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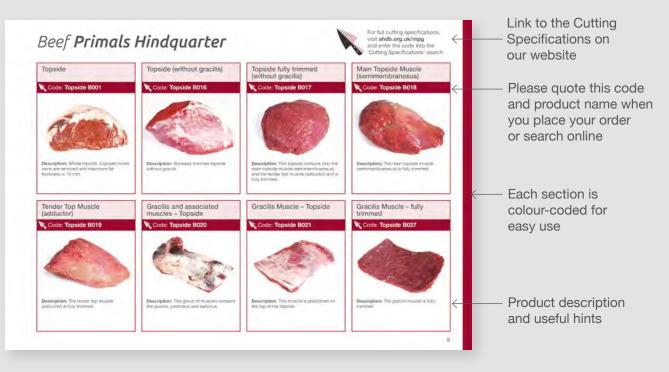
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Quality and consistency for the meat industry

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Dick van Leeuwen

Lifestyle changes and the increasing demand from the discerning consumer have led to tremendous changes and pressures on the red meat industry in terms of product integrity and consistency.

This, coupled with more and more meat products and specifications being readily available in the retail and catering marketplace, has resulted in varying degrees of product inconsistency and standards. The variations inherent in meat carcases and processing methods have also contributed to these inconsistencies.

With this in mind, AHDB has developed a completely new specification and coding for beef, veal, lamb, mutton and pork products.

The specifications in the guide are clear and concise. They include codes for each product and a step-by-step guide on the processing procedures and techniques. Born in Holland, Dick van Leeuwen did his training at the widely acclaimed Utrecht School of butchery and he is now acknowledged as a leading authority in butchery skills and meat processing.

Dick has worked in retail outlets, processing plants and at the Meat and Livestock Commission, where he developed many new products and cutting techniques and, for the last 15 years, for AHDB Beef & Lamb, primarily with abattoirs, processors and specialist butchers.

He has produced various meat-cutting publications to assist butchers and caterers to improve quality and consistency, by using the latest seam-butchery techniques.

In 2007, Dick launched the *Cutting Specification Manual* and *Meat Purchasing Guide*, which have been widely embraced throughout the industry and are now recognised as the encyclopedias for meat cuts.

Recently recognised by world-renowned meat scientist, Dr Chris Calkins, as "the finest meat publication I have ever seen", Dick continues to develop new products to add to these publications.

Dick's most recent initiative was to develop the free-to-use Meat Education Programme, which has already been incorporated into many of the large processing plants' internal training programmes.

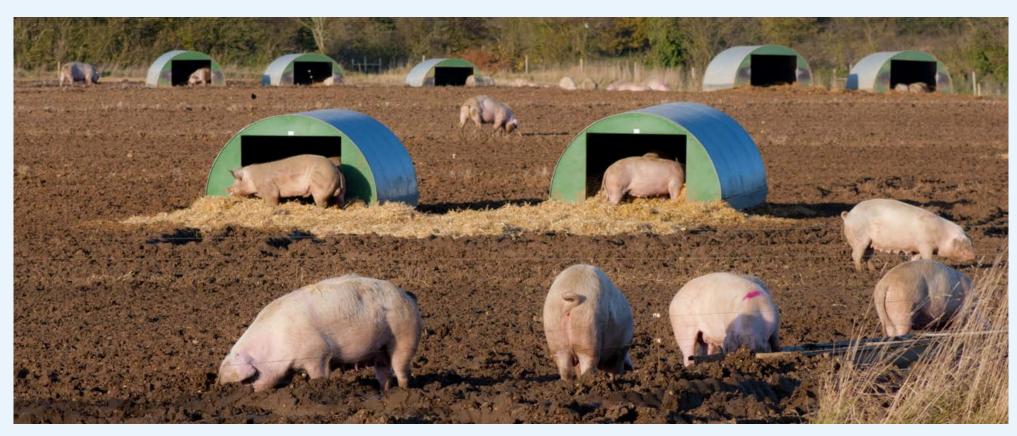
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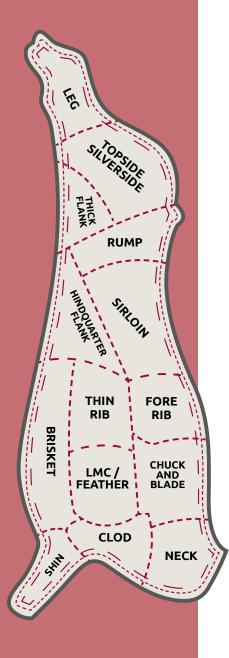
Red Tractor Farm Assurance Pigs Programme



The Red Tractor Farm Assurance Pigs Programme sets out to maintain, develop and promote Assurance standards for the benefit of its members within the pig meat industry. The aim is to provide consumers and retailers with confidence about product quality attributes including food safety, animal welfare and environmental protection. Assurance programmes such as The Red Tractor and Freedom Foods are widely used in the pig sector as a means of independently assuring animal welfare standards, as well as food safety, hygiene and environmental impact along the supply chain.



Beef

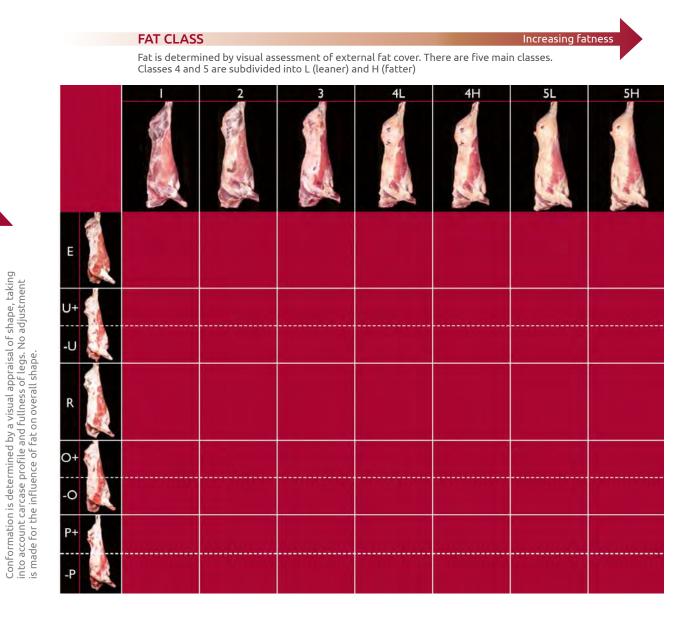


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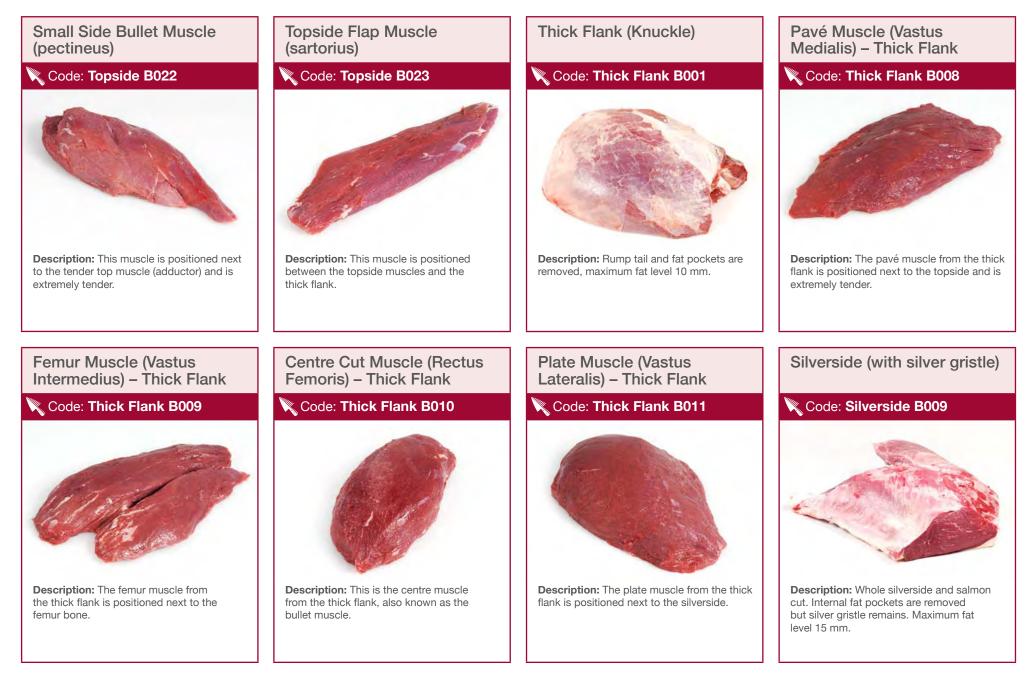
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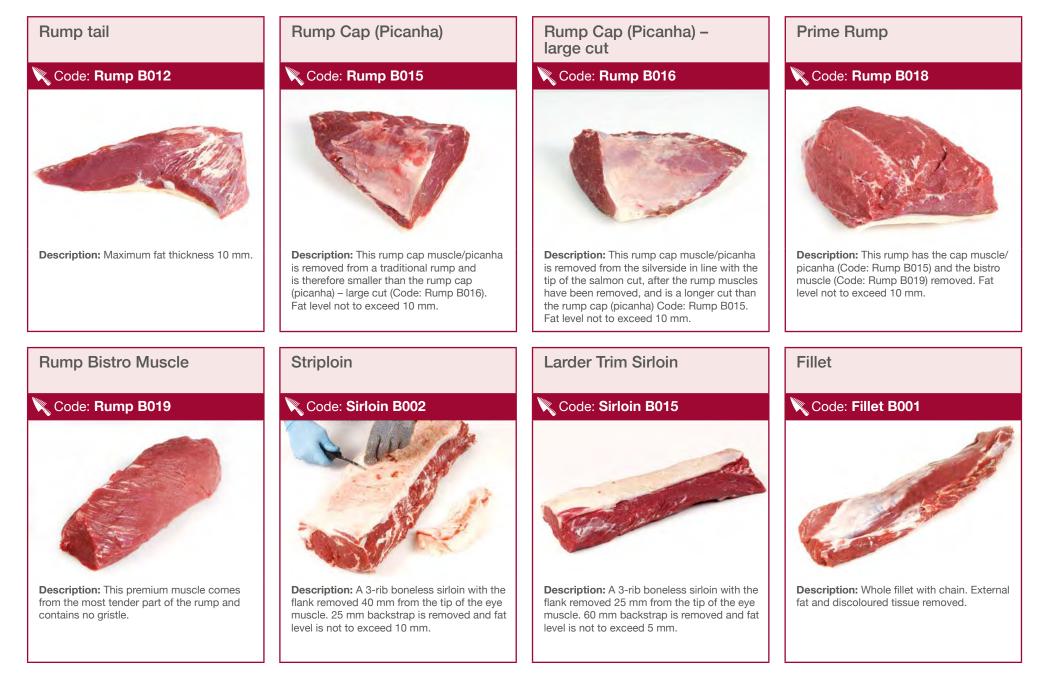








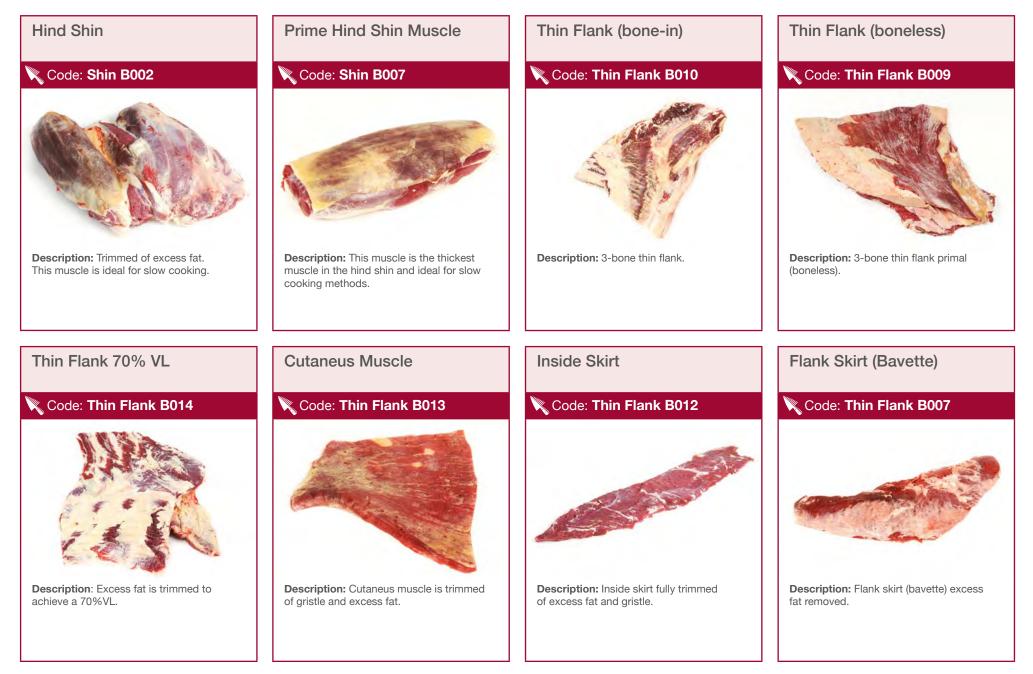


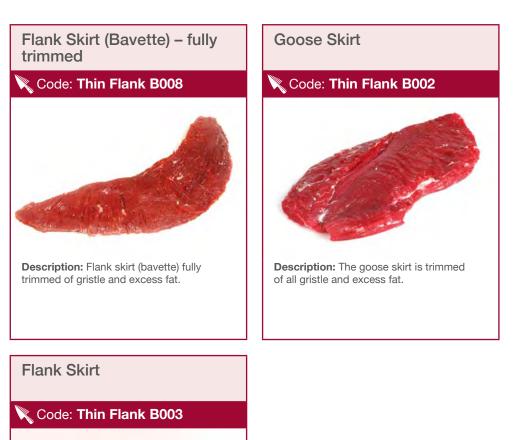




Fillet excl. chain	Rump Fillet with silver gristle and chain muscle	Rump Fillet	Loin Fillet with silver gristle and chain muscle
Code: Fillet B002	Code: Fillet B011	Code: Fillet B009	Code: Fillet B012
Description: Whole fillet without chain. External fat and discoloured tissue removed.	Description: This is the head of the fillet (rump end) with the chain, trimmed of all fat but silver gristle remains.	Description: This is the head of the fillet (rump end) without the chain, trimmed of all fat but silver gristle remains.	Description: This is part of the fillet that is attached to the sirloin end with the chain, trimmed of all fat but silver gristle remains.
Loin Fillet			
	Heel Muscle	Heel Muscles for Pavé (Gastrocnemius)	Pencil Muscle
Code: Fillet B010	Heel Muscle		Pencil Muscle Code: Leg B003
		(Gastrocnemius)	







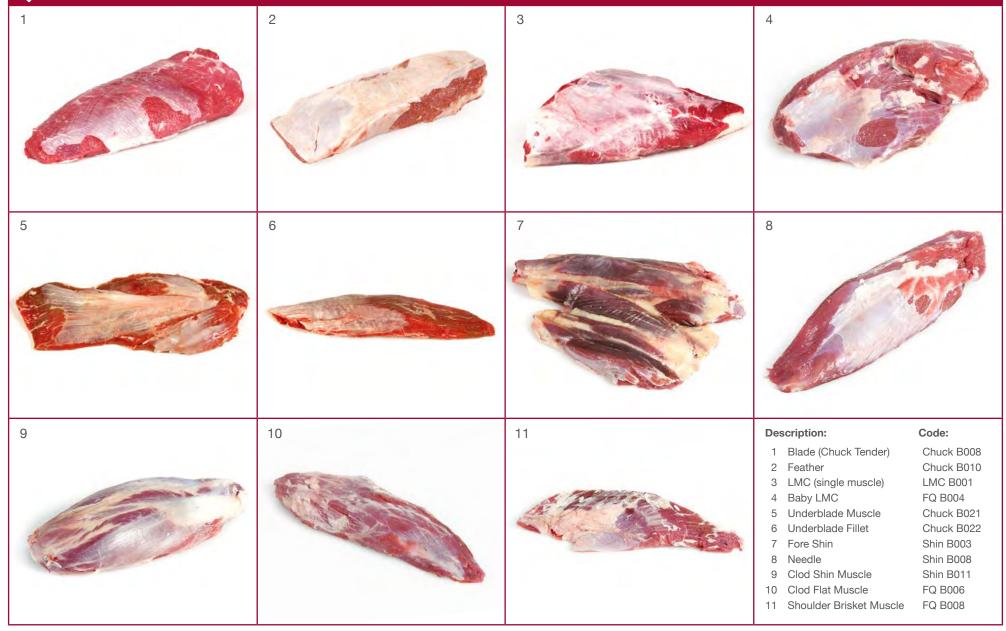


Description: The flank skirts are trimmed of all gristle and excess fat.



Beef **Primals Forequarter** Individual shoulder muscles

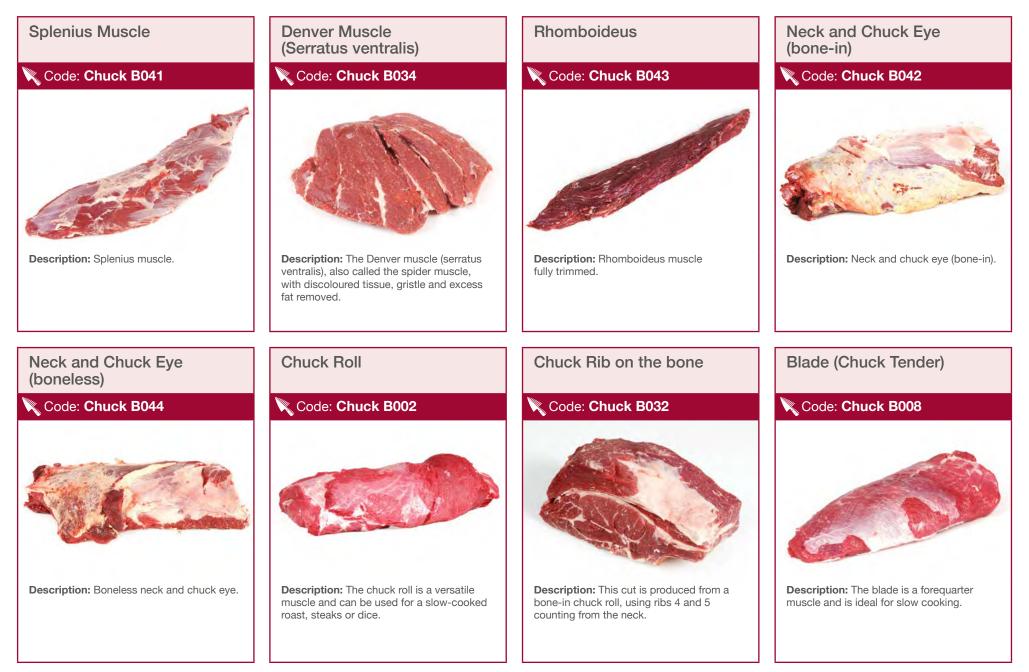
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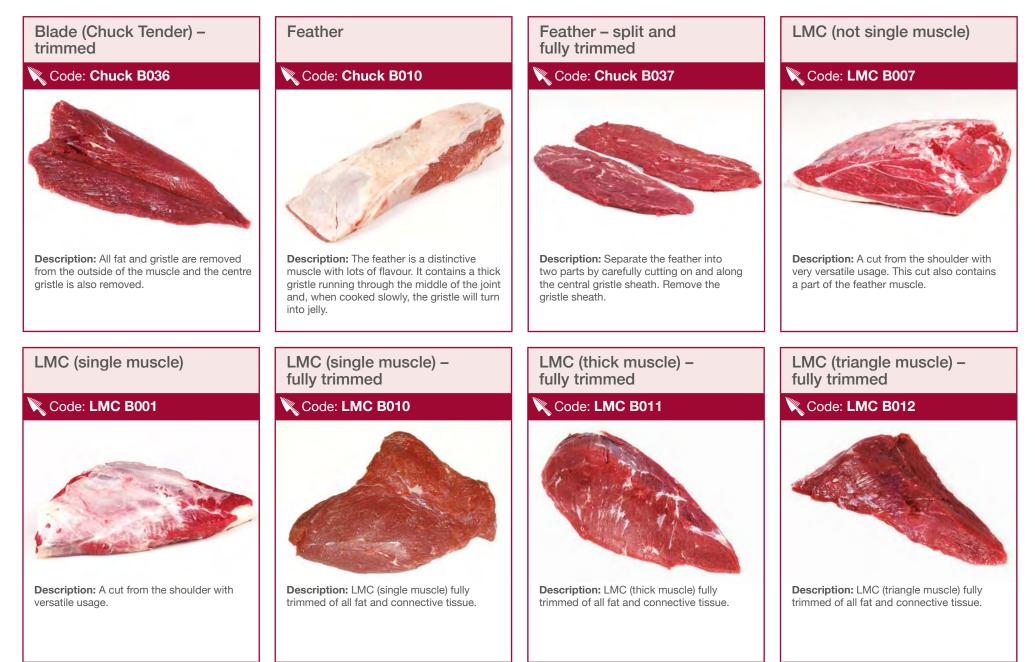












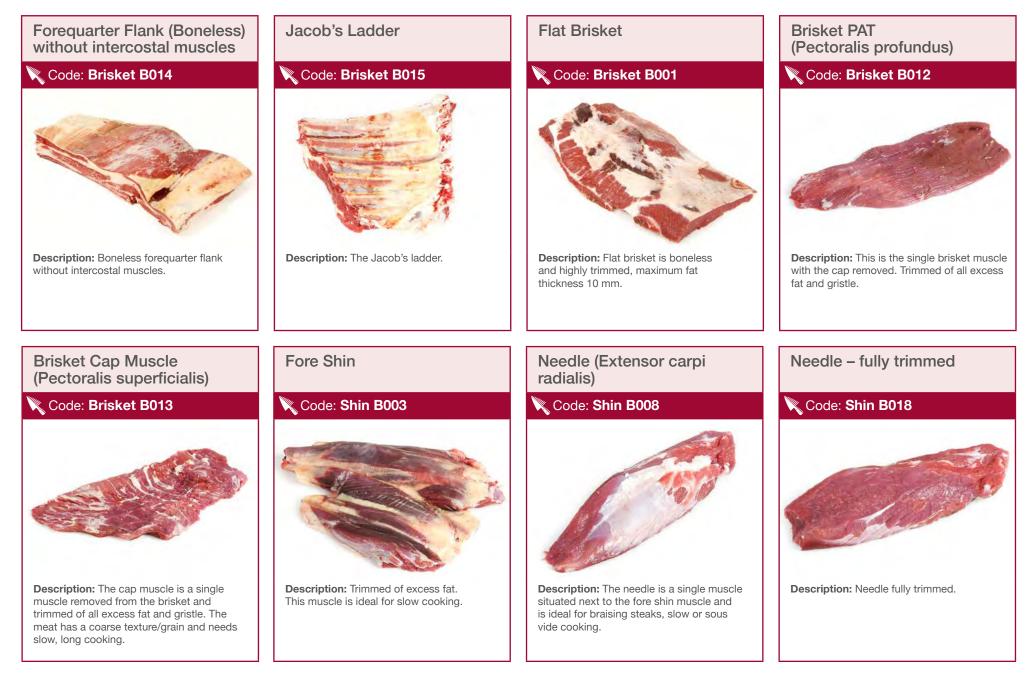








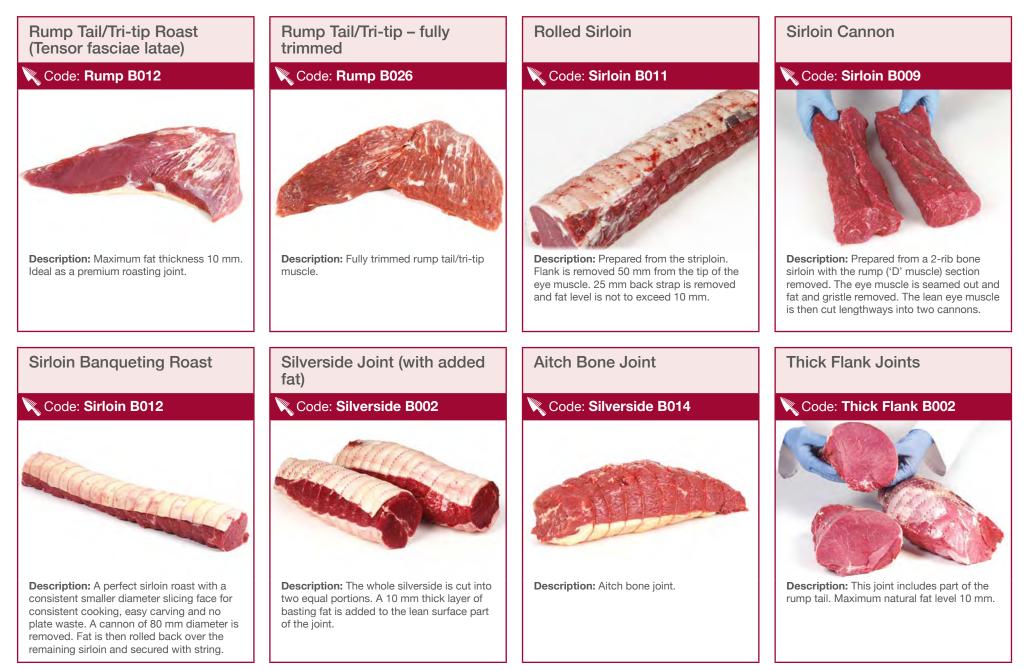




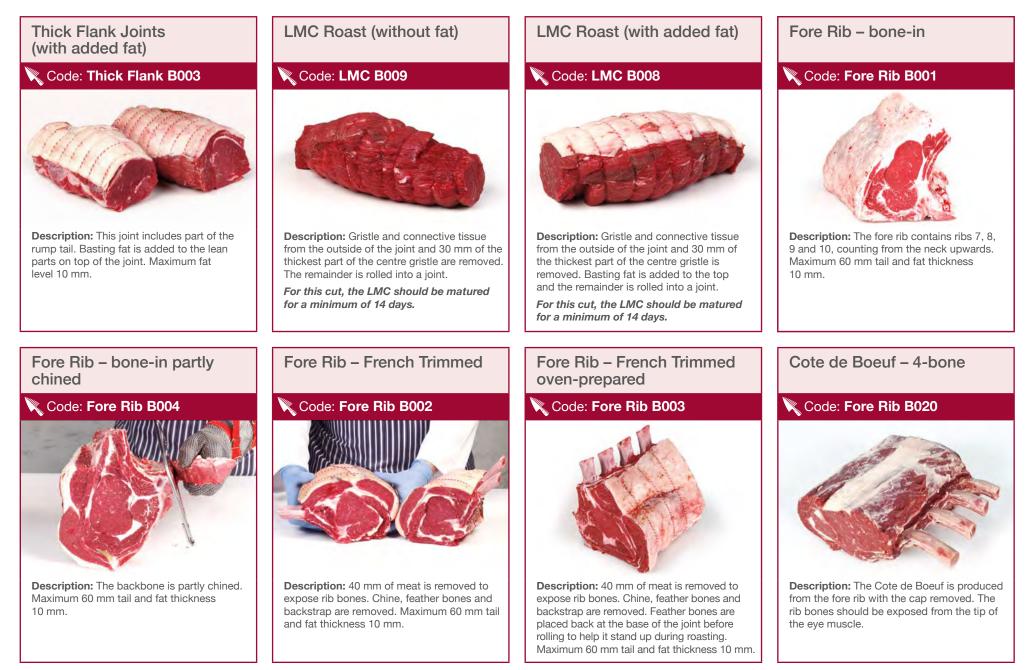


'Premium' Topside Joints	Topside Joint (without gracilis)	Topside Joint (traditional)	Topside Joint (without side muscle, fat added)
Code: Topside B002	Code: Topside B003	Code: Topside B004	Code: Topside B005
Description: A premium topside joint. The loosely attached muscle (gracilis) is removed and only the middle and corner cut of the topside is used. This results in no gristle in the middle of the joint and the cooked slices will not fall apart. 5 mm thick basting fat is added to any lean surface part on top of the joint.	Description: The loosely attached muscle (gracilis) is removed and the remainder of the topside is used. 5 mm thick basting fat is added to any lean surface on top of the joint.	Description: The whole topside is cut into three equal joints. 10 mm thick basting fat is added to any lean surface on top of the joint.	Description: The side muscle of the topside containing internal gristle is removed. A cover of a maximum of 10 mm fat is added to the underside of the joint, resulting in both sides of the topside containing basting fat.
'Premium' Easy Carve Rump Roast	'Premium' Rump Roast	Traditional Rump Roast	'Premium' Picanha Roast
Code: Rump B008	K Code: Rump B009	Code: Rump B010	Code: Rump B007
Description: A premium rump joint. This rump is cut into three joints of even-sized diameter for easy carving so the slices will not fall apart.	Description: The cap of the rump is removed using a seam-cutting method and both joints are rolled. The joints will not have an even diameter slicing face.	Description: The whole rump is cut into two even-sized joints and rolled. This joint is more difficult to carve than the 'Premium' Easy Carve Rump Roast version, as slices might fall apart.	Description: A favourite. Cut from the cap of the rump, a delicious flavoured joint containing a thin layer of scored natural fat.



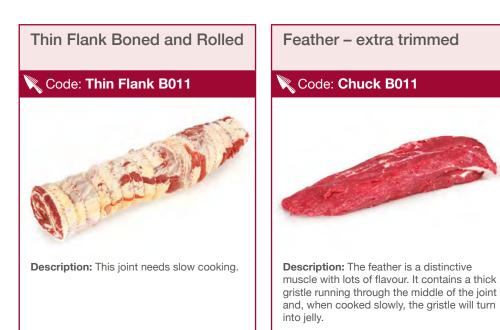












Flat Iron Roast

Code: Chuck B015



Description: Cut from a seam cut feather muscle, from which all fat and centre gristle are removed. The remaining lean meat produces a very tender flavoursome roast.

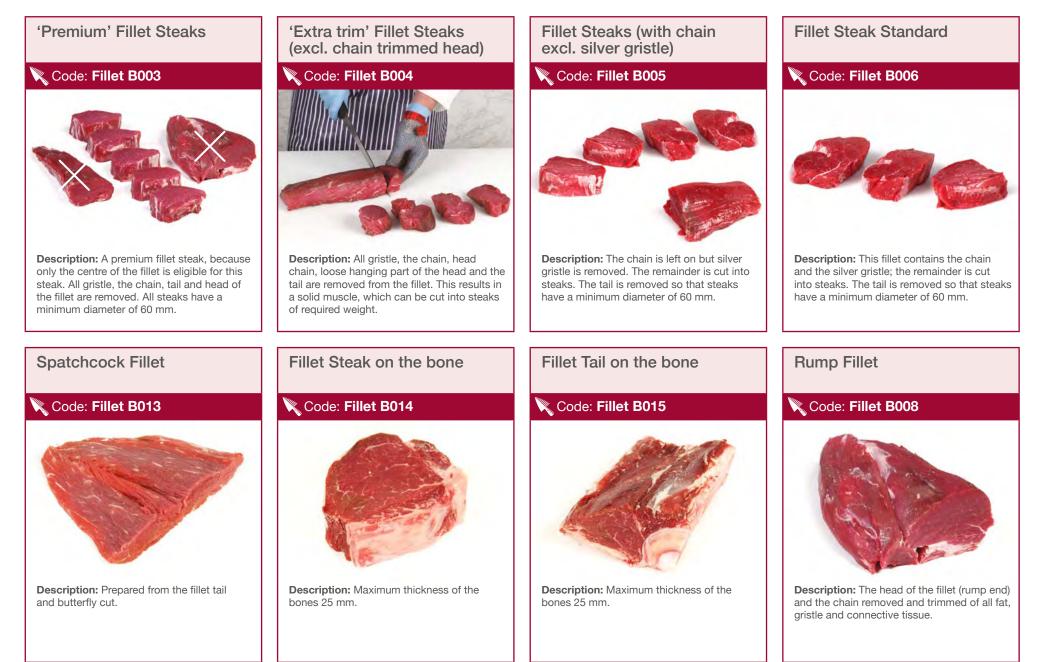


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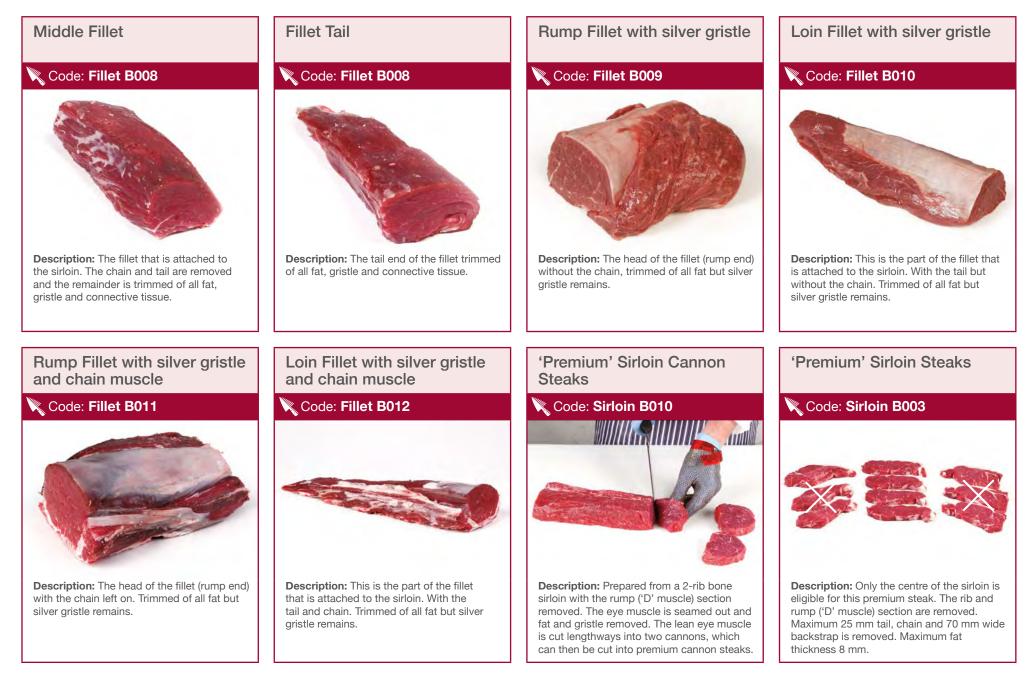


Topside Mini Joints (with added fat)	Silverside Mini Joints (with added fat)	Silverside Mini Joint (extra lean)	Mini Joints (LMC)
Code: Topside B006	Code: Silverside B003	Code: Silverside B015	Code: LMC B005
Description: The loosely attached muscle (gracilis) is removed and the remainder of the topside prepared into mini joints. 5 mm thick basting fat is added to the lean surface on top of the joint. The diameter of the joint is approx 60–70 mm.	Description: All connective tissue and gristle are removed from the silverside. The remainder is cut into mini joints and a 5 mm layer of fat is added and secured with roasting bands. The diameter of the joint is approx 60–70 mm. For this cut the silverside should be	Description: All fat, gristle and connective tissue is removed from the silverside. The remainder is cut into logs before being cut into mini joints of approximately 500 g. The diameter of the joint is approximately 60–70 mm. <i>For this product, the silverside must be</i>	Description: Produced from the LMC muscle, which is seam cut to remove all gristle and connective tissue. The remainder is cut into mini joints and secured with roasting bands. The diameter of the joint is approx 60–70 mm. <i>For this cut, the LMC should be matured</i>
	matured for a minimum of 14 days.	matured for a minimum of 14 days.	for a minimum of 14 days.
Mini Joints (Brisket)	Mini Joints 'Centre Cut'	Picanha Roast (portions)	Rump Tail/Tri-tip Mini Joint
Code: Brisket B003	Code: Thick Flank B005	Code: Rump B007	Code: Rump B020
Description: All bone, cartilage and fat deposits are removed from the brisket. The joint is then cut into mini joints of required weights and secured with roasting bands. The diameter of the joint is approx 60–70 mm. Maximum fat thickness 5 mm.	Description: These joints are produced from the tender centre muscle of the thick flank. These joints are totally lean, without any gristle. <i>For this cut, the thick flank should be</i> <i>matured for a minimum of 14 days.</i>	Description: Cut from the cap muscle of the rump. Delicious flavoured portions containing a thin layer of scored natural fat. Weight range 125–200 g for individual portions or 375–450 g for two larger portions.	 Description: This cut is situated next to the rump and makes an ideal roasting joint. A very popular cut in Brazil. For this product, the rump tail should be matured for a minimum of 14 days.

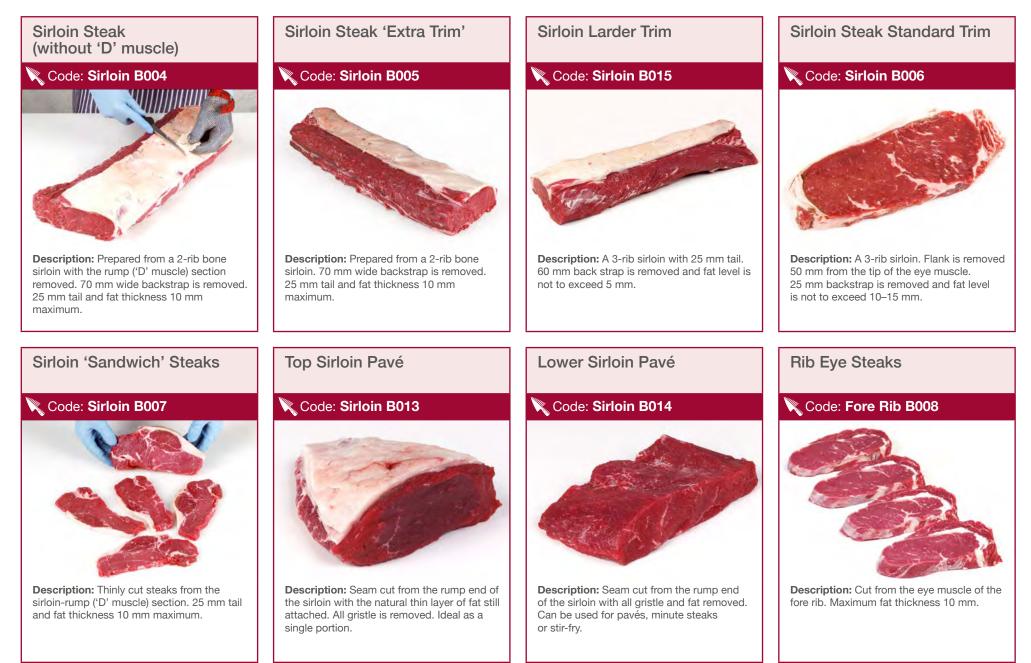








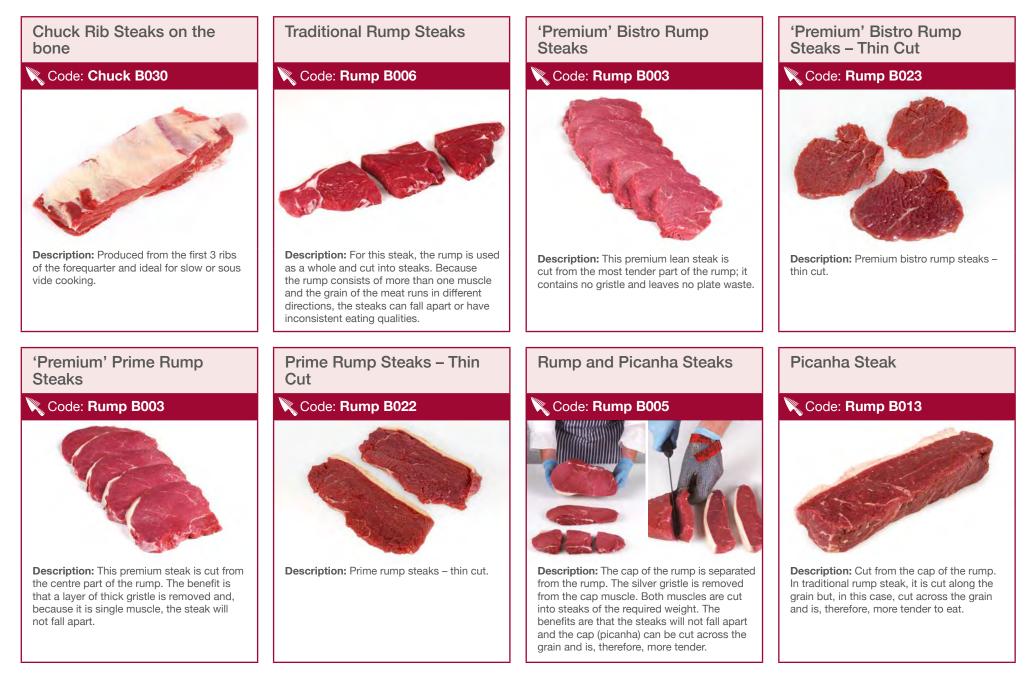




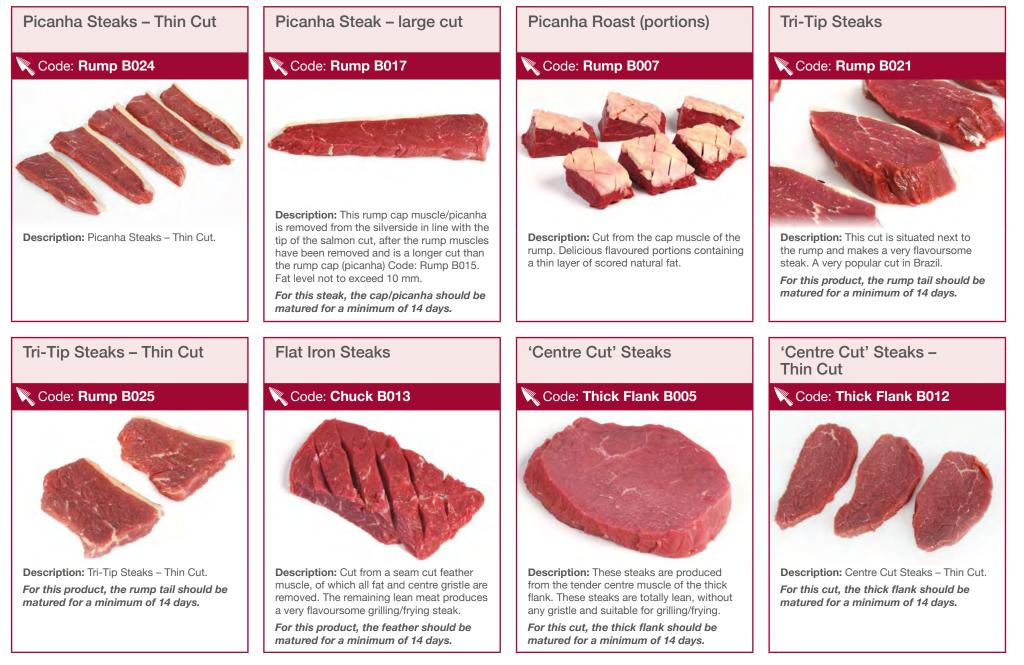


Rib Eye Fillet	T-bone Steaks	Bone-In Porterhouse Steak	Bone-In Sirloin Steak
Code: Chuck B027	Code: Sirloin B008	Code: Sirloin B017	Code: Sirloin B018
Description: The rib eye fillet is the continuation of the rib eye situated in the chuck.	Description: Prepared from the 4-vertebrae section counting from the rump. 25 mm tail and fat thickness 10 mm maximum.	Description: This steak is prepared from the 3-bone rib section of the sirloin.	Description: Prepared from the sirloin without the rib section.
Tomahawk Steak	Cote de Boeuf – single bone	Club Steaks	Back Rib Steaks on the bone
Code: Fore Rib B018	Code: Fore Rib B019	Code: Fore Rib B010	Code: Chuck B031
Description: These steaks are produced from the fore rib with the cap removed. The rib bone should be exposed 200 mm from the eye muscle.	Description: The Cote de Boeuf is produced from the fore rib with the cap removed. The rib bone should be exposed from the tip of the eye muscle.	Description: Prepared from the fore rib. Each steak contains half a rib bone.	Description: Produced from ribs 4, 5 and 6 of the forequarter.

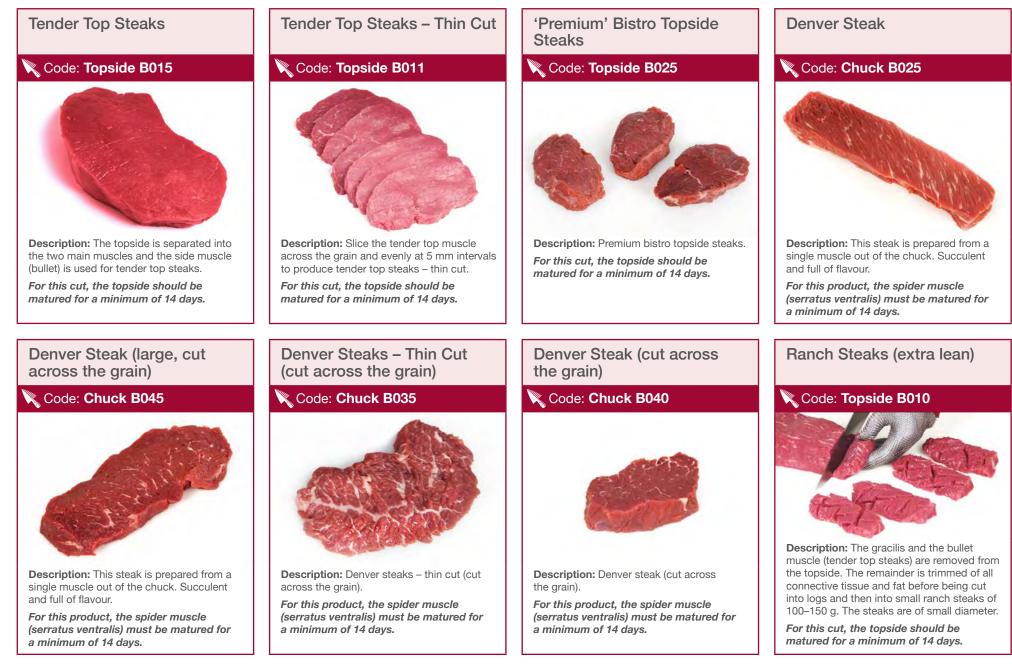




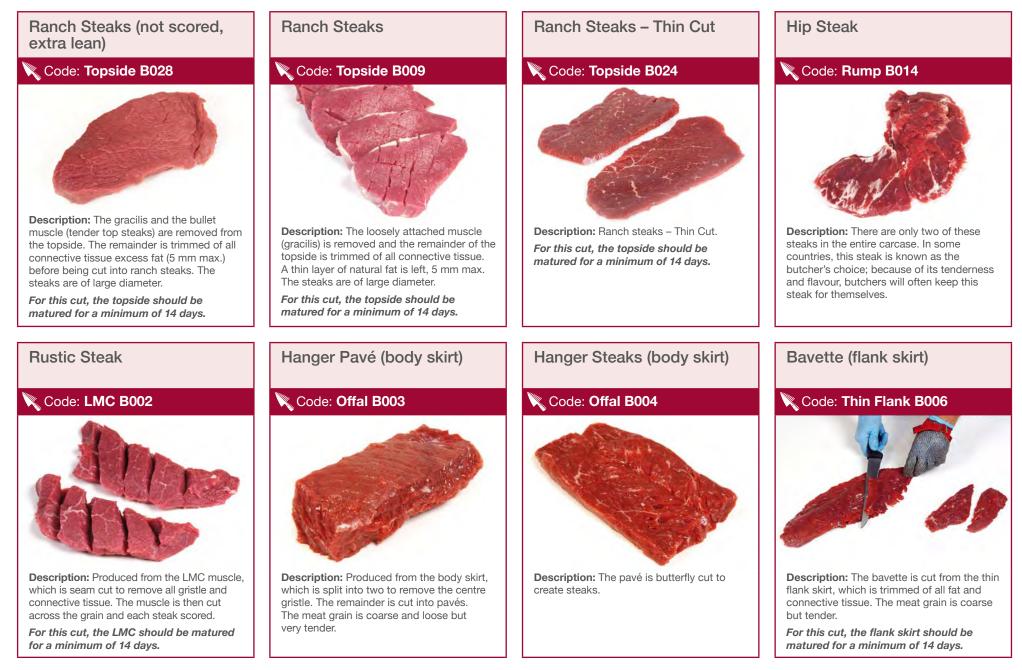








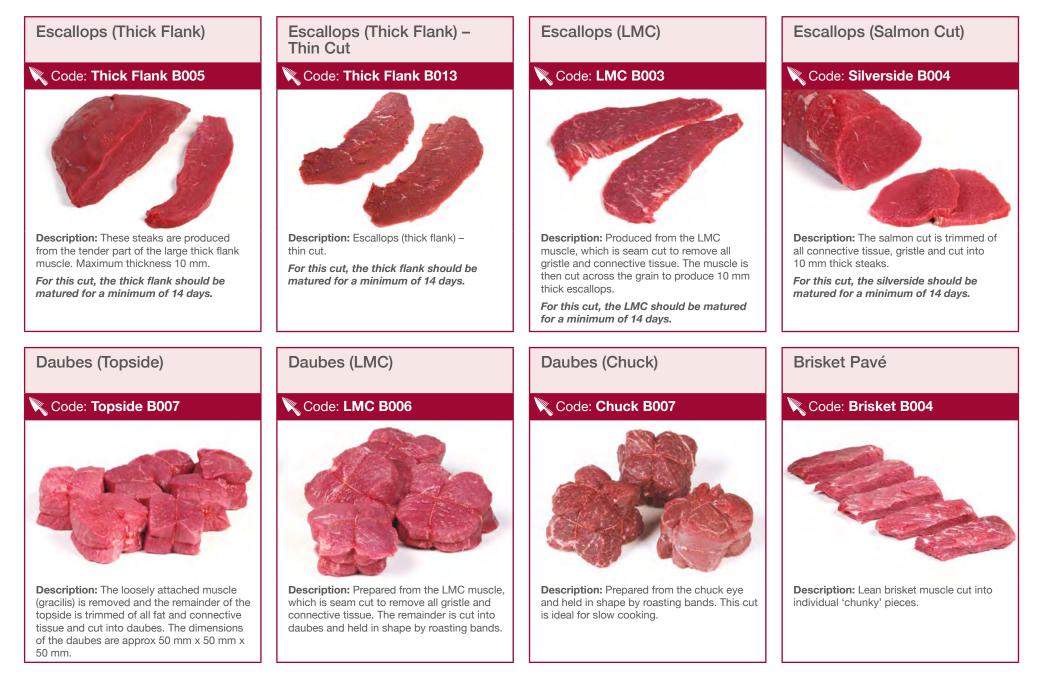




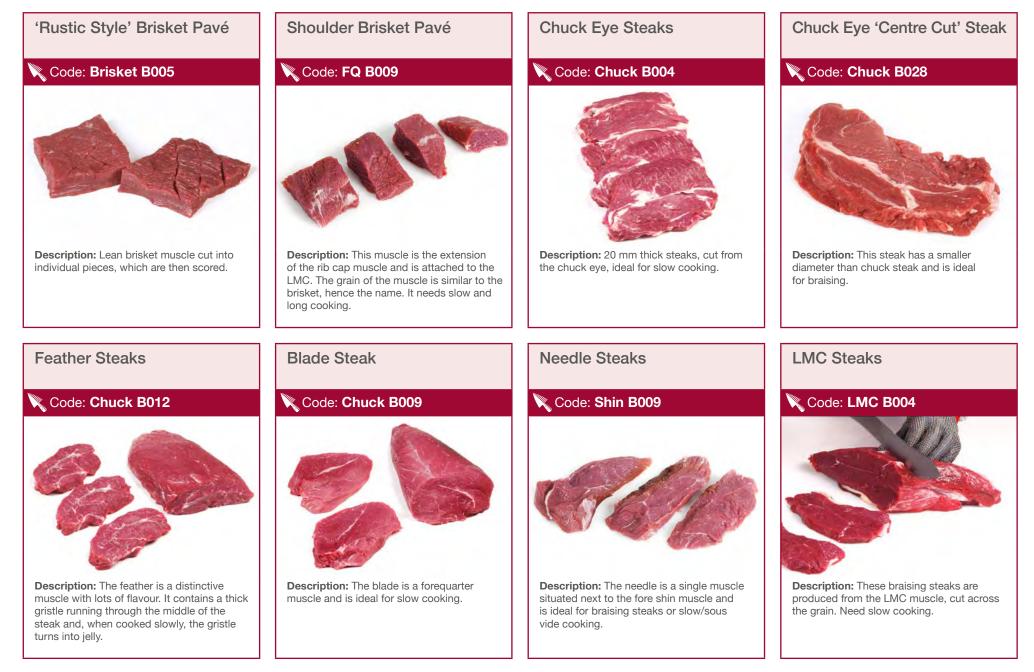


Skirt Steaks (diaphragm)	Pavé (underblade)	Pavé (underblade fillet)	Pavé (Thick Flank)
Code: Offal B002	Code: Chuck B019	Code: Chuck B020	Code: Thick Flank B007
Description: Produced from the skirt (diaphragm), with all gristle and connective tissue removed. The meat grain is coarse but tender and is also ideal for stir-fry.	Description: The underblade muscle is situated between the shoulder blade and chuck. When trimmed of all fat and connective tissue is then cut into pavés.	Description: The smaller underblade muscle (fillet) can be cut into tender pavés. For this cut, the underblade muscle should be matured for a minimum of	Description: This pavé is cut from a thin muscle, which is part of the thick flank. All connective tissue and a section of coarse grain meat is removed, leaving a very tender
For this cut, the skirt (diaphragm) must be matured for a minimum of 14 days, in vacuum bags, not on the bone, to enhance keeping quality.	For this cut, the underblade muscle should be matured for a minimum of 14 days.	14 days.	muscle, which is cut into pavés. This pavé has a similar texture to the pavé (heel muscle). For this cut, the thick flank should be matured for a minimum of 14 days.
Pavé (Thick Flank) – Thin Cut	Pavé (heel muscle)	Braising Steaks (Heel Muscle)	Flat Iron Escallops
Code: Thick Flank B014	💦 Code: Leg B002	🗽 Code: Leg B004	Code: Chuck B014
aller and			
Description: Pavé (thick flank) – thin cut. For this cut, the thick flank should be	Description: The heel muscle is seam cut and two tender muscles are removed to use this pavé. A section of coarse grain meat is	Description: Braising steaks (heel muscle). For this cut, the heel muscle should be	Description: Cut from a seam cut feather muscle, of which all fat and centre gristle are removed. The lean muscle is then butterfly
matured for a minimum of 14 days.	removed. This pavé has a similar texture to the pavé (Thick Flank).	matured for a minimum of 14 days.	cut to produce thin escallops. For this cut, the feather should be
	For this cut, the heel muscle should be matured for a minimum of 14 days.		matured for a minimum of 14 days.

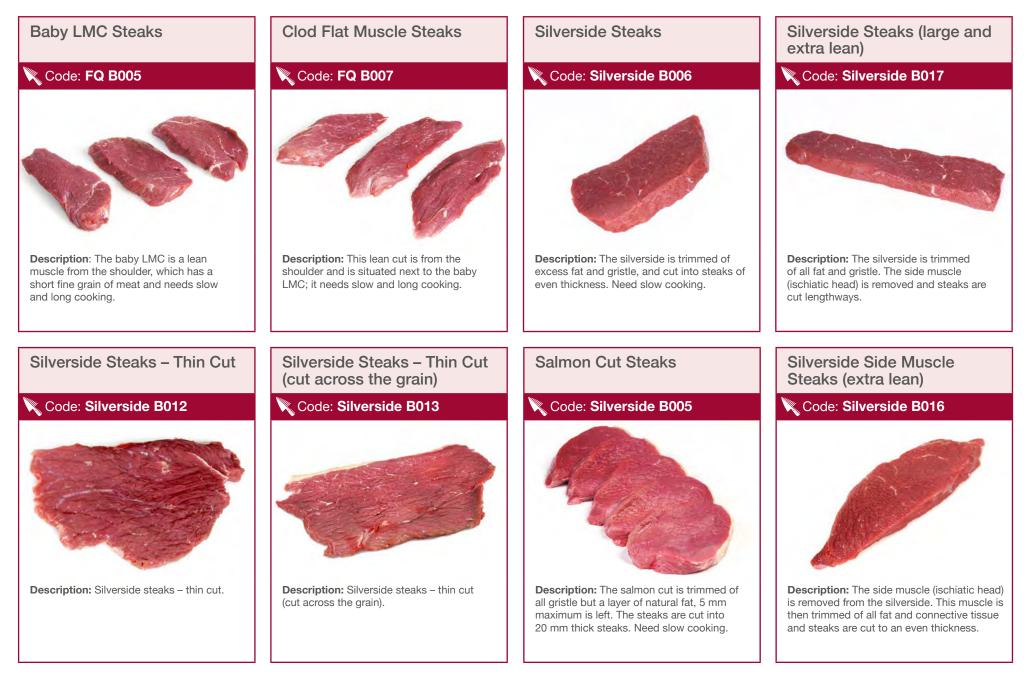


















Beef Mini Back Ribs – 2-bone Rack	Beef Ribs – French Trimmed	Beef Short Ribs (Jacob's Ladder)
Code: Fore Rib B016	Code: Brisket B008	Code: Brisket B009
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Description: These racks are produced from the fore rib section.	Description: These meaty ribs are from the chuck section.	Description: Prepared from the Jacob's ladder, with excess fat and gristle removed.
Whole Beef Ribs (Jacob's		
Ladder)	Beef Ribs – split (Jacob's Ladder)	Beef Bucco
		Beef Bucco Code: Shin B006

Beef Shanks





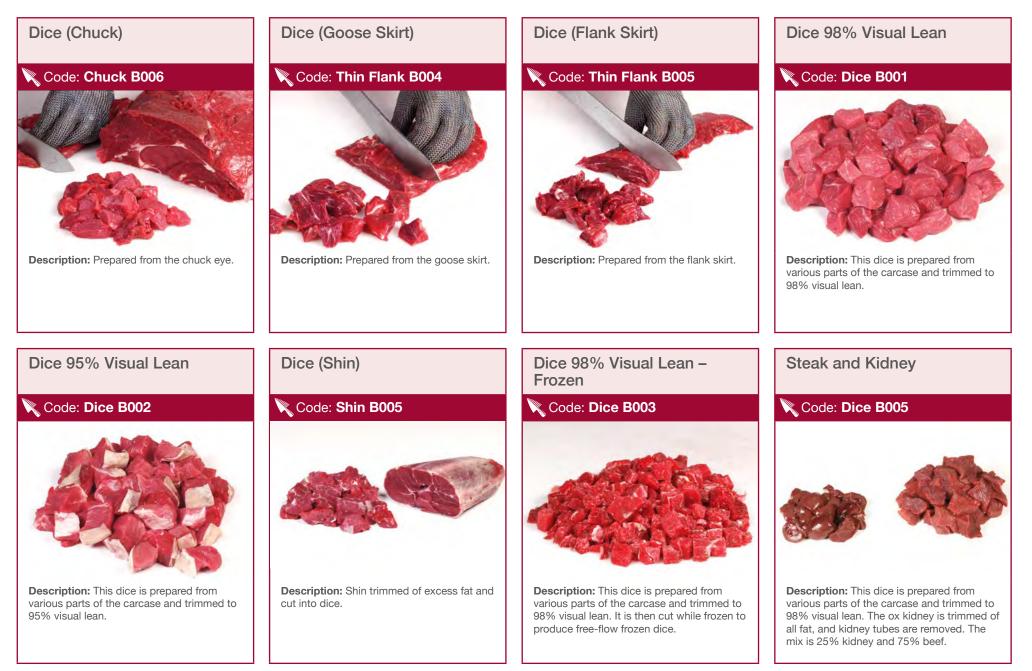
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Stir-Fry (Feather)	Stir-Fry (Fillet Tail)	Stir-Fry (Topside)	Stir-Fry – Topside Flap Muscle (Sartorius)
Code: Chuck B018	Code: Fillet B007	Code: Topside B014	Code: Topside B026
Description: Cut from a seam cut feather muscle, of which all fat and centre gristle are removed. The remaining lean meat is cut into stir-fry.	Description: Prepared from tender fillet tails.	Description: The loosely attached muscle (gracilis) is removed and the remainder of the topside is trimmed of all connective tissue and fat and used for stir-fry.	Description: Stir-fry - topside flap muscle (Sartorius).For this cut, the topside should be matured for a minimum of 14 days.
Stir-Fry of Beef	Quick Cook Strips – 98%VL (Silverside)	Quick Cook Dice – 98%VL (Silverside)	Dice (Silverside)
Code: Stir-fry B004	Code: Silverside B019	Code: Silverside B018	Code: Silverside B008
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Description: A range of tender muscles are used in this stir-fry. Dissimilar muscles are not mixed but put into batches, to make sure the eating quality is consistent.	Description: The silverside is trimmed of all fat, gristle and connective tissue. The remainder is cut into 7 mm x 7 mm x 50 mm strips.	Description: The silverside is trimmed of all fat, gristle and connective tissue. The remainder is cut into 7 mm x 7 mm x 7 mm cubes.	Description: The silverside is trimmed of all excess fat, gristle and connective tissue. The remainder is cut into dice.

Beef Dice and Stir-Fry





Beef Mince and Burgers



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Description:

All livestock must be from farms operating in compliance with a farm assurance scheme and must be transported, slaughtered and processed in compliance with a quality assurance scheme. Each such assurance scheme must have been approved by AHDB Beef & Lamb in relation to this Quality Standard and must be independently audited to EN 45011 standard.

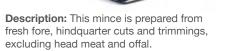
Cattle of any age or sex are acceptable.

Mince must contain a maximum of 20% fat (as measured by chemical analysis using British Standard methods), approximately equivalent to beef having overall 85% visual lean prior to mincing (final mix stage).

Mince must be 100% beef with no added water, additives, fillers or other ingredients.

All minced product must be produced and labelled in accordance with legislative requirements.

Mince 98% Visual Lean



Mince 90% Visual Lean

Code: Mince B004



Description: This mince is prepared from fresh fore, hindquarter cuts and trimmings, excluding head meat and offal.

Quality Standard Mark Burgers





Description:

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No meat other than beef may be used.

The beef may be obtained from cattle of any age or sex.

The beef used must be of a quality such that it would, if minced, satisfy the requirements of the AHDB Beef & Lamb Quality Standard for minced beef.

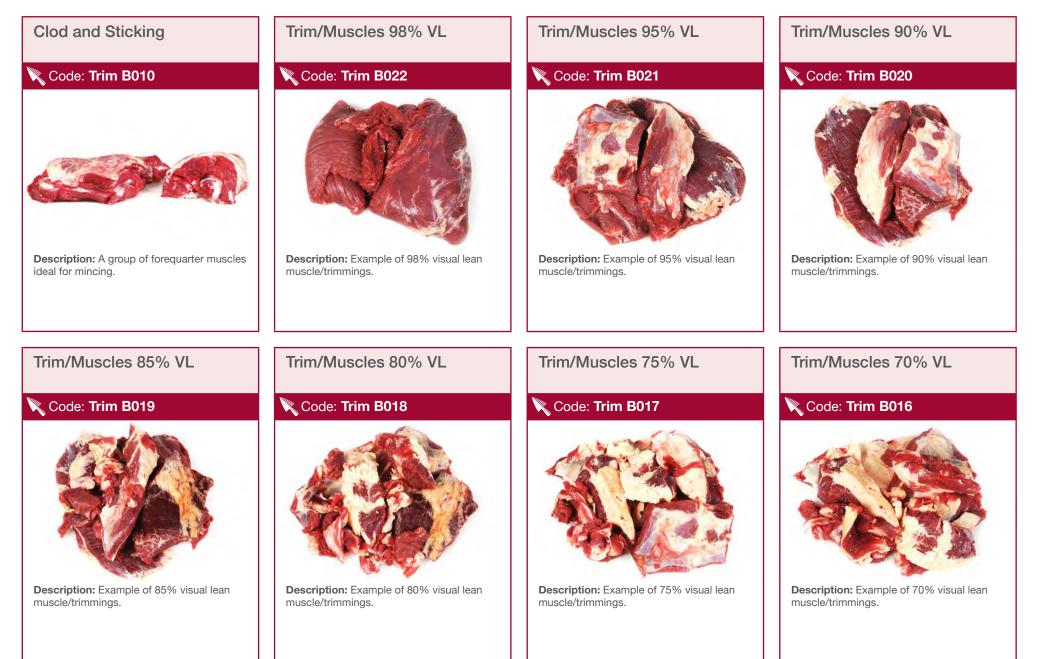
The minimum beef content of the burger is 70% (as defined by the Food Labelling Regulations 1996, as amended in 2003).

The manufacturer or processor must be a registered member of the Quality Standard Mark scheme.

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Beef Trim

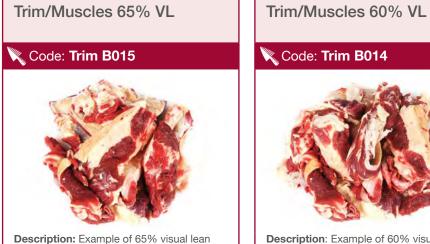




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muscle/trimmings.



Description: Example of 60% visual lean muscle/trimmings.

Trim/Muscles 55% VL

Code: Trim B013



Description: Example of 55% visual lean muscle/trimmings.

Beef **Offal**

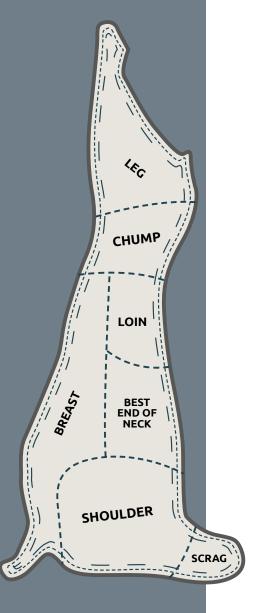


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Diaphragm	Body Skirt	Ox Cheek	Ox Tail
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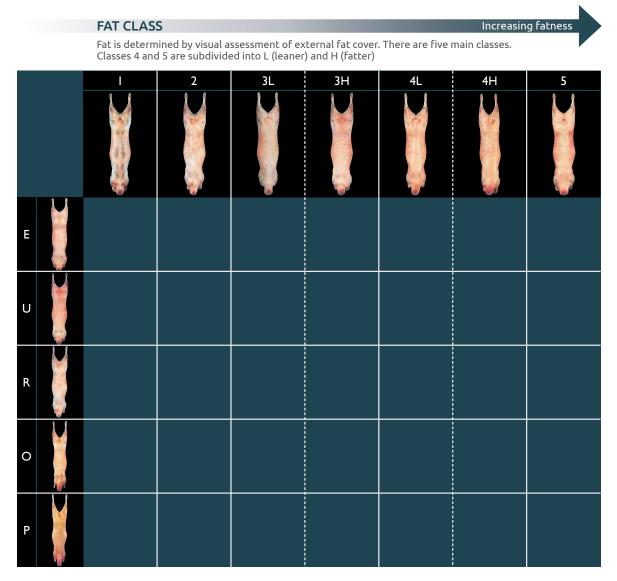


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Conformation is determined by a visual appraisal of shape, taking into account carcase profile and fullness of legs. No adjustment is made for the influence of fat on overall shape.

Carcase classification

Carcase assessment addresses conformation and fat. Fat cover is assessed as described on a scale of 1–5 with class 1 being extremely lean and class 5 being extremely fat. Classes 3 and 4 are divided into low (L) and high (H).



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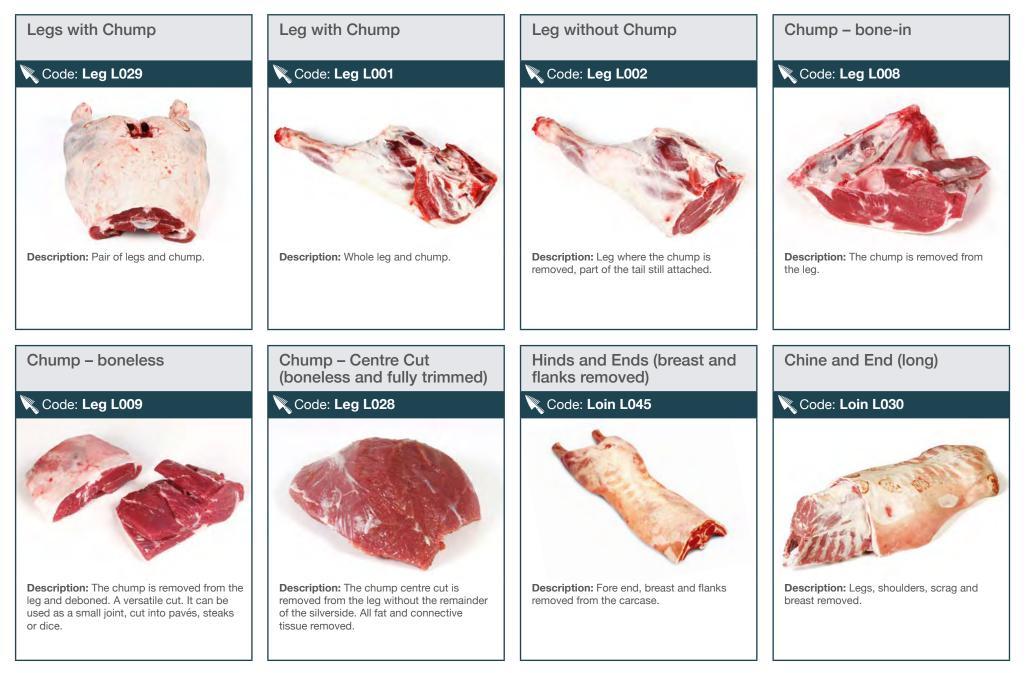
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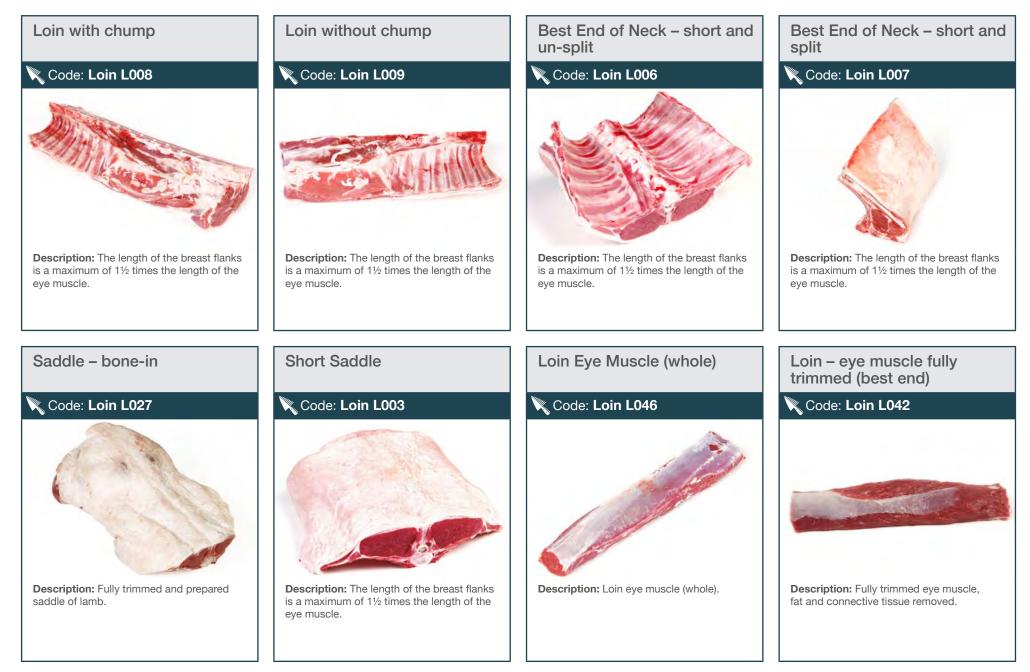






Chine and End (short)	Best End (long)	Loin – double untrimmed	Loin – single untrimmed
🔪 Code: Loin L031	Code: Loin L029	🔪 Code: Loin L037	🌾 Code: Loin L039
E			
Description: Fore end, legs and breast are removed.	Description: The best end (long) will consist of 12 rib bones on each side.	Description: The length of the ribs is 40 mm from the tip of the eye muscle. The neck is removed in line with the first rib.	Description: The length of the ribs is 40 mm from the tip of the eye muscle. The neck is removed in line with the first rib.
Loin – double fully trimmed	Loin – single fully trimmed	Middle	Middle excluding breast flanks
📉 Code: Loin L038	Code: Loin L040	Қ Code: Loin L001	Code: Loin L002
Description: The length of the ribs is 40 mm from the tip of the eye muscle. External fat is removed. The neck is removed in line with the first rib.	Description: The length of the ribs is 40 mm from the tip of the eye muscle. External fat is removed. The neck is removed in line with the first rib.	Description: The fore end and the legs and chumps are removed.	Description: The breast flanks are removed at a distance equal to 1½ times the length of the eye muscle.







Fillet (whole)	Fillets	Short Fore	Short Fore – single
K Code: Loin L047	Code: Loin L026	Code: Forequarter L001	Code: Forequarter L038
Description: Whole fillet.	Description: Fully trimmed fillets of lamb.	Description: A 6-rib short fore.	Description: A single forequarter of lamb.
Short Fore – single (rib cage removed)	Shoulder – traditional bone-in Code: Forequarter L002	Shoulder Code: Forequarter L023	Racket Shoulder (Paletilla)
Description: A single forequarter with rib, back and neck bones removed.	Description: A square cut shoulder with part of the knuckle removed.	Description: Round untrimmed shoulder. The blade bone cartilage remains attached to the shoulder.	Description: The shoulder is removed from the carcase following the natural seams.

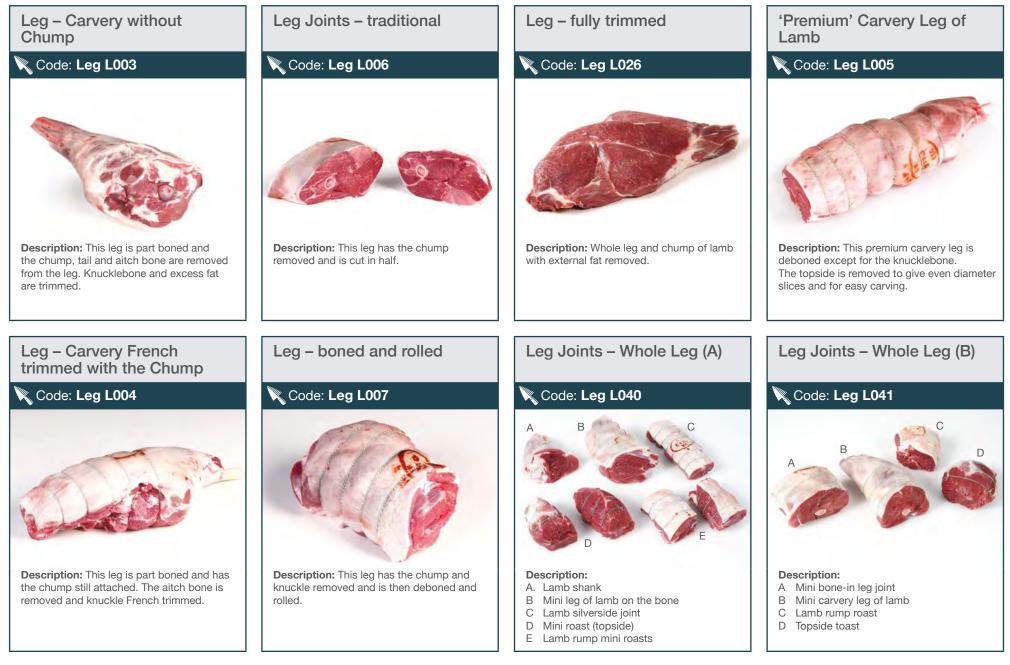


Neck – untrimmed	Neck – fully trimmed	Neck	Neck Fillet
Code: Forequarter L020	Code: Forequarter L021	Code: Forequarter L015	Code: Forequarter L016
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Description: Neck (scrag) removed in line with the first rib.	Description: Neck (scrag) is removed in line with the first rib. Backstrap and excess fat removed.	Description: A bone-in neck.	Description: A fully trimmed neck fillet with the yellow gristle removed and end squared.
Neck of Lamb – boneless	Neck – split and trimmed	Breast – with flank	Breast with flank (boneless)
Code: Forequarter L035	Code: Forequarter L036	Code: Breast L003	Code: Breast L016
Description: The neck is removed in line with the first rib, deboned and excess fat is trimmed off.	Description: The neck is removed in line with the first rib and excess fat is trimmed off.	Description: Breast without the breast tip but thin flank part remains.	Description: Boneless breast with flank.

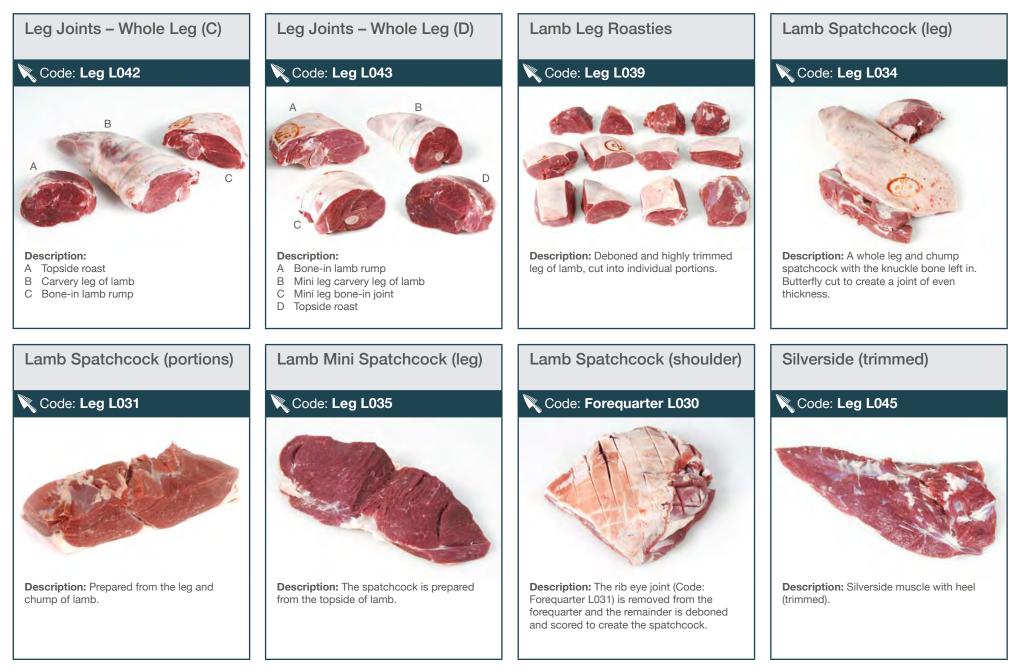


Breast – Square Cut	Breast – Square Cut (boneless)	Breast Tip	Breast – untrimmed
Code: Breast L002	Code: Breast L015	Code: Breast L004	Code: Breast L007
Description: Breast without the breast tip and thin flank part.	Description: Boneless square-cut breast.	Description: Tip of the breast from the forequarter.	Description: The rib section of the breast with the flank removed.
Breast – fully trimmed	Flank	Flank Muscles – fully trimmed	
Code: Breast L008 Image: Code: Bre	Code: Breast L005	Code: Breast L006	





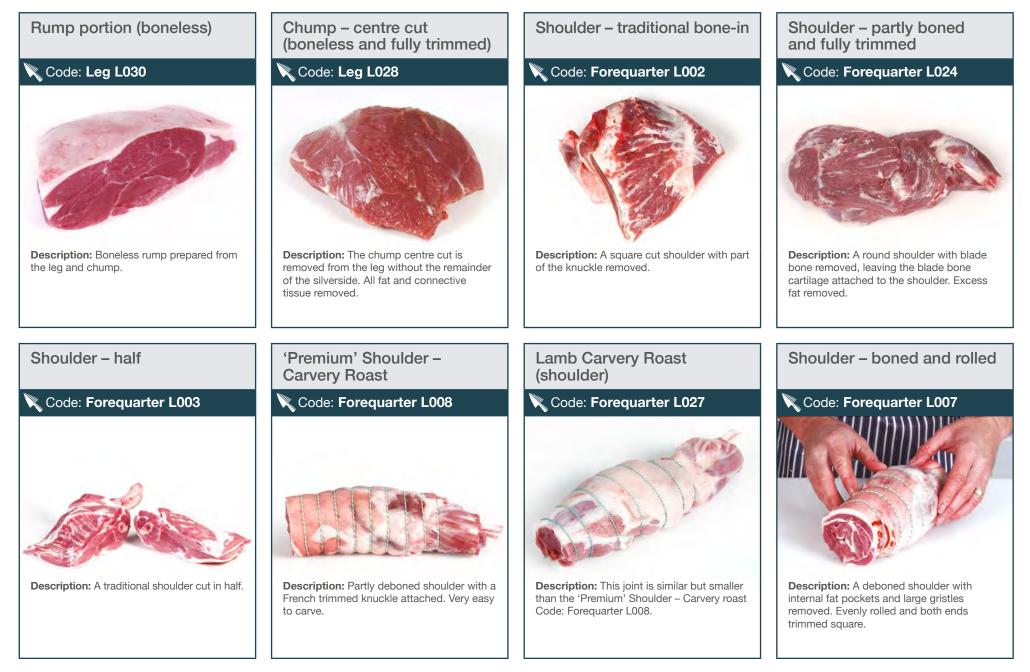




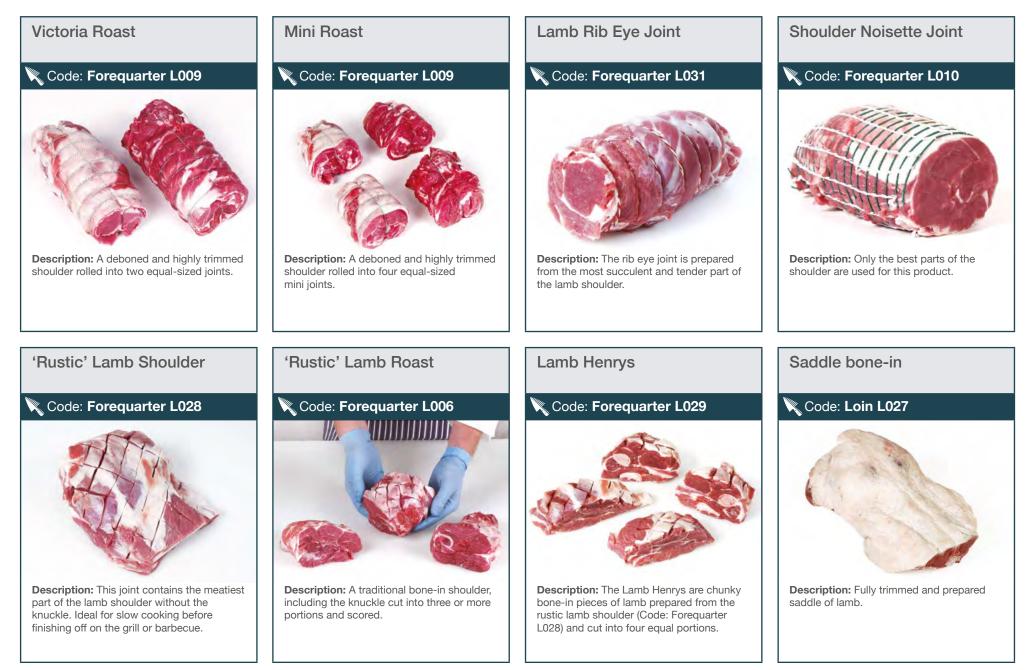


Leg Noisette Joint	Topside (untrimmed)	Topside Roast	Mini Roast (Topside)
🌾 Code: Leg L014	Code: Leg L046	Code: Leg L010	🌾 Code: Leg L011
Description: Prepared from the silverside muscle of the leg. Even in diameter and easy to cut into noisettes after cooking.	Description: Untrimmed topside muscle.	Description: Whole topside with maximum fat thickness of 5 mm.	Description: Whole topside cut in half with maximum fat thickness of 5 mm.
Thick Flank (untrimmed)	Mini Roast (Thick Flank)	Bone-in Lamb Rump	Chump – boneless
🎉 Code: Leg L044	🔪 Code: Leg L013	K Code: Leg L032	🔌 Code: Leg L009
Description: Untrimmed thick flank muscle.	Description: A thick flank joint with the ends squared off.	Description: Prepared from the chump with the tail bone removed.	Description: The chump is removed from the leg and deboned. A versatile cut. It can be used as a small joint, cut into pavés, steaks or dice.





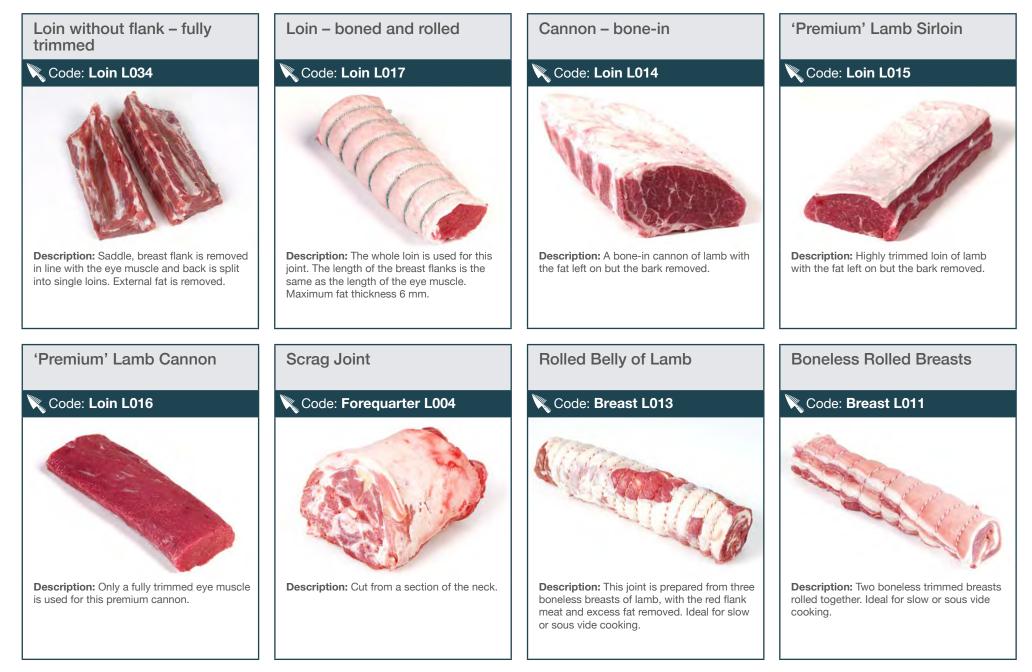














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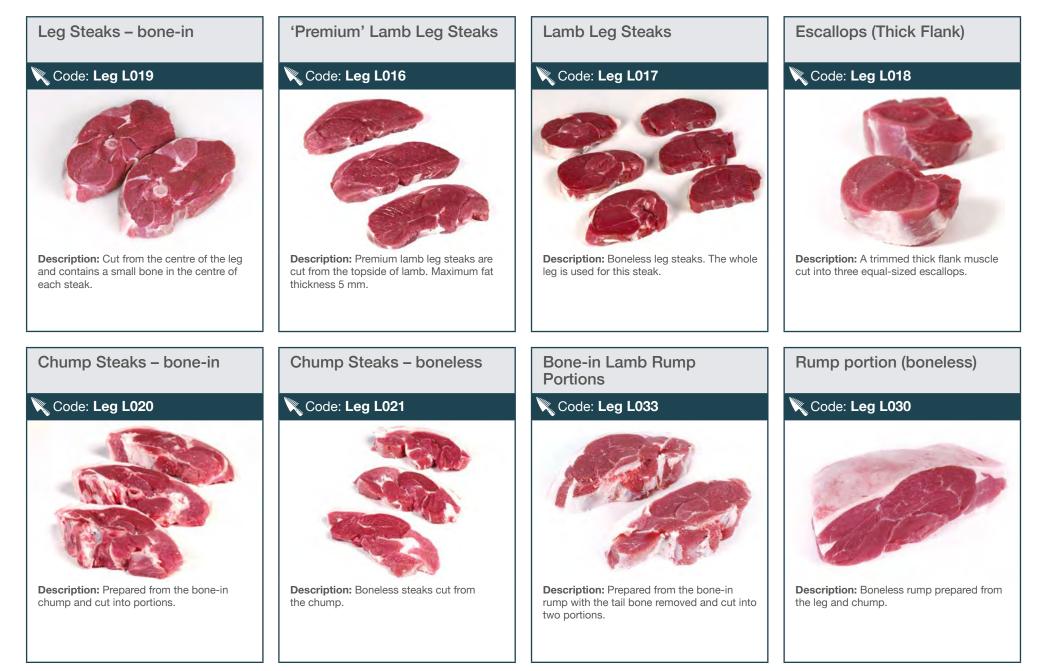




Description: The flank is removed from the rib section of the breast, excess fat is removed and the outer is scored. Ideal for slow or sous vide cooking.

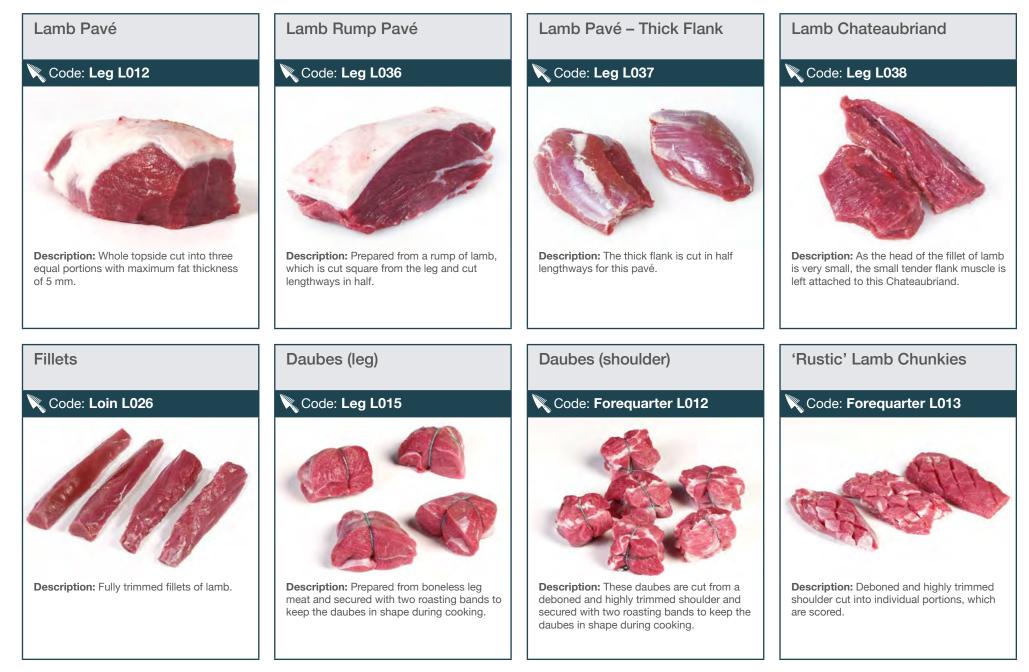
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Valentine Steaks	'Premium' Lamb Noisettes
Code: Loin L022	Code: Loin L023
Description: Cut from the lumbar section of the loin, and butterfly cut.	Description: Cut from the lumbar section of the loin. The length of the breast flanks is the same as the length of the eye muscle. Maximum fat thickness 6 mm.
Leg Noisette Skewers	Cannon Skewers
Code: Leg L048	Code: Loin L025
Description: Prepared from the silverside muscle of the leg. Skewer at even intervals	Description: Only the eye of the loin is used for this product.
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Lamb Racks, Cutlets and Ribs





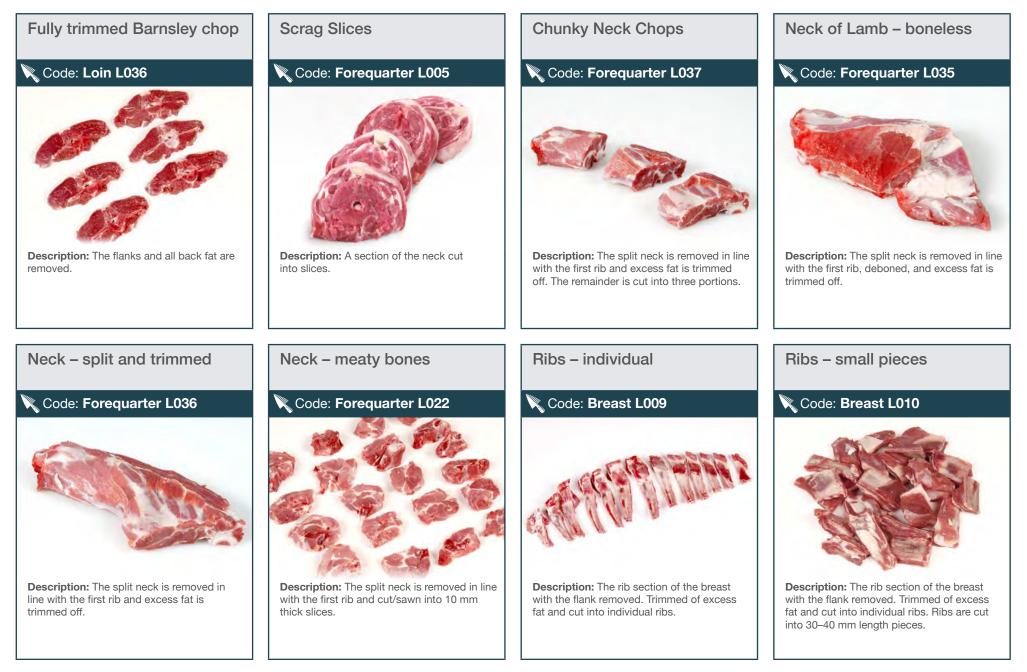
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Rack – 3-bone rack (shoulder)	Rack – single-bone rack (shoulder)	Cutlets	Cutlets – fully trimmed
Code: Forequarter L033	Code: Forequarter L034	Code: Loin L020	Code: Loin L041
Description: This 3-bone rack is prepared from the rib section of the forequarter.	Description: A 3-bone rack prepared from the rib section of the forequarter (Code: Forequarter L033), which has two of the outside rib bones removed.	Description: Only the rib section of the loin is used.	Description: The length of the ribs is 40 mm from the tip of the eye muscle. External fat is removed from the loin.
'Premium' French Trimmed Cutlets	'Premium' T-bone Chops	T-bone chops without flank	Barnsley Chop
Code: Loin L019	Code: Loin L021	Code: Loin L035	Code: Loin L018
Description: Rack of lamb cut into individual premium cutlets.	Description: Only the lumbar section of the loin is used for this premium T-bone chop.	Description: T-bone chops without flank (fully trimmed).	Description: A double lamb chop. Maximum fat thickness 6 mm.

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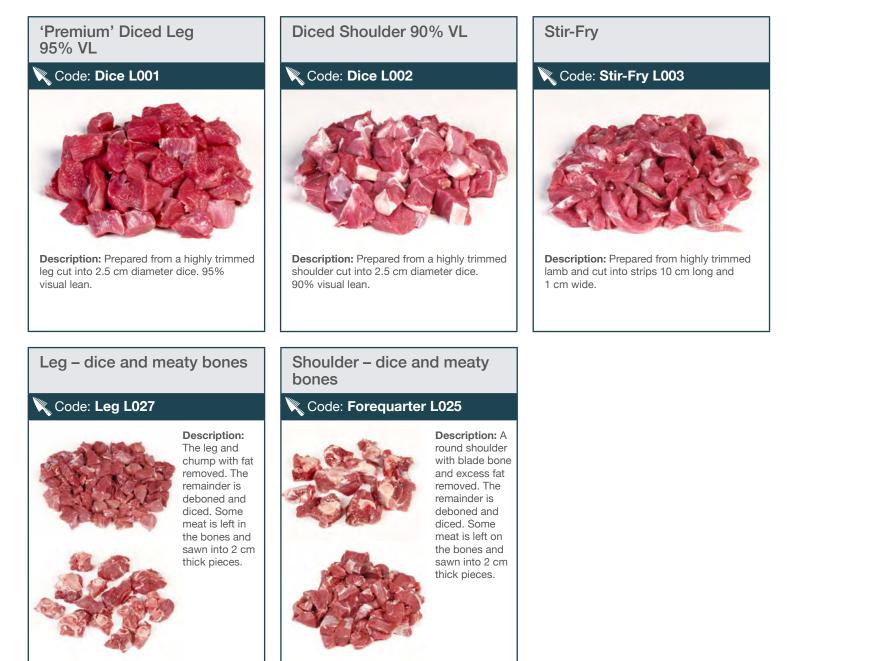
Lamb Knuckles



Shank (untrimmed)	Shank	Shank French trimmed	Shank French trimmed without heel muscle
Code: Leg L047	Code: Leg L022	Code: Leg L023	Code: Leg L024
Description: Untrimmed shank.	Description: Cut from the leg with some of the heel muscle attached to create a meaty shank.	Description: Cut from the leg with some of the heel muscle attached to create a meaty shank. The shank is trimmed to expose 25 mm of bone.	Description: Cut from the leg without the heel muscle to create a mini shank. The shank is trimmed to expose 3 cm of bone.
Knuckle Standard Shoulder	Knuckle – short	Knuckle	
Code: Forequarter L019	Code: Forequarter L018	Code: Forequarter L017	
Description: Knuckle with one end square cut.	Description: Knuckle with both ends square cut.	Description: This is the meaty knuckle version, which contains extra shoulder meat and is French trimmed.	

Lamb Dice and Stir-Fry





Lamb Mince



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Minced Lamb 95% VL Code: Mince L001

Description: Mince is 95% visual lean.

Minced Lamb 90% VL

Code: Mince L002

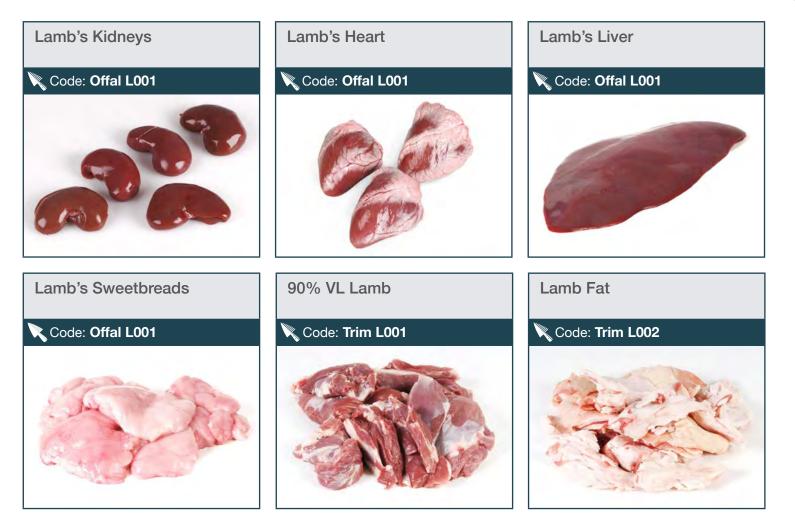


Description: Mince is 90% visual lean.

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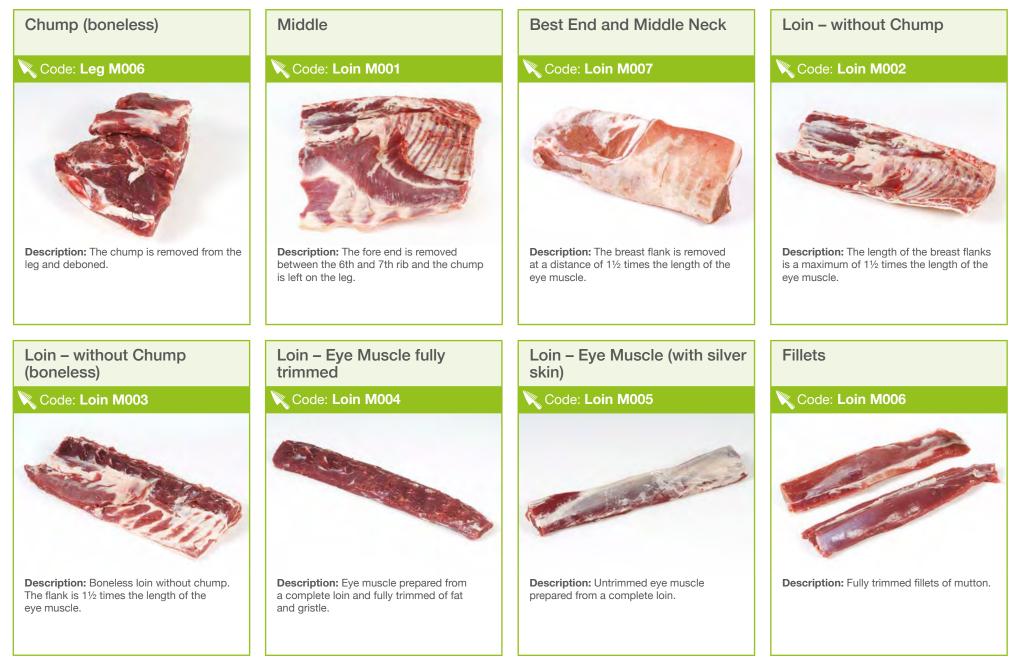


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Description: Boneless leg without chump and shank meat.

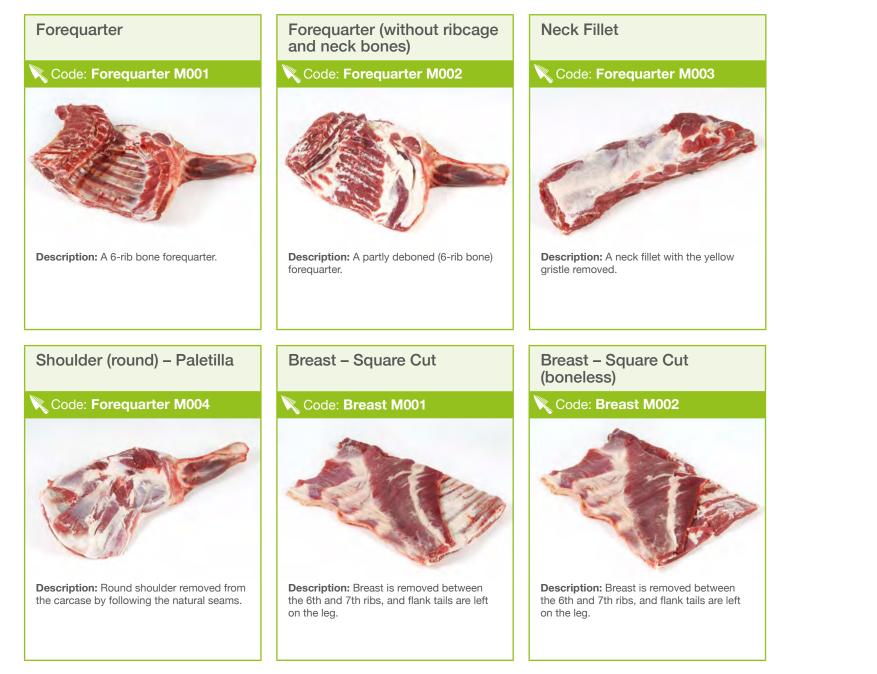
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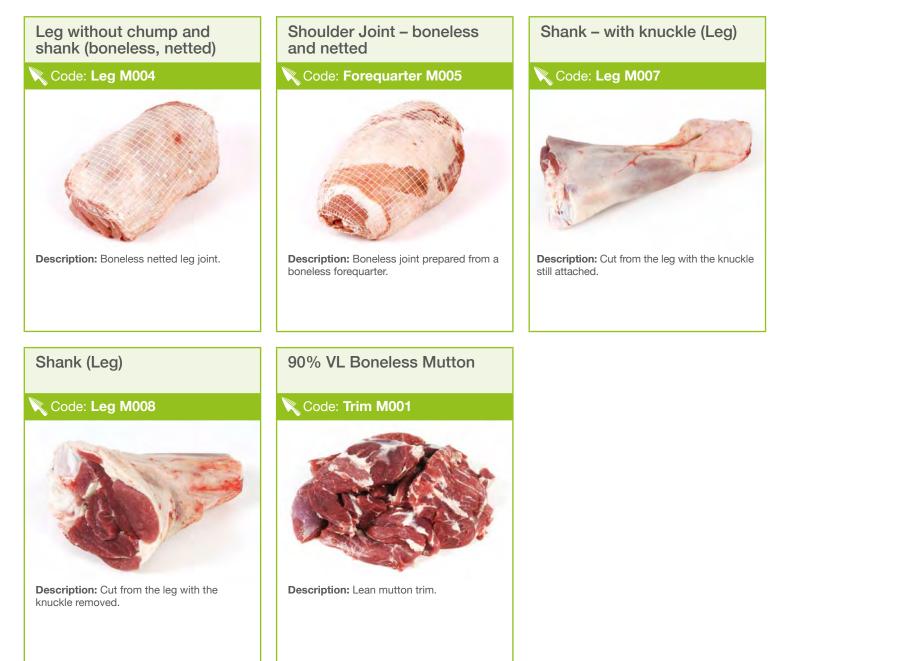
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Mutton Roasting Joints, Knuckles, Trim





Pork

Pork carcase classification

The following equipment is approved for use in the UK:

- Optical probe
- Hennessey Grading Probe (HGP)
- Fat-O-Meater (FOM)
- AutoFOM
- CSB Ultra-Meater

The HGP, FOM, AutoFOM and CSB Ultra-Meater are all automatic recording probes.

Method 1

Optical Probe is used to measure backfat and rind thickness at the P1 and P3 positions, level with the head of the last rib. The probe is inserted 4.5 cm and 8 cm from the dorsal midline, respectively. The sum of the P1 and P3 measurements is recorded.

Method 2

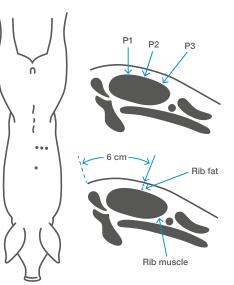
Optical Probe is used to measure backfat and rind thickness at the P2 position, level with the head of the last rib. The probe is inserted 6.5 cm from the dorsal midline.

Method 3

HGP or FOM are used to measure:

- Backfat and rind thickness at the P2 position as for Method 2. The HGP or FOM probes are inserted 6 cm from the dorsal midline
- Backfat and rind thickness at a point 6 cm from the dorsal midline between the third and fourth last rib. This measurement is referred to as rib fat
- Longissimus dorsi (eye muscle) depth at a point 6 cm from the dorsal midline between the third and fourth last rib. This measurement is referred to as rib muscle.

Locations of probing sites on a pig carcase



Lean Meat Percentage (LMP) and EU Grade

LMP is calculated as follows:

- Optical probe
- Cold carcase weight and P2 (or P1 + P3) fat depths are used to estimate LMP

An EU grade can be allocated to a carcase by using the LMP.

Lean	meat	percentage	EU	grade
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60% and above	S
55-59%	E
50-54%	U
45-49%	R
40-44%	0
39% or less	Р

Visual Appraisal

This is the identification of pigs with carcase faults. These are described as 'Z' carcases. Carcases that are scraggy, deformed, blemished, pigmented and coarse skinned, those with soft fat or pale muscle, and those devalued by being partially condemned, are recorded as 'Z' on the carcase record (PCC1 or computer equivalent). Young boars are identified and recorded. Carcases with poor conformation are recorded as 'C' carcases at the request of the abattoir.

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Collar of pork – bone-in	Collar of pork – boneless	Brisket Muscle	Brisket Muscle – fully trimmed
Code: 1007	Code: 1008	🔪 Code: 1030	Code: 1031
Description: Bone-in pork collar, seam cut from the forequarter.	Description: Boneless collar, seam cut from the forequarter.	Description: The brisket muscle is removed by seam cutting from the round shoulder (Code: 1005).	Description: The brisket muscle is removed by seam cutting from the round shoulder (Code: 1005). Excess fat and gristle removed.
Shank – forequarter	Middle – incl. chump	Middle – incl. fillet	Middle – excl. fillet
Code: 1032	Code: 1033	Code: 1018	Code: 1034
Description: The shank is removed from the forequarter between the radius/ulna and humerus.	Description: This middle consists of the loin and belly, including the chump, which is part of the leg.	Description: This middle consists of the loin and belly, including the fillet.	Description: This middle consists of the loin and belly with the fillet removed.





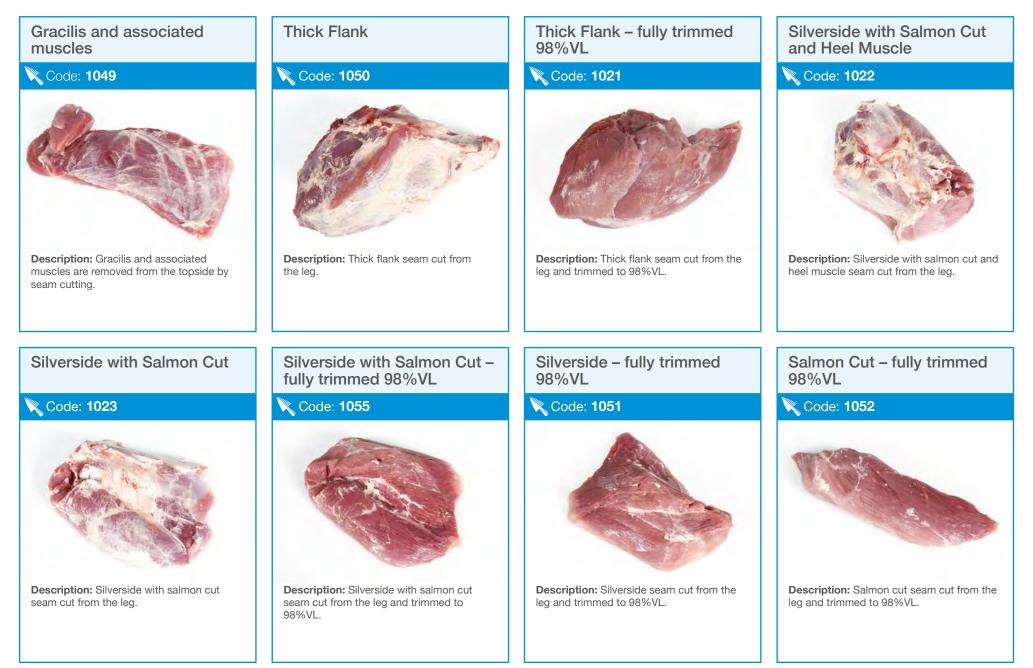


Loin and Chump – rindless	Chump	Loin Eye Muscle 95%VL, incl. silverskin, chain and spinalis muscle	Loin Eye Muscle 98%VL, excl. silverskin, incl. chain and spinalis muscle
Code: 1039	Code: 1057	K Code: 1042	Code: 1043
Description: Bone-in loin including the chump, which is part of the leg. Rind removed.	Description: Chump removed from the loin and chump, and contains part of the rump muscles.	Description: Boneless loin with the tail and all back fat removed.	Description: Boneless loin with the tail, all back fat and silverskin removed.
Loin Eye Muscle – 99%VL	Belly – bone-in, rind on	Belly – bone-in, rindless	Belly – boneless, rind on
K Code: 1044	Code: 1014	Code: 1040	K Code: 1015
Description: Boneless loin, with the tail, all back fat, silverskin, chain and spinalis muscle removed, leaving just the eye muscle. Trimmed to 99%VL.	Description: Bone-in belly with the rind on.	Description: Bone-in belly with the rind removed.	Description: Rind on belly with the ribs removed by sheet boning.



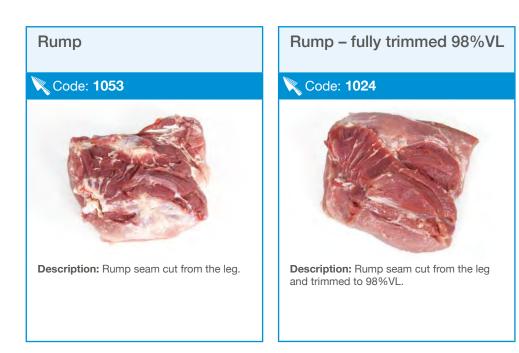








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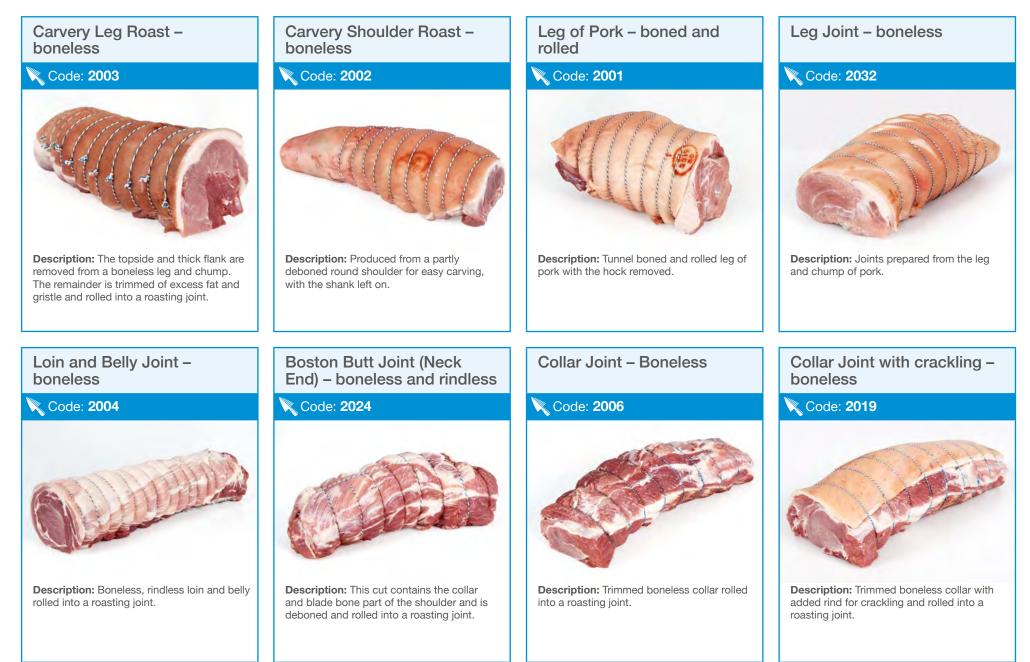
Heel Muscle – fully trimmed

Code: 1054



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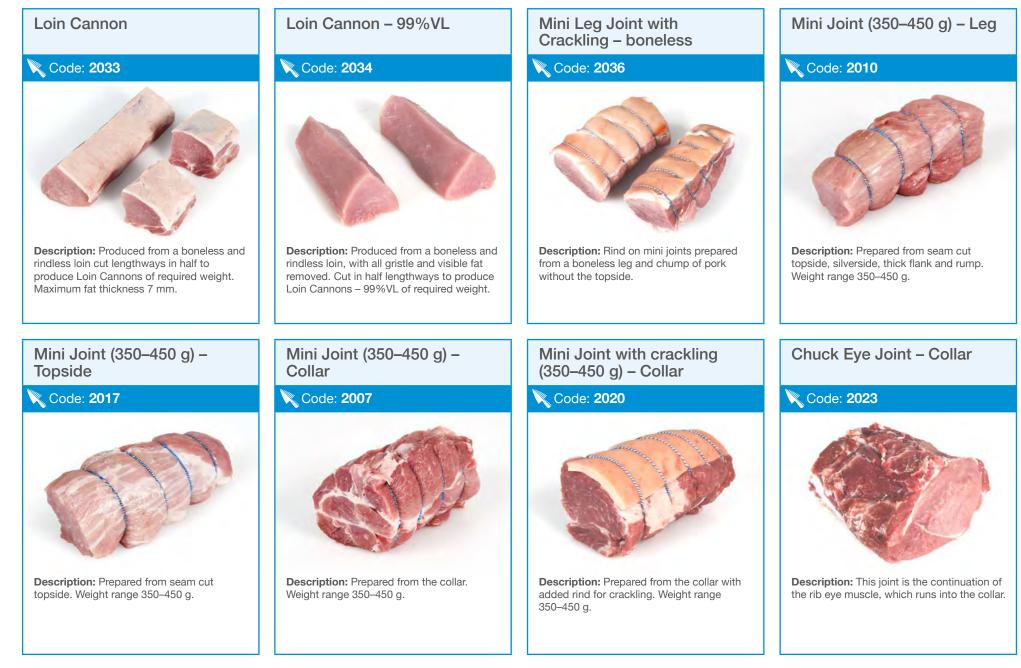














Fillet on the bone

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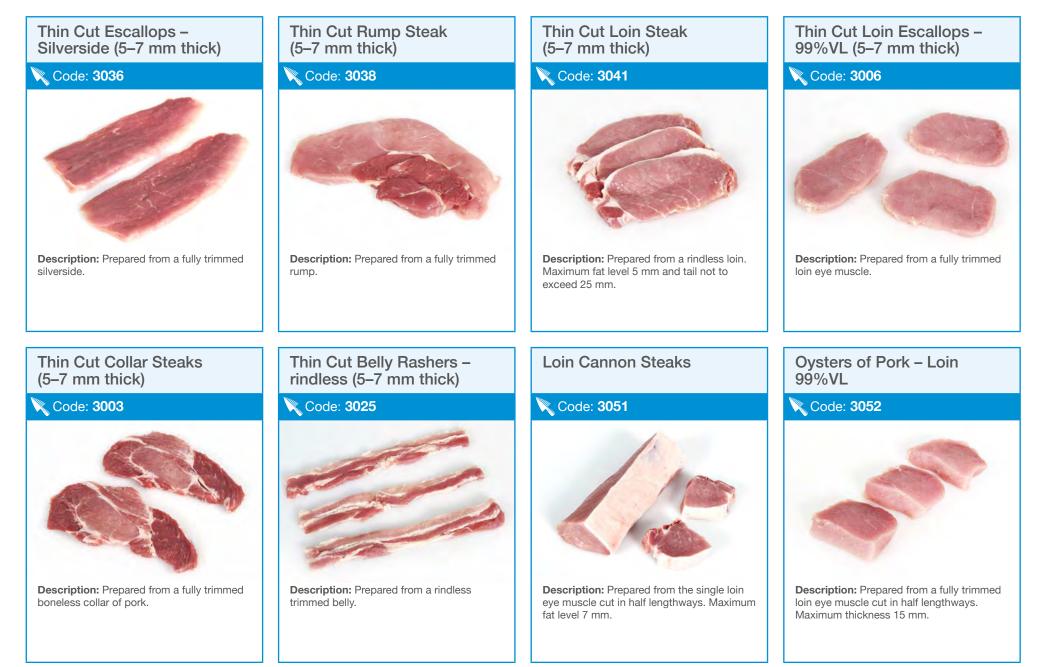
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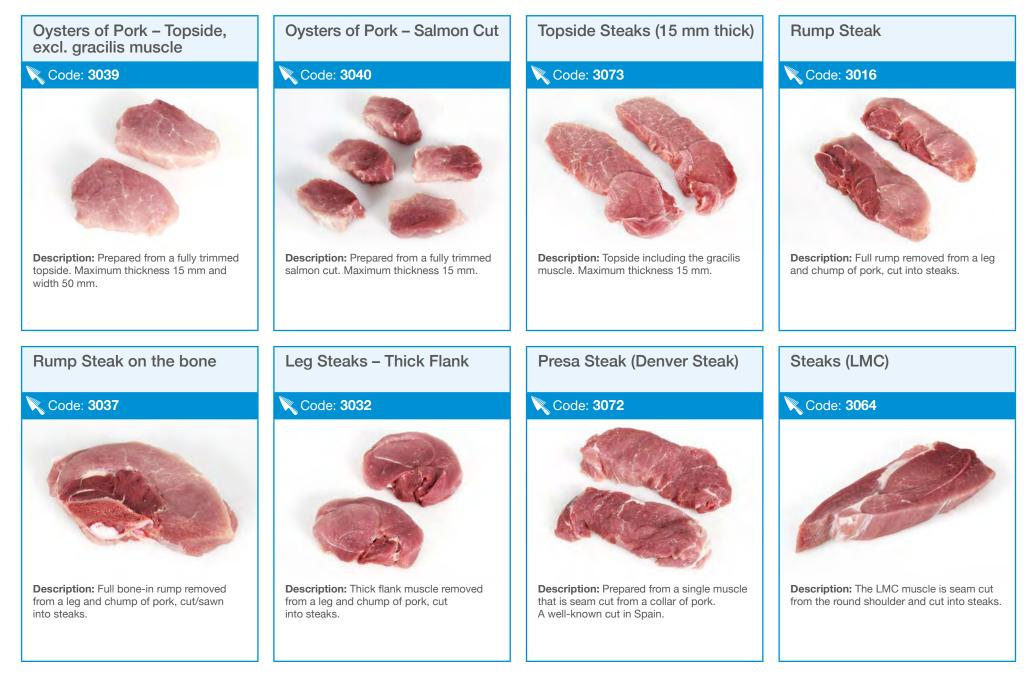


T-Bone Chops	Club Steaks	Cote de Porc	Tomahawk Steak
🌾 Code: 3007	Code: 3009	Code: 3081	Code: 3059
Description: Prepared from the lumbar section of the loin. Contains the loin and fillet muscle.	Description: Prepared from the rib section of the loin, with each club steak containing a rib.	Description: Prepared from the rib section of the loin with every other rib removed.	Description: Prepared from the rib section of the loin with each steak containing a long French trimmed rib.
Chops – Loin (part vertebrae removed)	Chops – rib section of the loin	Chops – collar	Thin Cut Escallops – Topside, excl. gracilis muscle (5–7 mm thick)
Code: 3042	Code: 3008	Code: 3010	Code: 3035
Description: Prepared from the whole loin without the fillet and part vertebrae removed.	Description: Prepared from the rib section of the loin. Thickness 20 mm. Not all chops will contain a rib.	Description: Prepared from the bone-in collar. Thickness 20 mm.	Description: Prepared from a fully trimmed topside without the gracilis.

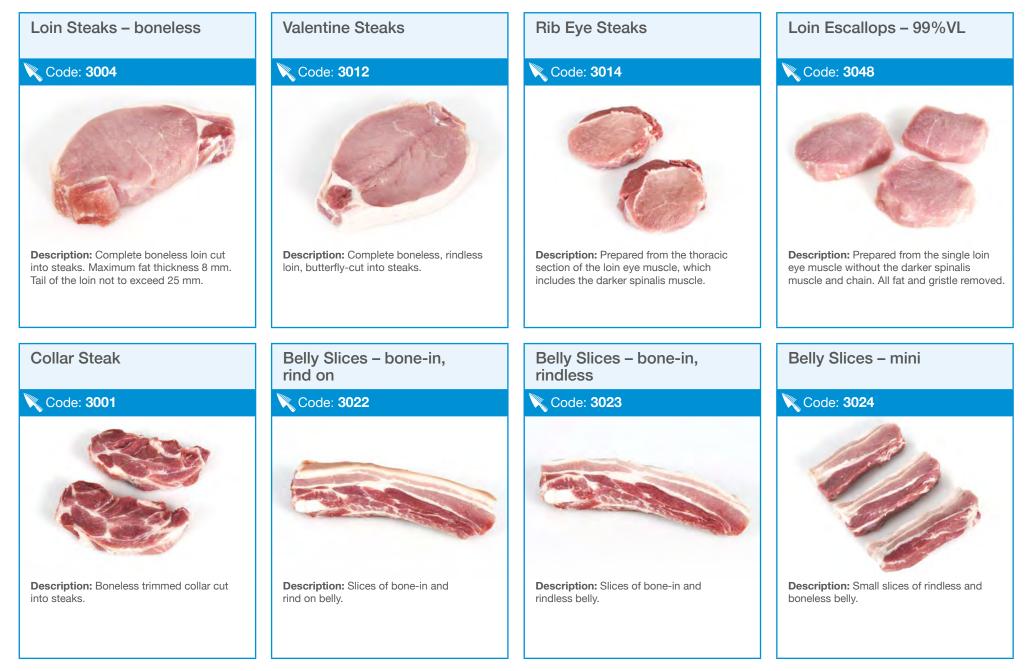




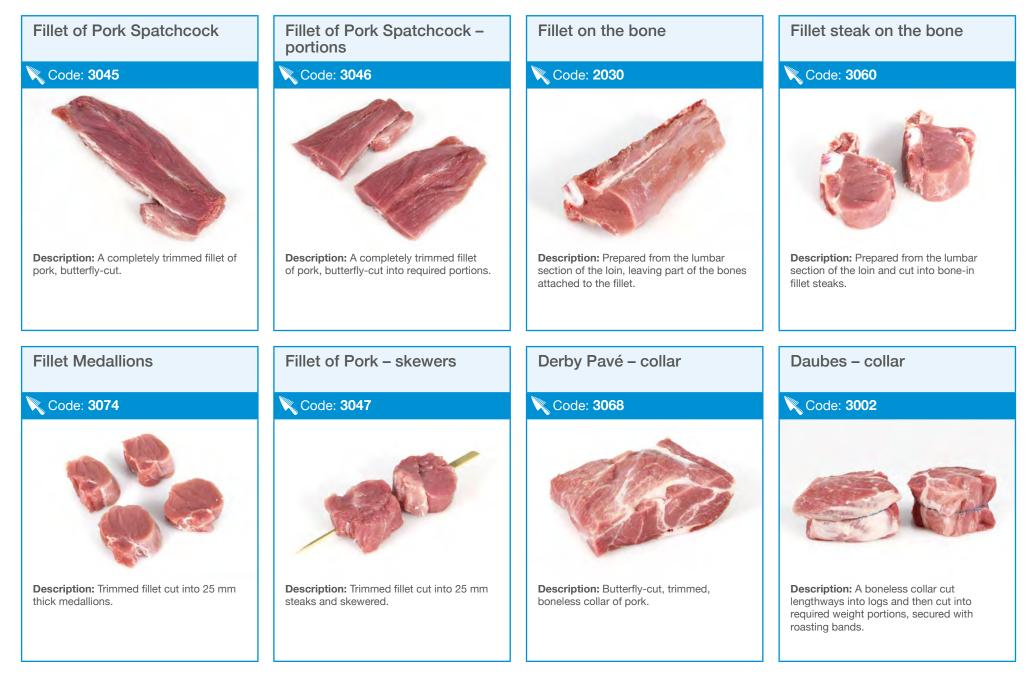




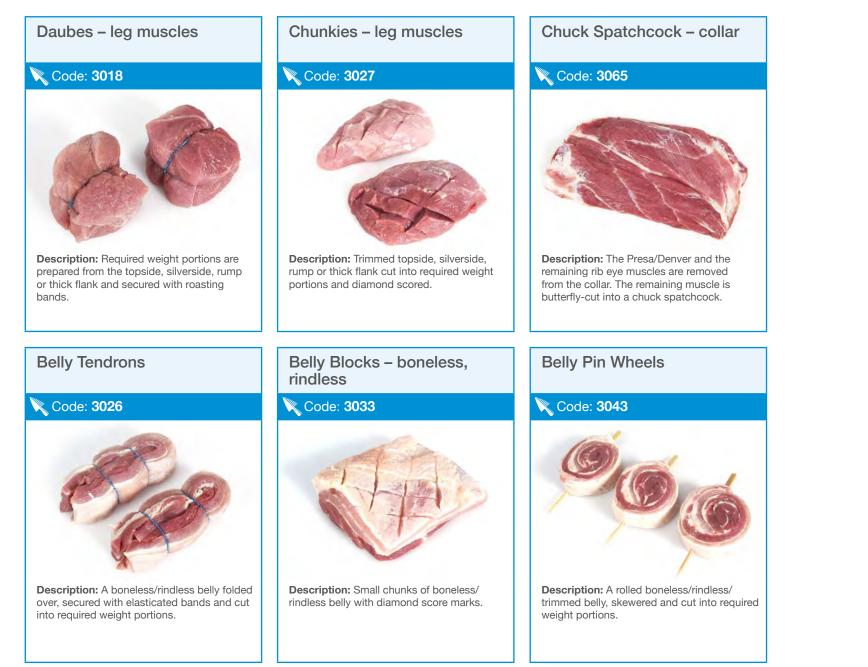












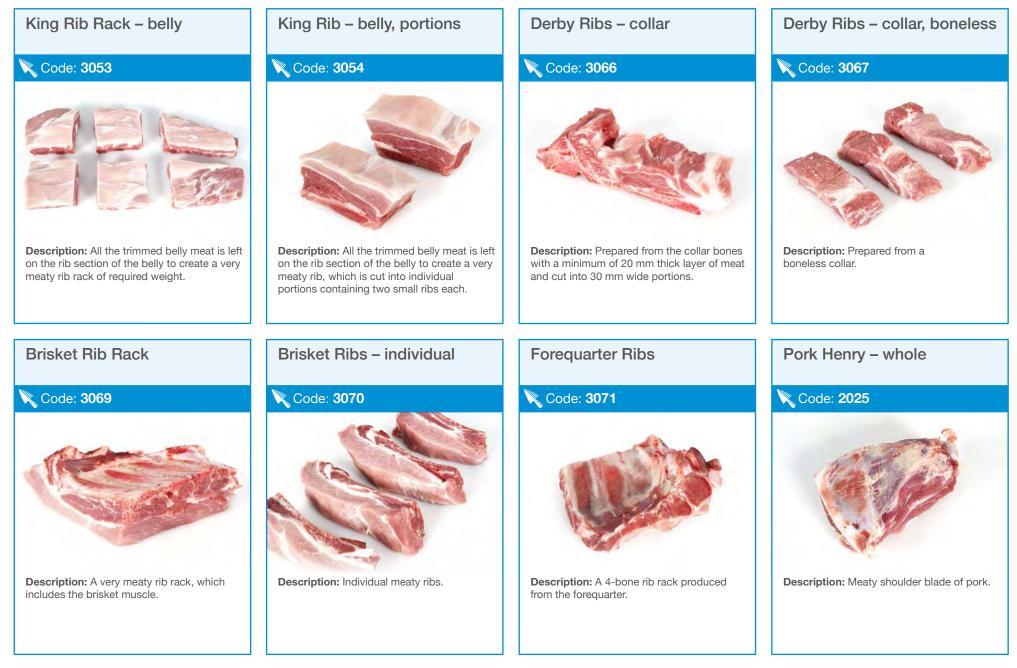
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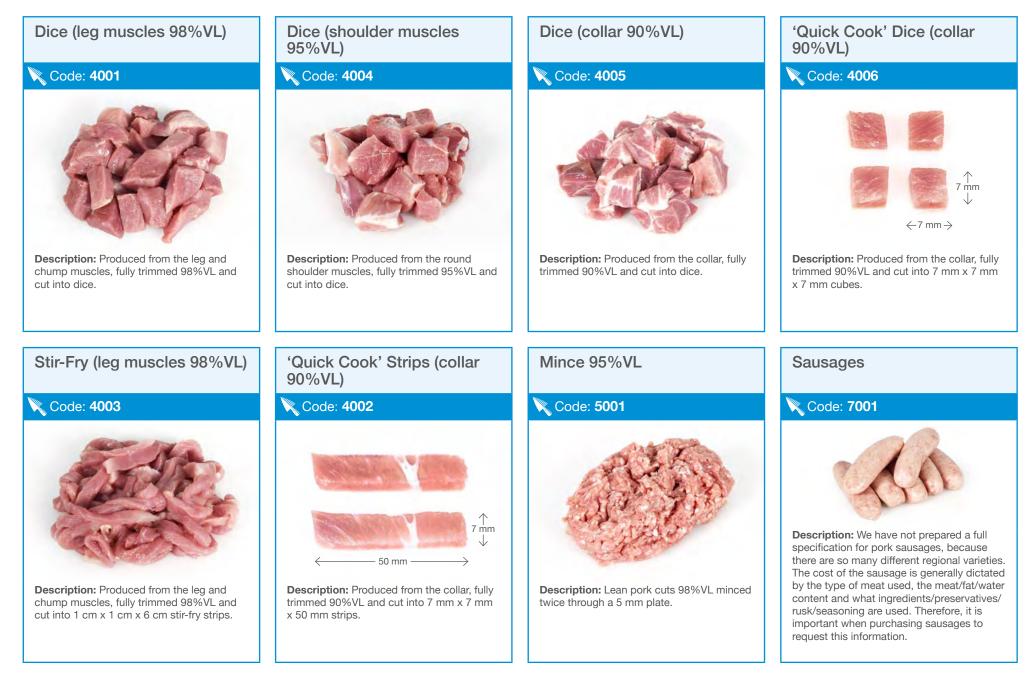
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Description: Meaty shoulder blade of pork cut into portions.	Description: Bone-in and rind on, hind hock.	Description: Produced from the hock with the rind and heel muscle part removed.	Description: Individual portions. Produced from the hock with the rind and heel muscle part removed.
Chank forequerter	Chaple foreguerter rindless	Chank Dartiana faraguartar	
Shank – forequarter	Shank – forequarter, rindless	Shank Portions – forequarter, rindless	
K Code: 1032	Code: 3079	Code: 3080	
Description: A bone-in and rind on shank, produced from the forequarter.	Description: A bone-in and rindless shank, produced from the forequarter.	Description: Individual slices produced from the rindless forequarter shank.	

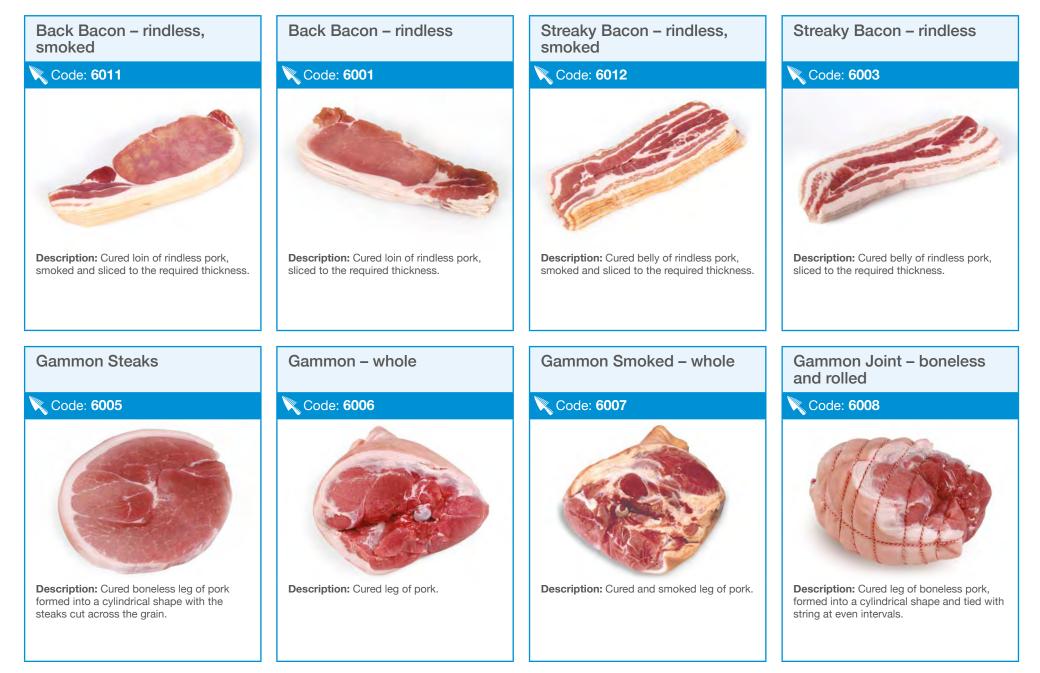
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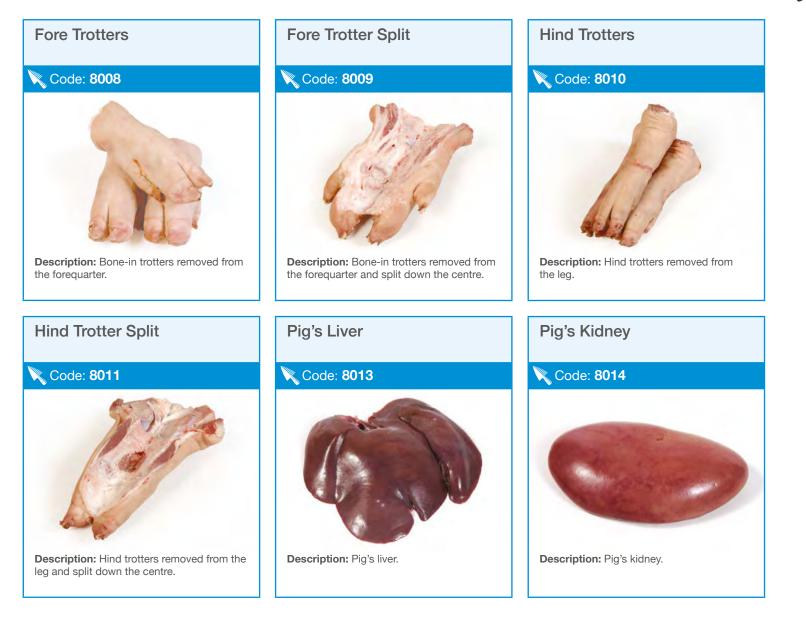




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