Carcass indicators of male roe deer (Capreolus capreolus L.) in the Lublin Upland

Summary

The study analysed carcass indicators of slaughtered male roe deer obtained during the 2015/2016 hunting season in hunting districts in the Lublin Upland. The study showed the highest dressing percentage (75.8%) among roebucks in the age group of 4-5 years. The highest proportion of guts and thus the lowest dressing percentage was found among the youngest roebucks. The average dressing percentage of the male roe deer was 75.6%, which was higher than among domesticated animals. The average share of edible entrails (offal) was 6.1%, while inedible parts accounted for 18.3%. The individual quality assessment of Lublin Upland roe deer, expressed as body weight and carcass weight, showed that their quality remains among the highest in Poland and exhibits an upward trend.

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