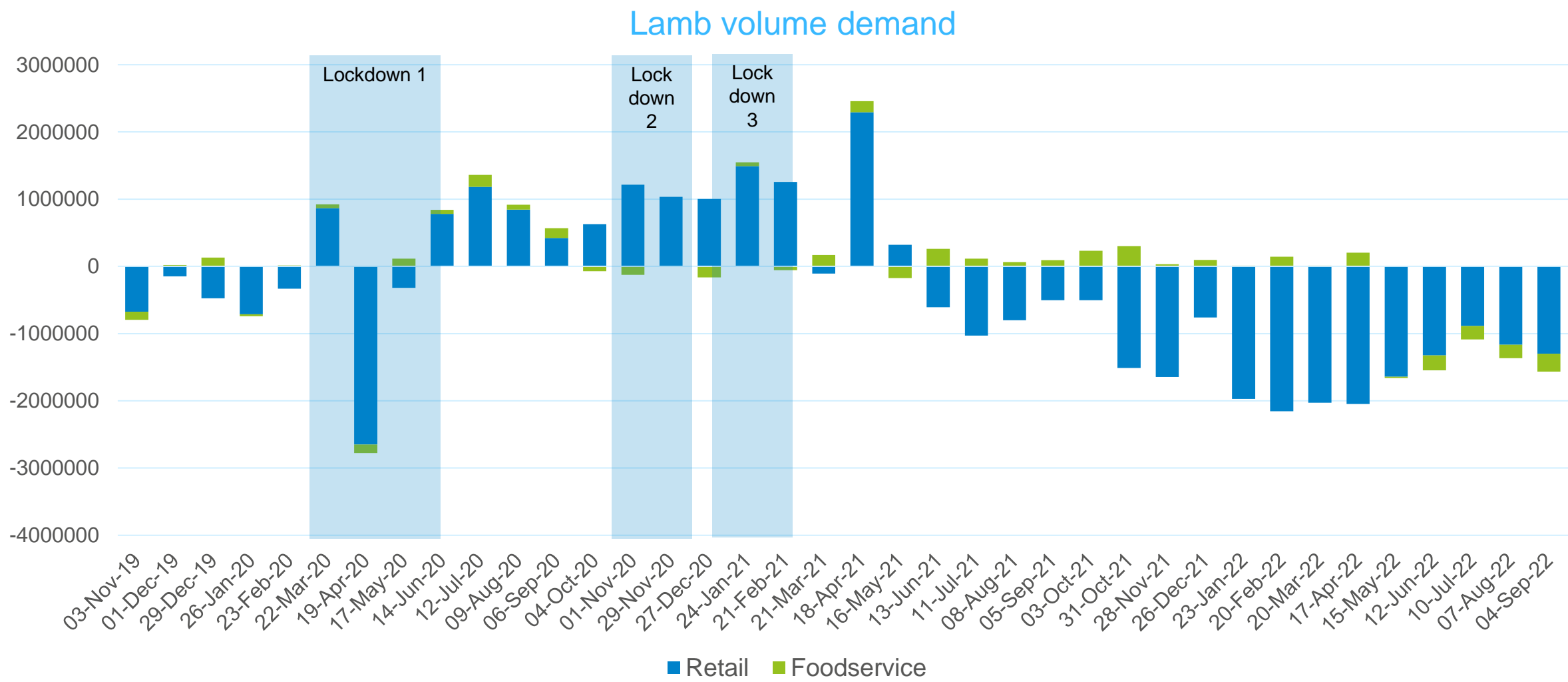
- My household finances have improved
- My household finances have remained the same in recent months
- My household finances have got worse
- Don't know

50% Reduce food waste

34% Batch cook more

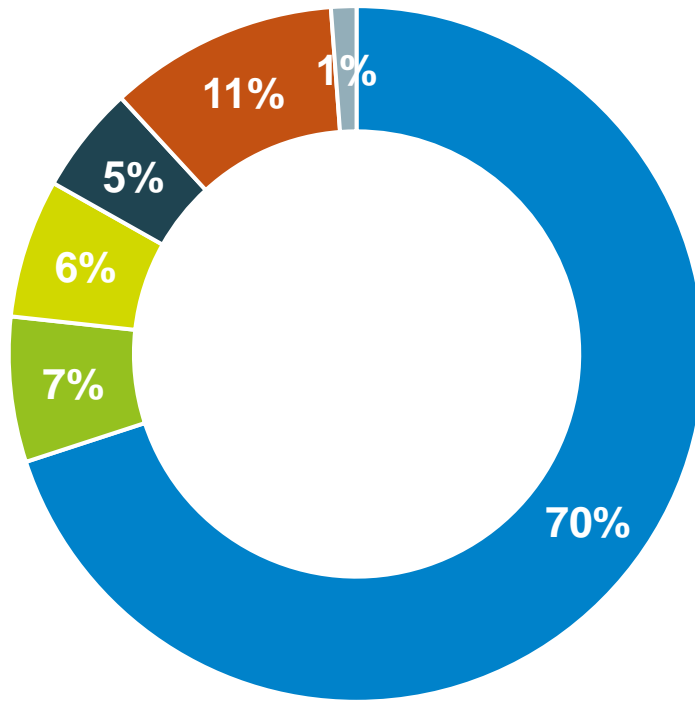
33% Cook from scratch more

Lamb demand benefitted from lockdowns



Source: AHDB/Kantar, rolling 4 w/e, year on year difference

The majority of lamb volume sales go through major supermarkets



- Retail - major supermarkets
- Retail - butchers
- Retail - other
- Foodservice - dine in / on the go
- Foodservice - takeaway / delivery
- Catering



Concerns related to health and environment have eased as expense drives performance

26% eaten less meat

52% become more expensive

33% pts



-15% pts



-14% pts



Reduction of meat could be a last resort and some shoppers are already there



Lunch



6 or fewer food/drink items

78% of lunches

+5%

Evening Meal



66% of evening meals

+3%

Meal needs
vs 2019

+15%
Filling

+9%
Easy to
prep

Evening meal

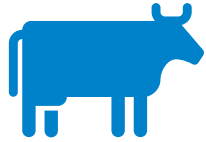
with meat

£3.01

without meat

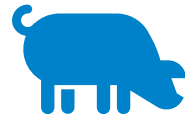
£1.71

This has already contributed to losses for meat and dairy...with lamb struggling in retail

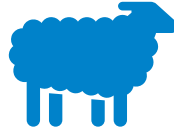


vs 2021
vs 2019

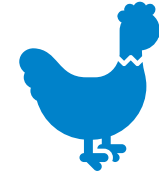
-9%
-9%



-4%
0%



-18%
-17%



-3%
0%



-9%
-5%



vs 2021
vs 2019

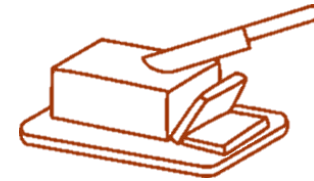
-6%
-2%



-3%
+6%



-4%
-2%



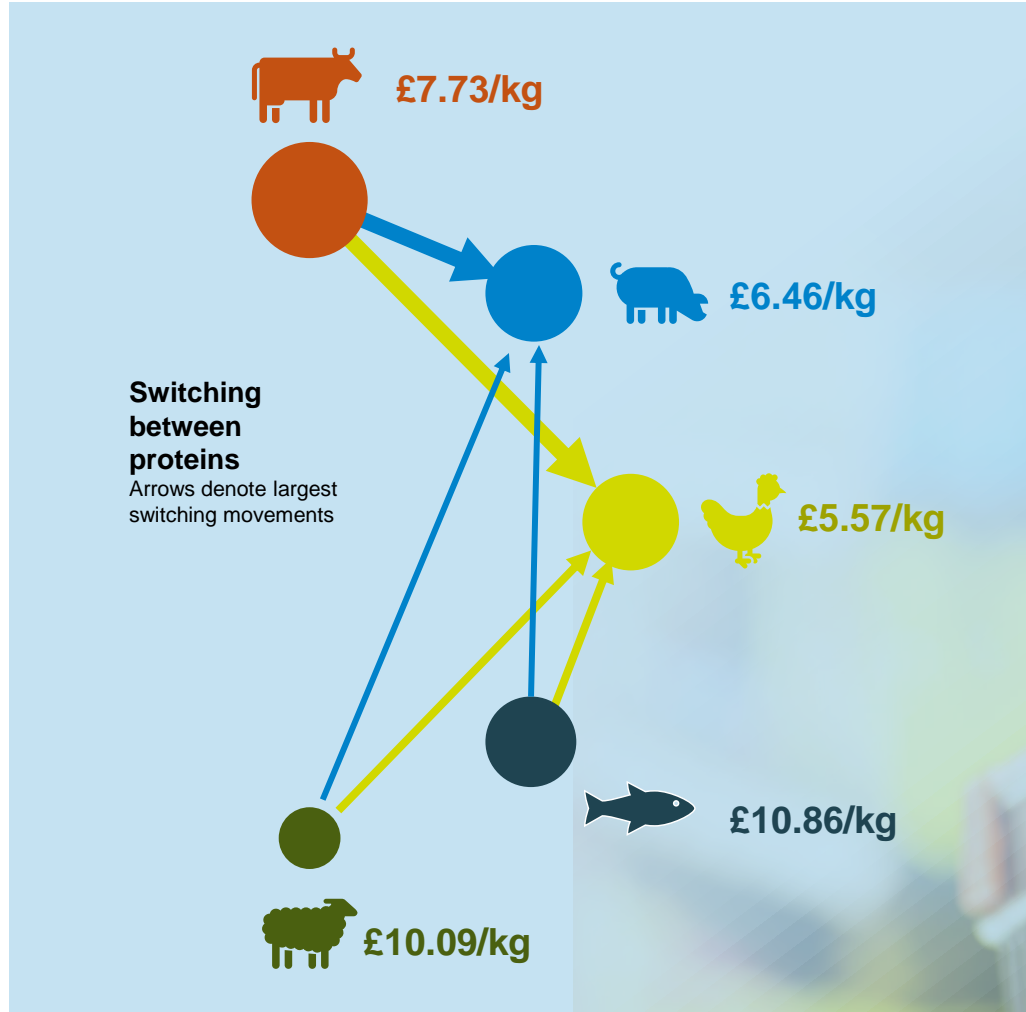
-10%
-8%



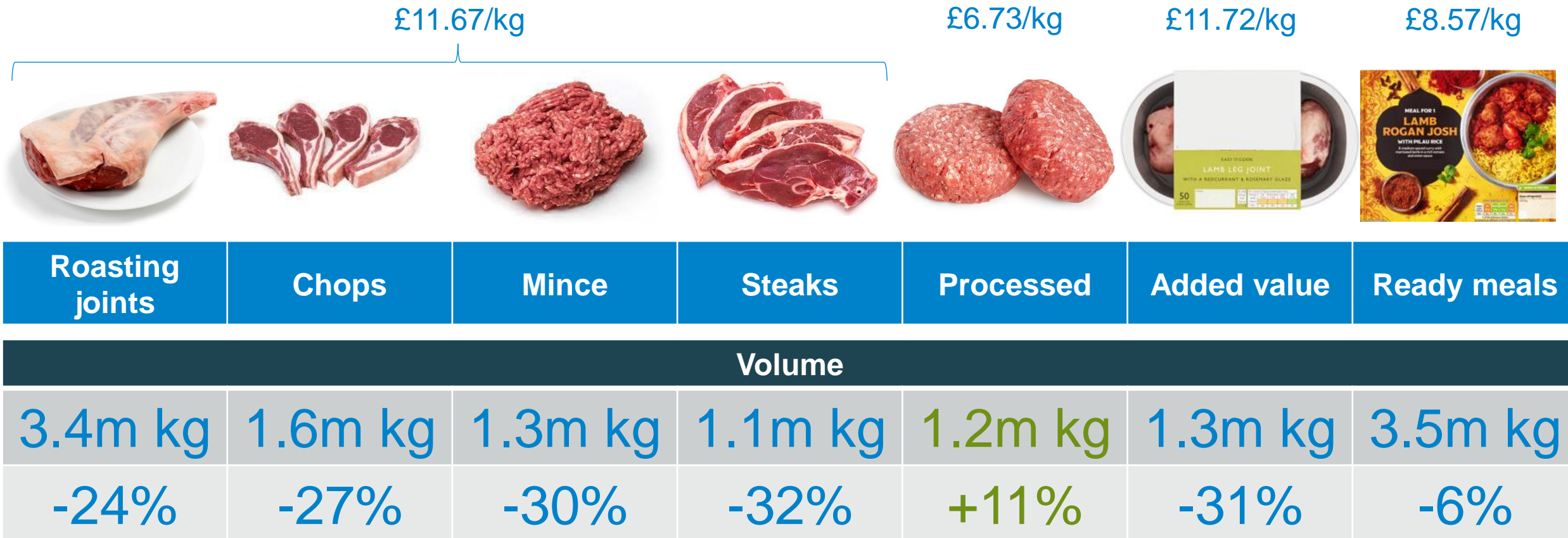
-4%
+13%



We're starting to see some movement to cheaper proteins and products



Cheaper processed cuts are performing well in lamb in retail

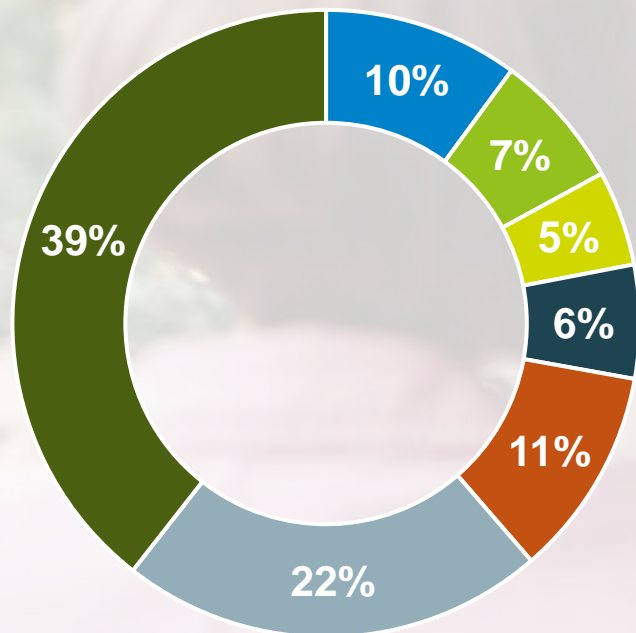


Lamb burgers grew as people looked for new tastes this summer

+79
tonnes
of lamb burgers



Who buys lamb?



- Pre-Family
- Young Family 0-4 Years
- Middle Family 5-9 Years
- Family 10+ Years
- Older Dependents
- Empty Nesters
- Retired

75%
Lamb chops and ready
meals bought by
shoppers aged over 55



In foodservice lamb returns to pre-covid levels but much more volume is through takeaways

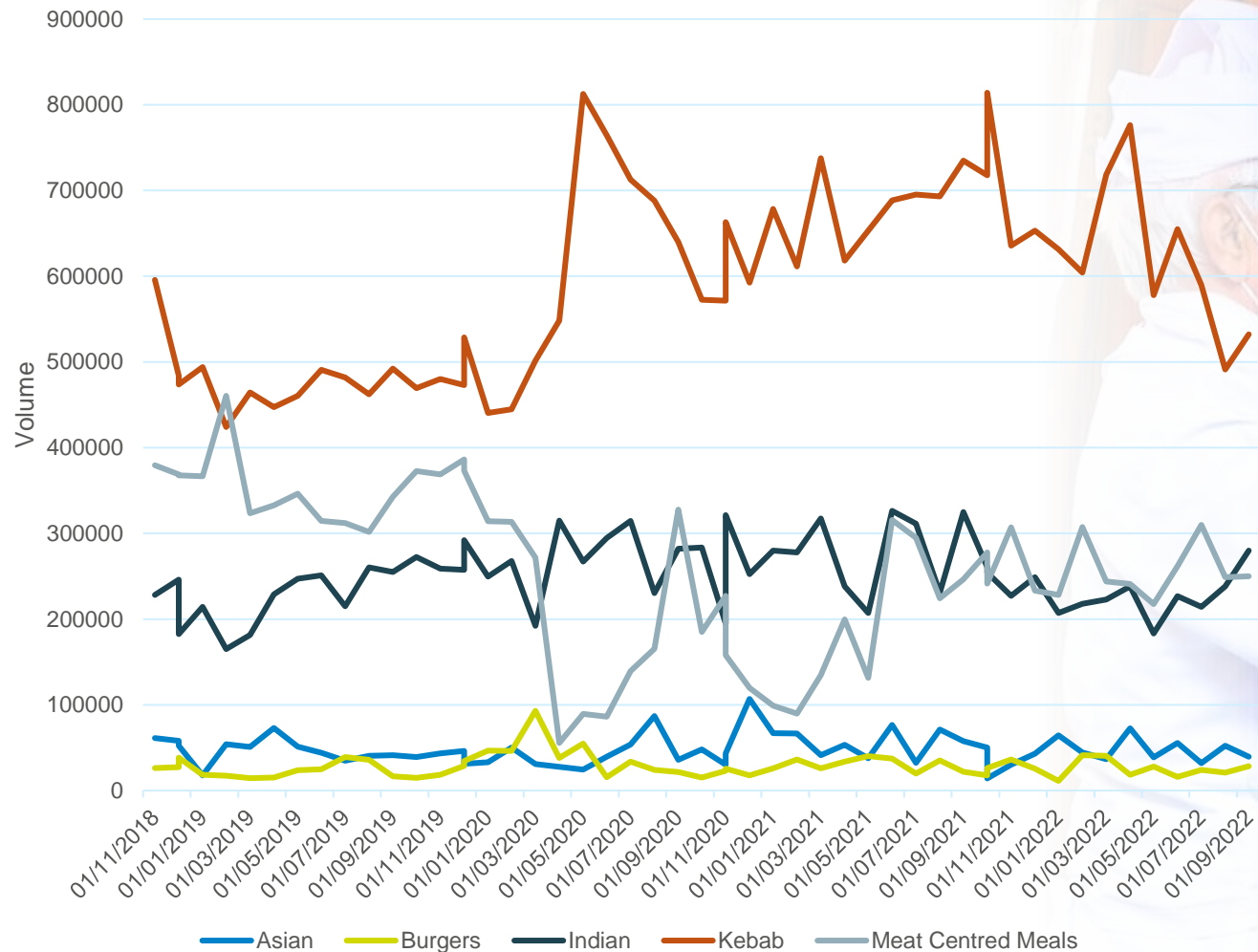
Lamb in foodservice
-16% **+0%**
Year-on-year versus 2019

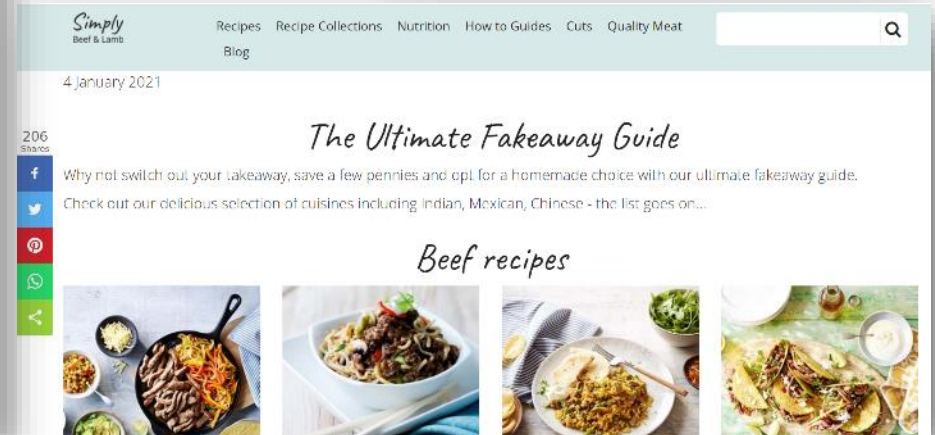
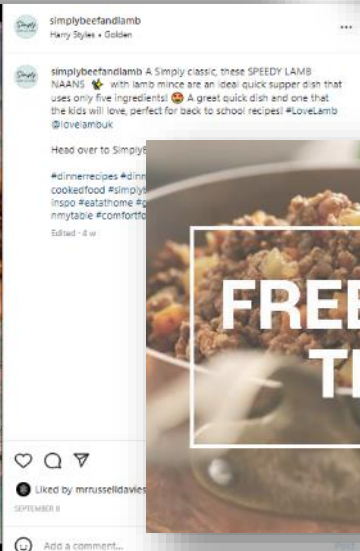
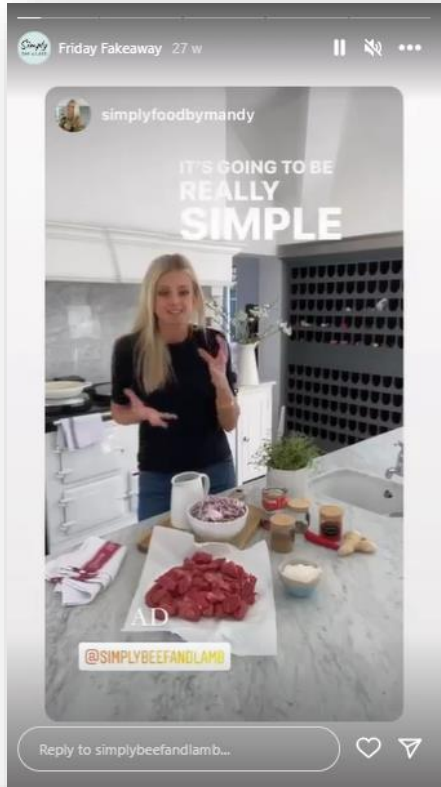
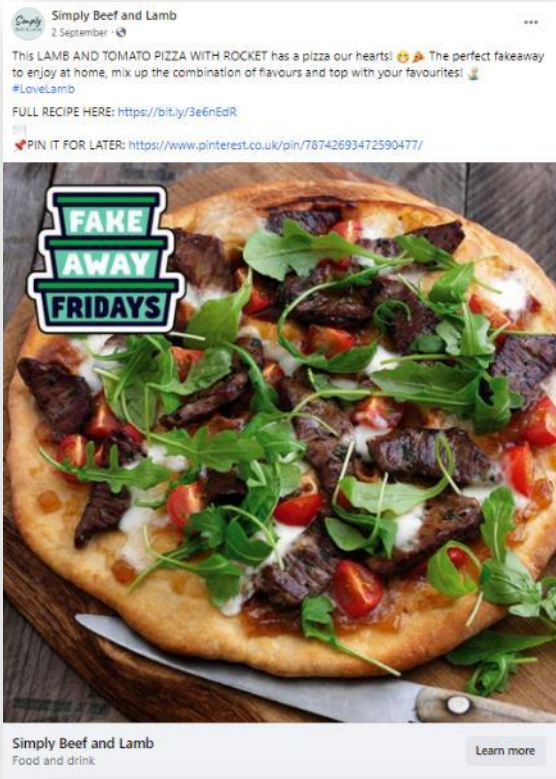
Lamb eaten out
+1% **-21%**
Year-on-year versus 2019

Lamb in takeaways
-24% **+18%**
Year-on-year versus 2019



Kebabs boomed during lockdown





Halal consumers

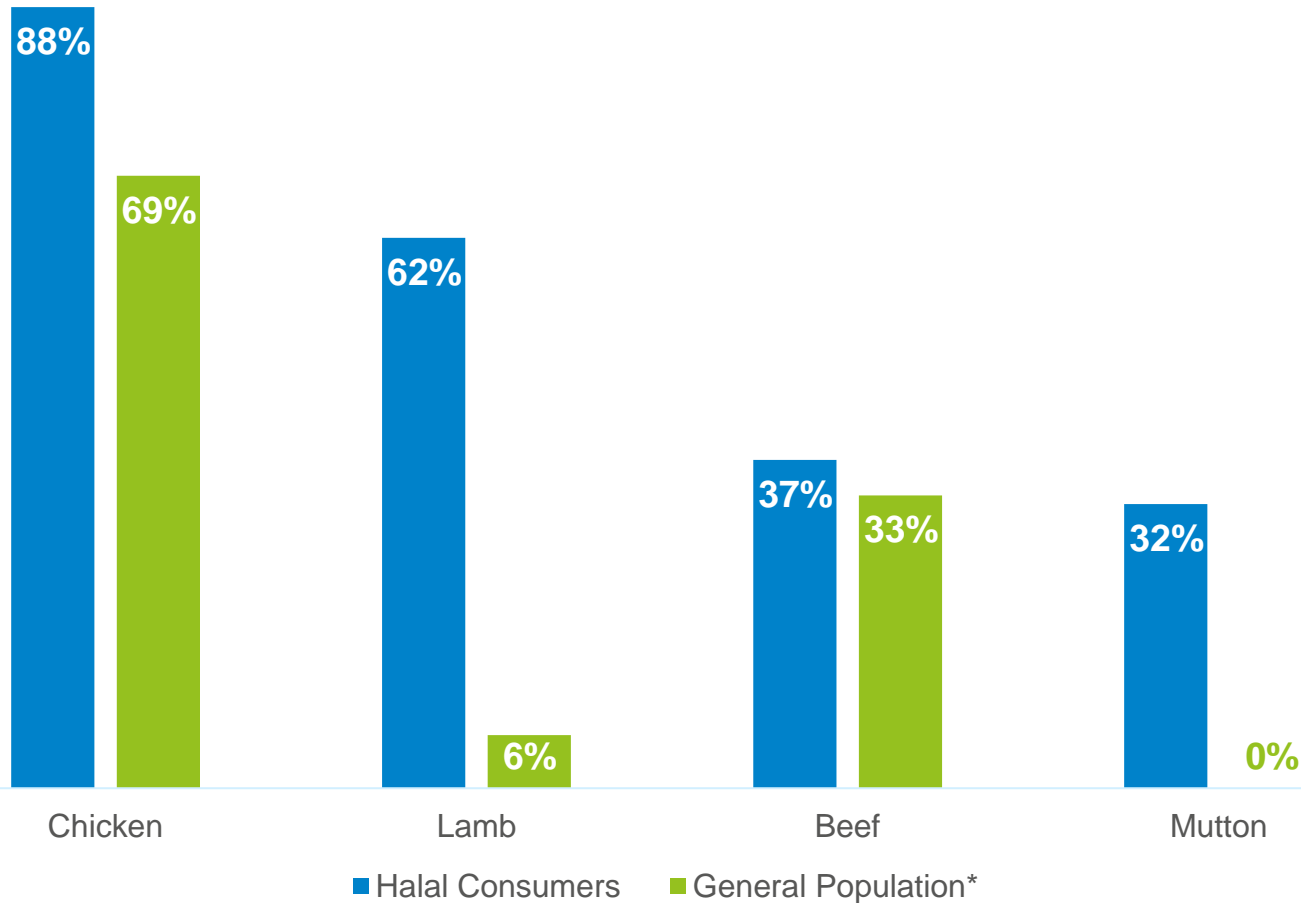
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£4.64 billion

was spent on halal food and beverages in
the UK in 2016

Halal consumers are much more likely to eat lamb weekly

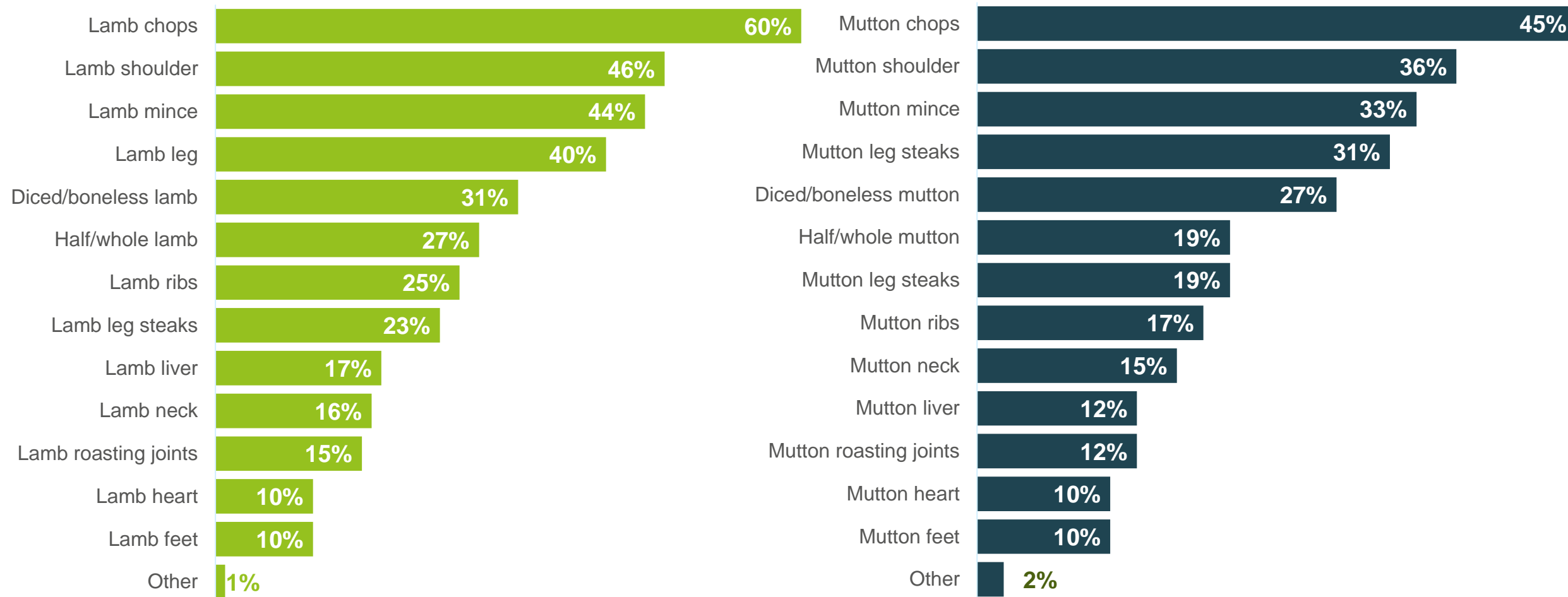
Percentage of consumers eating weekly



Source: AHDB – Demand for halal meat report 2020 *nationally representative sample including halal consumers

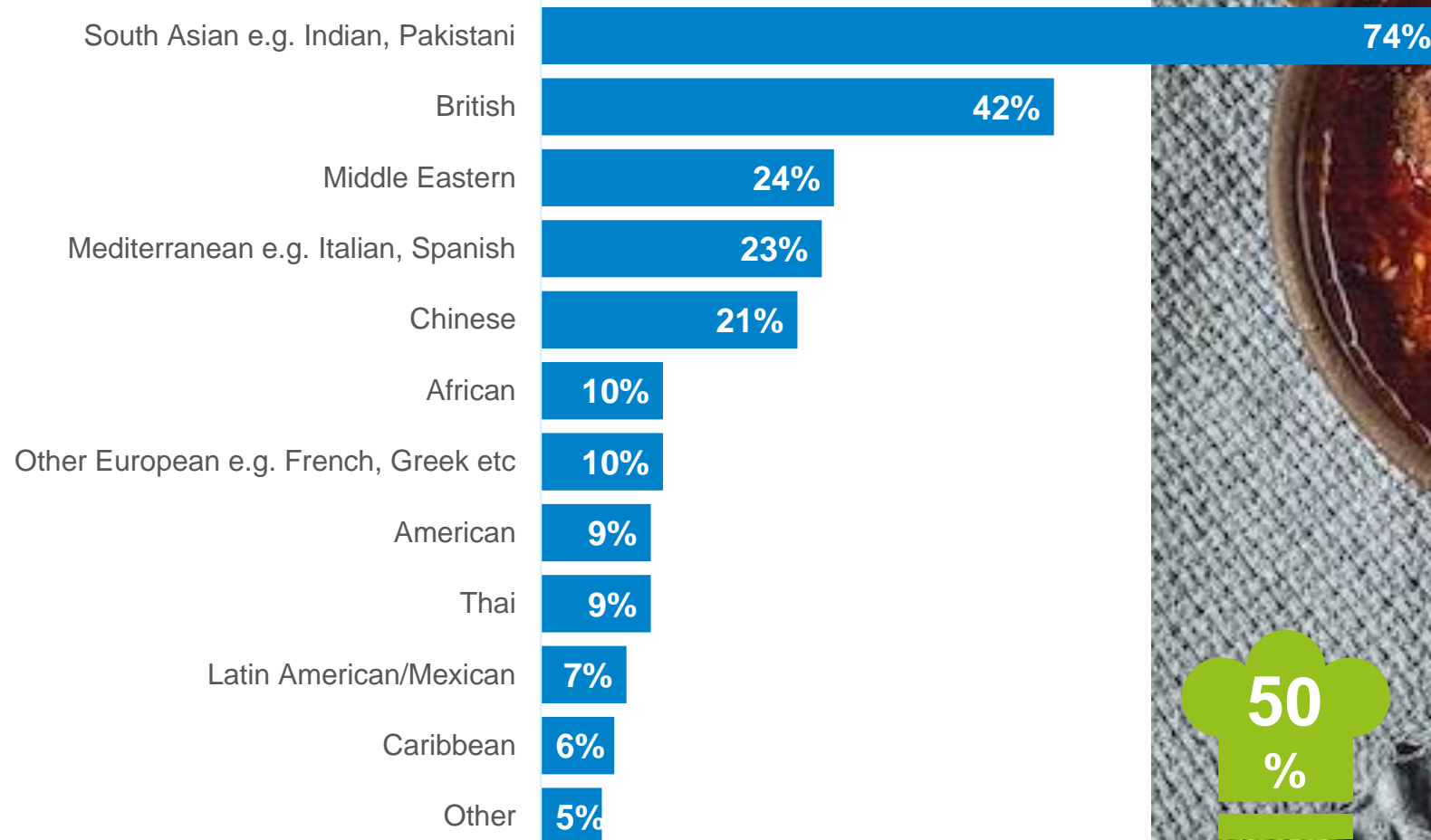
Chops, shoulder and mince are the preferred cuts for both lamb and mutton

Percentage of halal consumers regularly buying these cuts



More than three quarters of halal consumers agree meals times are important occasions for family

Percentage of halal consumers who enjoy cooking these cuisines



50
%

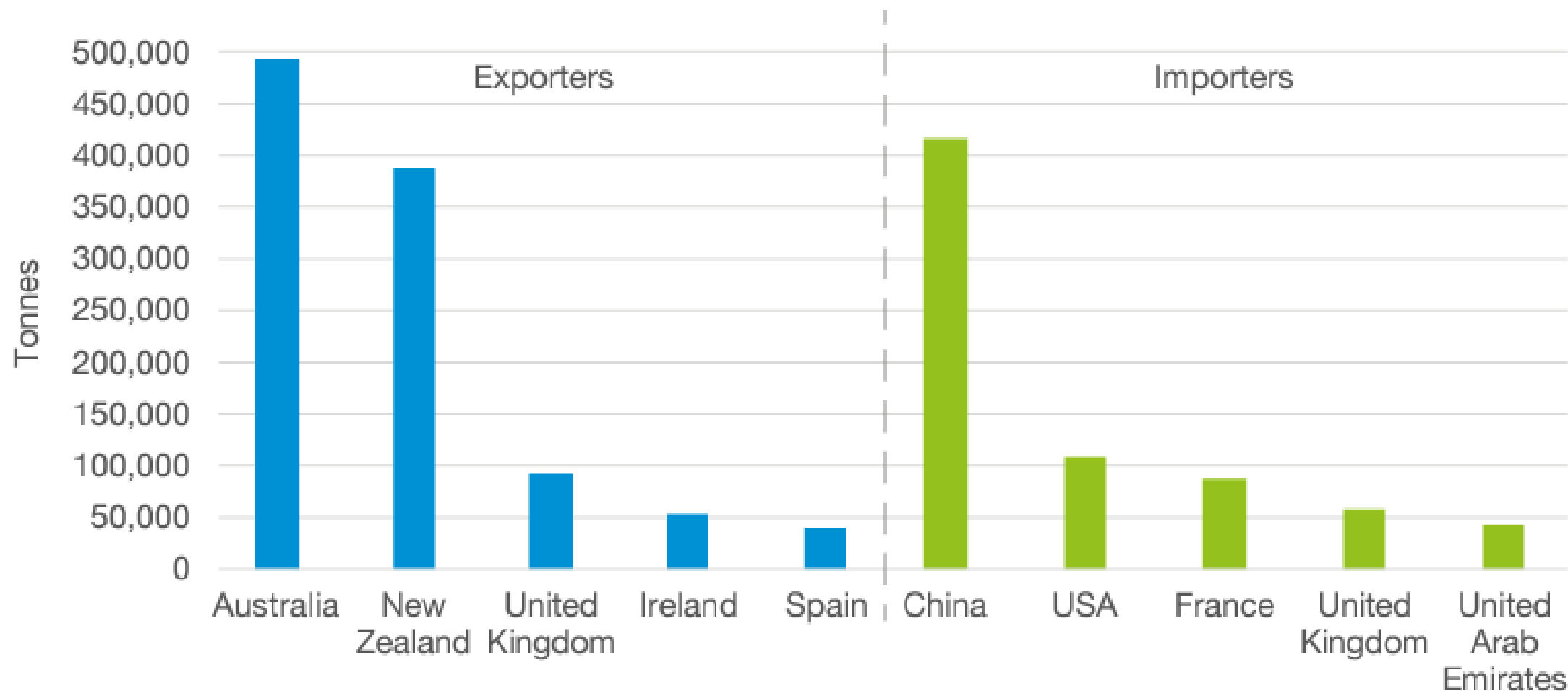


301%

increase in the volume
of UK lamb exported to
the Middle East

from animals that were stunned prior
to slaughter, in compliance with the
relevant halal standards in the
Middle East

The UAE is the fifth biggest importer of sheep meat



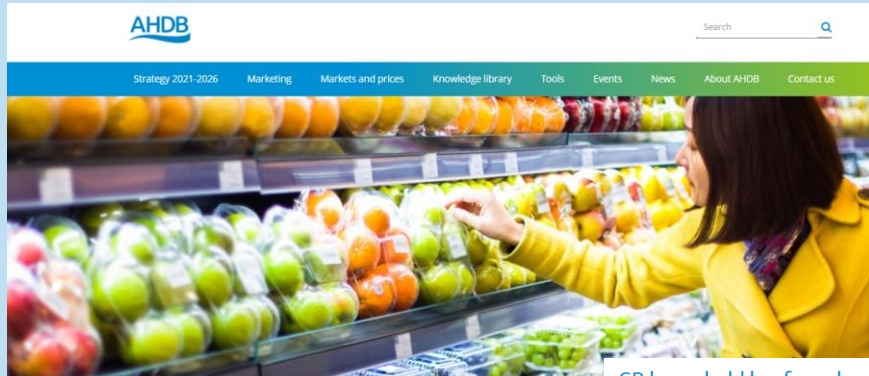
Source: FAO 2019

Africa and Asia are expected to see the biggest growth in demand for sheep meat in the next 5 years



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Understanding the consumer

We want the UK food supply chain, from farm to fork, to understand the needs of modern food consumers and that their attitudes toward cooking, buying and eating are important considerations for the whole supply chain.

GB household beef purchases

Updated 15 February 2021

This dashboard is designed to provide a dynamic overview of the latest retail market data for the beef sector. It breaks down spend, volume sales as well as giving average prices by product and allows you to see these changes over time.

Processed beef includes burgers and grills, sliced cooked meats and beef sausages.

Total beef includes primary and processed beef, plus marinades, ready-to-cook, sous vide, chilled main meal accompaniments, ready meals and other beef products.

Beef in the retail market					
Date	Weeks ending	Spend	Volume	Average price	
24 January 2021	12				

Weeks ending	Spend	Spend year-on-year	Volume (kg)	Volume year-on-year	Average price (£/kg)	Average price year-on-year
52	£4.7bn	15.5%	0.7bn	12.4%	£6.84	2.7%
12	£1.1bn	15.8%	0.2bn	13.0%	£6.93	2.5%

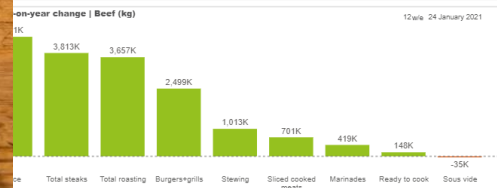
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Market commentary

In the 12 weeks ending the 24 January 2021, spend on beef increased 15.8% year-on-year. Volumes grew by 13%.

Primary beef saw volume growth of 19.7% with mince, steaks and roasting continuing to see a strong volume uplift with steaks being the fastest growing cut this period.

Processed beef saw volumes increase by 19.5%, driven primarily by burgers and grills.



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