

# CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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# Brief Introduction – Who are EBLEX?



Levy board/check-off organisation in GB.

- 1967 2008 Meat & Livestock Commission
- 2008 now Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board
  - 6 product sectors
  - EBLEX is beef and lamb sector for England.
  - Separate organisations for Wales and Scotland.

# **Sheepmeat Consumption in the UK**



- Largest sheep producing member state in EU
- 1960's: Consumption per capita was in the range of 10.5 – 11.1 kg
- 1998 2008 Range has been 5.9 6.6 kg
- Represents 8 9% of all meat consumption

# <u>Lamb – How does it compete?</u>



### The Challenges

- It is less important to retailers.
- Lower household penetration than other meats.
- Lower frequency of use.
- Considered less versatile fewer preparation ideas, less convenient.
- More expensive than other meats.

# People buy meal solutions, not parts of dead animals

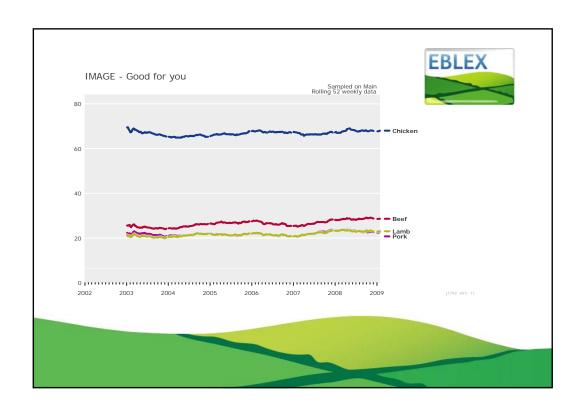


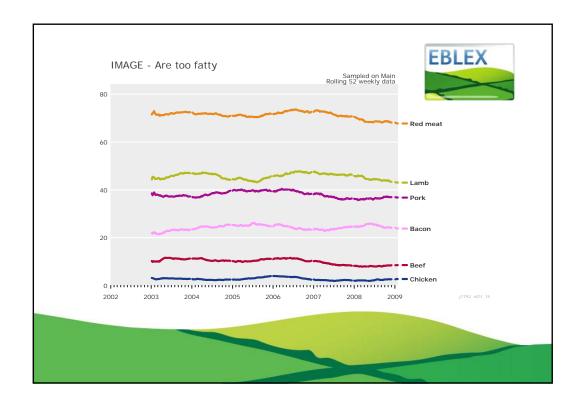
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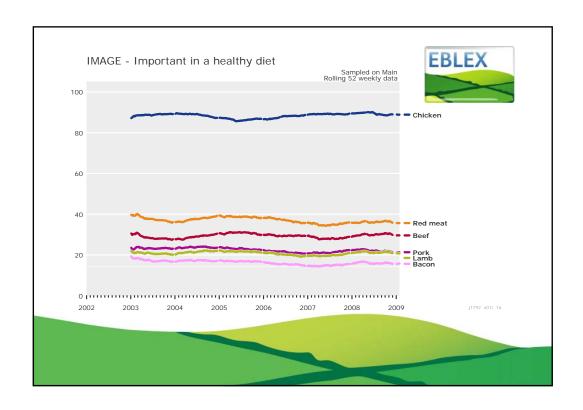
- "it's a family favourite" } Enjoyment
- "a treat/indulgence"
- "it's good for you" } Health
- "I'm on a diet"
- "It's quick to prepare/no hassle" } Convenience
- "easy to wash up"

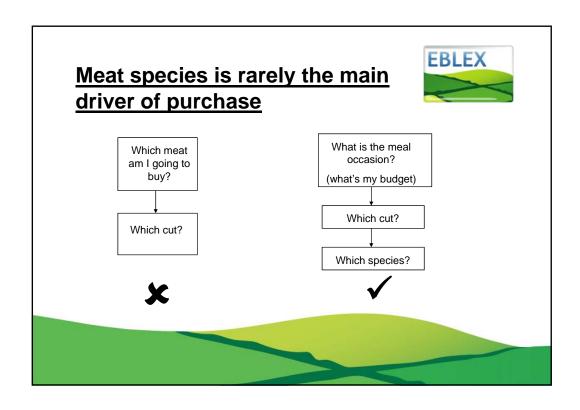
# These Motivations Overlap Health Enjoyment Convenience Lamb/sheepmeat has limited appeal (compared to say chicken)

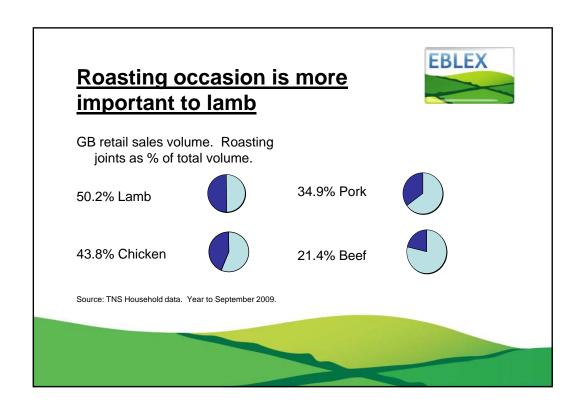


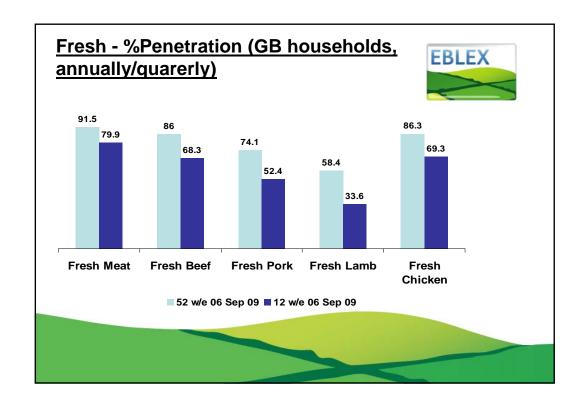


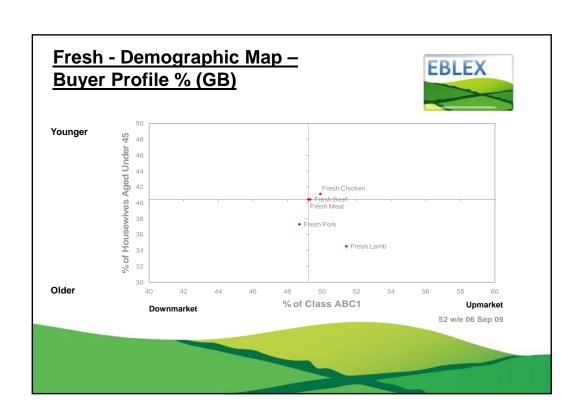


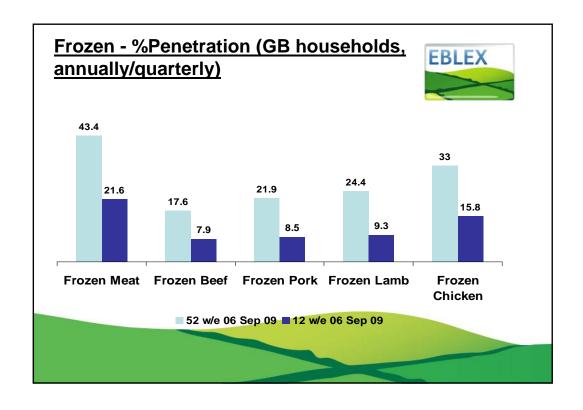


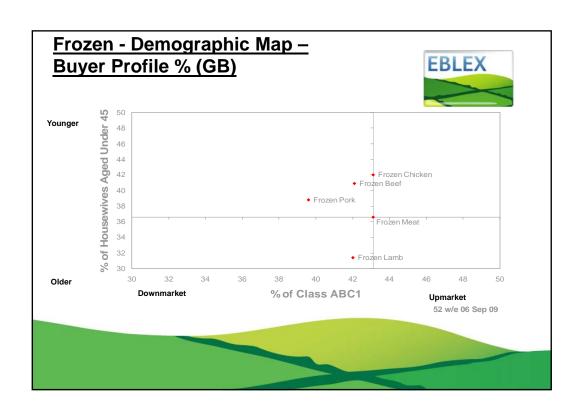


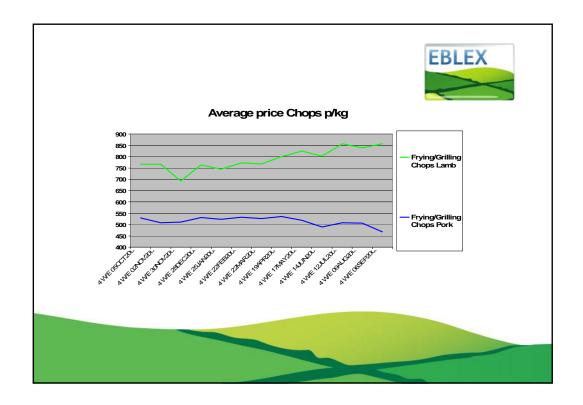


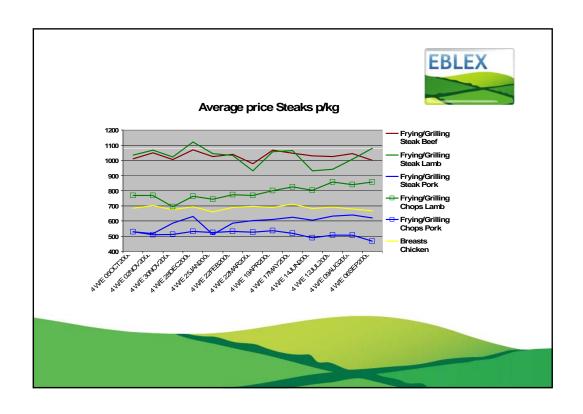




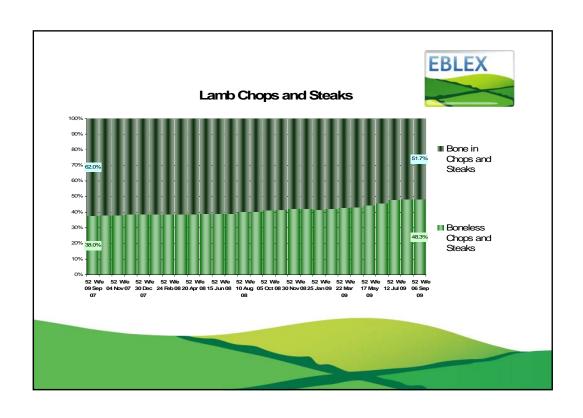












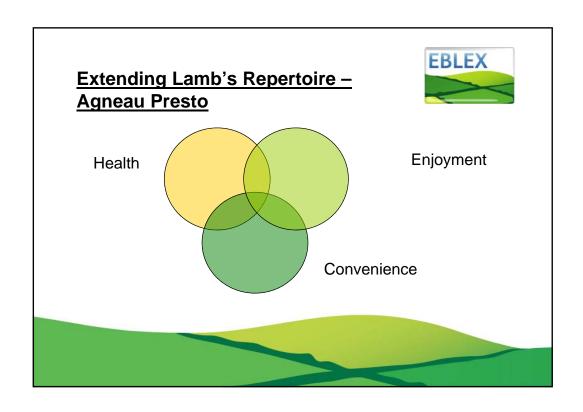












# **Summary**



- Lamb has a low market share in many markets but it can compete
  - Better butchery, better pack presentation
  - More contemporary meal occasions

...and market development opportunities also exist for bigger supply chains e.g. Halal market moving mainstream