Evaluation of the Main Causes and Economic losses of Carcasses and Offal Condemnation in Faraskur Abattoir-Damietta Governorate, Egypt

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Abstract:

Meat consumption continues to be intertwined with notions of social and economic prestige, although the context and significance of this association can vary widely depending on cultural, economic, and social factors. One of the biggest problems facing meat inspection in abattoirs in recent years is the need to identify, understand, and establish the collective data on the primary cause of condemnation of organs and carcasses. These data are important to reach an effective method to prevent losses in the meat sector and face the risks they pose due to the increasing rates of condemnation in slaughterhouses. The results showed that 157 condemned cases were recorded in cows, and the most affected organs were the liver and lungs, with a total prevalence of affection of 7.0 and 46.0%, respectively. While in buffaloes, 140 condemned cases and the highest lesions were in the liver and lung, with total prevalence affection of 22.14% and 54.29%, respectively. In sheep, 87 condemned cases were recorded with a total prevalence of 27.58% and 41.39% in the liver and lung, respectively. The results obtained in this study revealed that the lungs of cows, buffaloes, and sheep were the most organs condemned due to different abnormalities, followed by the liver. The variation in the results obtained was interacting with different factors in complex ways, leading to variation in the causes of condemnation, which leads finally to increase the loss in meat industry

Key words: Meat Inspection-Surveillance-Abattoir—Carcass-Organ Condemnation-Financial -Financial loss

Introduction:

Meat consumption continues to be intertwined with notions of social and economic prestige, although the context and significance of this association can vary widely depending on cultural, economic, and social factors (*Nungesser et al.*, 2021). The condemnation of organs and carcasses during

postmortem inspection of animals is a critical aspect of food safety and public health. The process ensures that only safe meat enters the food supply. Condemnation can occur for various reasons, typically related to disease, contamination, or other abnormalities which detected during the routine postmortem inspection. Only specific organs of the animal are condemned, as liver abscesses, while the rest of the carcass is passed for consumption (Ninios et al., 2014 and Gracev et al., 2105. Abuseir (2019) and FAO (2021). The condemnation of organs and carcasses during postmortem inspection not only plays a crucial role in ensuring food safety but also has significant economic importance for meat industry (Ciui et al., 2023). Economic losses arise from various factors, including the loss of valuable meat, disposal costs, and potential reputational damage (Codex, 2009). Frequent condemnation, especially in response to widespread disease outbreaks, can reduce the supply of meat in the market (Rodarte et al., 2023). This reduction can lead to increased meat prices, affecting consumer affordability and overall demand. In the beef industry, condemnation of carcasses due to diseases like bovine tuberculosis or cysticercosis can lead to substantial losses. Condemnation of specific high-value organs, such as the liver can also have a significant economic impact (Yibar et al., 2015).

Farmers and producer face financial losses when their livestock is condemned, particularly if the animals are not covered by insurance or compensation schemes. This can lead to reduced income and financial instability in rural areas. When the condemned meat is not properly managed and enters the food supply, it can lead to public health crises such as foodborne illnesses. This scenario can result in significant healthcare costs, including hospitalization, treatment, and loss of productivity due to illness.

This study was done to throw a light on the rate and prevalence of organs and carcasses condemnation in Faraskur slaughter house, Damietta Governorate to stand on rate and major cause of condemnation and serving as an indicator of field disease condition in order to properly manage the inspection of animals to prevent unsafe meat from reaching consumers.

Materials and methods:

A total number of 1580 cows, 2420 buffaloes and 1245 sheep were slaughtered at Faraskur abattoir, Egypt during the period July 2020 to July 2022. The inspection procedures which carried out by veterinary meat inspector for detection of parasitic, bacterial, systemic disturbance and other causes of condemnation and detect their pathological lesions were carried out according to the Egyptian and International legislations recommended by *Egyptian Law 517 (1986)*, *EU (2019/627)* and *Gracey's Meat Hygiene (2015)*. The condemned meat organ and carcasses were weighted and recorded to calculate the price value and economic loss

Results and Discussion:

The results given in Table (1) revealed that 1580 cows, 2420 buffaloes, 1245 sheep, were slaughtered at Faraskur abattoir during 2 year study; the result obtained were lower than that recorded by Ahmed et al. (2013) 'Elsharawy (2018) and Allam et al., (2023) and higher that that recorded by Mahmoud et al., (2023) this variation in the number of slaughtered animals was attributed to rate of meat consumption and increase in meat price, economic status of population and animals available for slaughter. The results given in Table (2) revealed that 157 condemned case with abnormal conditions in cow organs and carcasses which was recorded during postmortem inspection; 11 (7.0 %) liver cases were recorded in which 5 (3.18%) showed abscess formation, 6 (3.82%) with liver cirrhosis due to parasitic infestation, while 73 (46.5%) lung lesions revealed lobular pneumonia with 7(4.46.0%) and lobar pneumonia with 5(3.18%); localized Tuberculosis with 15 (9.55%), emphysema 8 (5.09%), Abscesses 9 (5.73%), Hydatidosis 7(4.46%) and congestion 22(14.01%). 15 lesion Head case with prevalence of (9.55%) which affected by localized TB (retropharyngeal lymph nodes). 29 (18.48%) spleen was affected by Splenomegaly 17(10.83%), Splenitis 5 (3.20%) and Abscess 7(4.45.0%). Meanwhile 16 (10.19%) Heart lesions was recorded in which 7(4.46%) was infected by Cysticercus bovis ;2(1.27%) showed petchial haeorrahges and 7(4.46%) cases with pericarditis. 13 (8.28%) total carcass case was condemned in which the condemnation causes with prevalence of 5 (3.18%) due to Millary TB and 8(5.09%) emaciation cases. The results revealed that the number of cows liver that affected by cirrhosis due to parasiticinfection were lower than Cadmus and Adesokan (2009), Sheferaw et al., (2009) and Fekadu et al., (2012) and higher than that recorded by El-Dakhly et al., (2008), while liver abscess recorded was higher than reported by Tilahun et al., (2017) and Seid et al., (2019) while lower than Mohamd (2021). The gross pathological finding in Lung was pneumonia which was higher than *Adamu et al.*, (2023) a Jaja et al., (2016), Mummed and Webb (2015) and Edo et al. (2014) but lower than reported by *Tilahun et al.*, (2017). Meanwhile lung emphysema was lower than Opara (2005); Tilahun et al. (2017) and Tembo and Nonga (2015), while higher than reported by Tesfaye et al., (2017), Jaja et al. (2016) and Edo et al. (2014). The results of postmortem finding showed that the total affections of spleen were lower than those reported by **Sheferaw and** Abdu (2017), while the results of Cysticercus bovis observed in tongue was lower than recorded by *Madzingira et al.*, (2018), and the cysts recorded in heart were higher thandetected by Edo et al. (2014). The total carcass condemnation due to illbleeding was higher than those recorded by Mummed and Webb (2015).

The results given in Table (3) revealed that the total abnormal gross postmortem conditions of carcasses and organs of slaughtered buffaloes were 140 cases in which 31 (22.14%) liver were observed with abnormal lesions; abscess 7 (5%) prevalence, cirrhosis 13 (9.28%), Congestion 7 (5%) and TB 4 (2.86%). While the lung gross postmortem affections were 76(54.29%) in which pneumonia with 6 (4.29%), abscess cases were 5 (3.57%), Congestion was 42 (30.0%), TB 15(10.71%), while Hydatidosis was 8 (5.71%). 16 (11.43%) Heart cases were condemned due to Pericarditis 5 (3.57%), petchial hemorrhage 6(4.29%) and Cysticercus bovis 5 (3.57%); 7 cases total carcasses condemnation in which 2 due to TB 2 (1.42%) and 5 (3.57%) carcass was condemned due to sever Emaciation. As other organ affection 5 esophagus was affected by Sarcocyestis with total affection prevalence of (3.57%) and 5 kidneys was condemned due to pyelonephritis The results obtained in this study for gross postmortem buffaloes affection lesions were 140 cases, liver abscess affection was lower than Mohamd (2021) and Madzingira et al. (2018) but higher than Tilahun et al. (2017) and Denbarga et al. (2011), while liver cirrhosis (Fasciolasis) was lower than Ahmedullah et al. (2007), Efrem et al., (2015) and Assefa and Tesfav (2013) but higher than Edo et al. (2014) and Denbarga et al., (2011). Lung pneumonia was higher than Cadmus andAdesokan (2009), Edo et al. (2014) and Denbarga et al. (2011) while lungabscess in this study was higher than Denbarga et al. (2011)and Edo et al. (2014) but lower than Madzingira et al. (2018), esophagus Sarcocyestiswas lower than El-sharawy (2018). While total carcass condemnation due to jaundice was higher than Mohammed et al. (2018).

The results given in **Table (4)** revealed that the total abnormal gross postmortem conditions of slaughtered sheep were 87 cases in which 24 (27.58%) liver were observed with organs and carcasses abnormal lesions; cirrhosis 8 (9.19%), abscess 6 (6.90%) Local necrosis 7 (8.05%) while congestion was detected in 3 case with (3.44%), while 36 (41.39%)lung affected by pneumonia 8 (9.20%), abscess 10 (11.50%) and TB 18 (20.69%) .The results also revealed that Heart was affected by Pericarditis 3 (3.44%); 8 (9.20%) Head was condemned due to Localized TB; 16 (18.395) whole carcasses were affected in which 12(13.79%) by systemic disturbance and 4(4.60%) jaundice. The results obtained in this study revealed that the liver cirrhosis in sheep was higher than Allam (2022) and Dejene et al. (2013), while lung pneumonia was lower than Mellau et al. (2010), hydatid cyst was higher than Allam (2022), total carcasses condemnation was higher than Dejene et al. (2013), esophagus Sarcocyestis in this study was higher thantotal Sarcocyestis in sheep in El-sharawy (2018) and lower than **Mahran** (2009). These variations in the prevalence of results obtained was attributed to different geographic areas, weathers and the level of disease control, animal welfare and animal species.

The results given in **Table** (5) showed the economic loss due to condemnation of meat and offal of slaughtered cows which reached 1185170 LE the recorded values was lower than those reported by *Borji and Parandeh* (2013), *Cadmus and Adesokan* (2009), *Mesele et al.*, (2012) higher than *Efrem et al.* (2015), *Shiferaw et al.*, (2009), *Fekadu et al.*, (2012), *Assefa and Tesfay* (2013) and *Mesele et al.* (2012), about 11 livers with 55 kg of was condemned with loss of 12100 LE these values were lower than recorded by *Mesele et al.* (2012), while 73 lungs with 219 kg s were condemned with loss of 6570 LE. 15 Cow heads with weight reached 120 kg of cow head was condemned with loss reached 14400LE, 29 kg of spleen was condemned with loss of 5220LE. 16 Hearts with weight of 24 kg was condemned with average economic loss reached 2880 LE. 5200 kg of 40 carcasses were condemned with loss of 1144000LE. From the previous results the overall loss due to organs and carcasses condemnation of slaughtered cows reached 1185170 LE.

The results given in **Table** (6) showed the economic loss due to condemnation of organs and carcass of slaughtered buffaloes reached 666630 LE, in which 31 Liver with weight of 155 kg was condemned with economic loss reached 3400 LE; where 76 Lung with 435kg with losses reached 13050 LE, while 16 Heart with weight of 24 kg the loss reached 2880 LE; 5 kidney with weight if 5 kg the condemnation led the economic loss reached 600 LE and finally 7 total carcasses with weight of 2800 kg led to economic loss due to condemnation reached 616000 LE. The results obtained was higher than *Achollah et al.* (2020), *Tefera et al.*, (2016), *Madzingira et al.* (2018), *Tefera et al.*, (2016), *Tesfaye et al.* (2017), and lower than *Taha et al.*, (2023), *Mohammed and Maky* (2020), *Madzingira et al.* (2018) From the previous results the overall loss due to organs and carcasses condemnation of slaughtered buffaloes reached 666630 LE.

The results given in **Table** (7) showed the financial loss due to condemnation of organs and carcass of slaughtered sheep reached 130440 LE. these results was lower than *Dejene et al.* (2013), *Yibar et al.* (2015) about 36 kg of liver was condemned with economic loss reached 8640LE, while 72 kg of lungs were condemned with economic loss reached 1800 LE. 480 kg of sheep carcasses were condemned. From the previous results overall economic loss due to organs and carcasses condemnation of slaughtered sheep reached 130440 LE.

Conclusion:

One of the biggest problems facing meat inspection in recent years is the need to identify, understand, and establish the collective data on the primary

cause of condemnation of organs and carcasses, in order to reach to effective methods to prevent or reduce the losses in meat sector and the risks they pose. As the result of the increasing rates of condemnation especially liver and lung in Faraskur abattoir strict measures should be taken by officials and animal owners in Damietta territories to provide an effective animal health care with an effective meat inspection, hygienic disposal of organs and carcasses condemnation and pay attention to animals living spaces, feeding and transportation to exclude the diseases and associated economic loss.

Table (1): No of slaughtered animals at Faraskur abattoir from July 2020 to July 2022

Year	Slaughtered animals				
	Sheep	Sheep Buffalo Cows Total			
2021	567	920	728	2215	
2022	678	1500	852	3030	
	1245	2420	1580	5245	

Table (2) Prevalence and causes of Meat condemnation cases of Slaughtered cows at Faraskur abattoir

Organ	Cause of condemnation	No	Prevalence %	
Liver	Abscess	5	3.18	
	Cirrhosis (Fasciola)	6	3.82	
	Total liver affection	11	7	
Lung	Lobular Pneumonia	7	4.45	
	Lobar Pneumonia	5	3.18	
	Localized TB	15	9.55	
	Emphysema	8	5.09	
	Abscess	9	5.73	
	Hydatidosis	7	4.45	
	Congestion	22	14	
	Total lung affection	73	46.5	
Head	Localized TB	15	9.55	
	Total liver affection	15	9.55	
Spleen	Splenomegaly	17	10.8	
_	Splenitis	5	3.18	
	Abscess	7	4.45	
,	Total spleen affection	29 18.43		
Heart	Cysticercus bovis	7	4.45	
	P.hemorrhage	2	1.27	
	Pericarditis	7	4.45	
	Total liver affection	16	10.17	
Carcass	Miliary TB	5	3.18	
	Emaciation	8	5.09	
	Total liver affection	13	8.27	
	Total Affection	157	100	

Table (3) Prevalence and causes of Meat condemnation cases of Slaughtered Buffaloes at Faraskur abattoir

Organs	Cause of condemnation	N0	prevalence%
liver	liver Abscess		5
	Cirrhosis	13	9.28
	Congestion	7	5
	TB	4	2.85
7	Total liver affection	31	22.13
Lung	Pneumonia	6	4.28
_	Abscess	5	3.57
	Congestion	42	30
	TB	15	10.71
	Hydatidosis	8	5.71
	Total lung affection	76	54.27
Heart	Pericarditis	5	3.57
	P.hemorrhage	6	4.28
	Cysticercosis	5	3.57
Т	Total Heart affection		11.42
Carcass	TB	2	1.42
	Emaciation	5	3.57
To	otal Carcass affection	7	4.99
Esophagus	Esophagus Sarcocyestis		3.57
Tota	al Esophagus affection	5	3.57
kidneys	Pyelonephritis	5	3.57
Total kidneys a	ffection	5	3.57
Total Affect	ion	140	100

 Table (4)
 Prevalence and causes of Meat condemnation cases of

 Slaughtered Sheep at Faraskur abattoir

Organ	Cause of condemnation		prevalence%
liver	Cirrhosis	8	9.19
	Abscesses	6	6.89
	Local necrosis	7	8.04
	Congestion	3	3.44
	Total liver affection	24	27.56
Lung	Pneumonia	8	9.19
	Abscesses	10	11.49
	TB		20.68
	Total lung affection		41.36
Heart	Heart Pericarditis		3.44
	Total Heart affection		3.44
Head	Head Localized TB		9.19
	Total Head affection	8	9.19
carcasses	*S. disturbance	12	13.79
	Jaundice	4	4.59
,	Total carcasses affection	16	18.38
	Total Affection	87	100

^{*}Caseous lymphadenitis + emaciation;

S. disturbance = Systemic disturbance

Table	(5):	Economic	loss	of	organs	and	carcass	condemnation	in
Slaugh	tered	cows at Far	askur	aba	ttoir				

Condemned Organs	No	Weight/kg	Price/LE
liver	11	55	12100
lung	73	219	6570
Head	15	120	14400
Spleen	29	29	5220
Heart	16	24	2880
Carcasses	40	5200	1144000
Overall econ	1185170 LE		

^{*}Estimated weight of cow liver: 5kg

Table (6): Economic loss of carcass and organs condemnation in Slaughtered Buffaloes at Faraskur abattoir

Condemned Organs	No	Weight/kg	Price/LE
liver	31	155	34100
Lung	76	435	13050
Heart	16	24	2880
carcass	7	2800	616000
Kidney	5	5	600
Overall loss	666630 LE		

^{*}Estimated weight of buffalo's liver: 5Kg

Table (7): Economic loss of condemnation organs in Slaughtered Sheep at Faraskur abattoir from July 2020 to July 2022

Condemnation Organs	No	Weight/kg	Price/LE
Total liver	24	36	8640
Total Lung	36	72	1800
Total Carcasses	16	480	120000
Overall loss	130440 LE		

^{*}Estimated weight of sheep liver: 1.5Kg

^{*}Estimated weight of cow lung: 3 kg

^{*}Estimated price of cow liver: average 220 L.E

^{*} Estimated price of cow lung: average 30 L.E

^{*}Estimated weight of buffalo's lung: 3 Kg

^{*}Estimated average price of buffalo's live: 220 LE

^{*} Estimated average price of buffalo's lung: 30 LE.

^{*}Estimated weight of sheep lung: 2kg

^{*} Estimated average price of sheep liver: 240 LE

^{*} Estimated average price of sheep lung: 25 LE

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لا يزال استهلاك اللحوم متشابكًا مع مفاهيم الهيبة الاجتماعية والاقتصادية، على الرغم من أن سياق وأهمية هذا الارتباط يمكن أن يختلفان على نطاق واسع اعتمادًا على العوامل الثقافية والاقتصادية والاجتماعية. تتمثل إحدى أكبر المشاكل التي تواجه فحص اللحوم في المسالخ في السنوات الأخيرة في الحاجة إلى تحديد وفهم وإنشاء البيانات الجماعية حول السبب الرئيسي لإعدام الأعضاء والذبائح للوصول إلى طرق فعالة لمنع الخسائر في قطاع اللحوم لمواجه المخاطر التي يفرضها نتيجة لارتفاع معدلات الاعدامات في المسالخ. وقد أظهرت النتائج أنه تم تسجيل 157 حالة مرضية في الأبقار وكانت الأعضاء الأكثر إصابة هي الكبد والرئتين مع انتشار إجمالي للحالات المرضية بنسبة 7.0 و 46.0 كلا على التوالي. بينما في الجاموس كانت هناك 140 حالة إصابة وكانت التوالي. في الأغنام تم تسجيل 78 حالة إصابة مع انتشار إجمالي بنسبة 27.5% و 24.2% على التوالي. في الأغنام تم تسجيل 78 حالة إصابة مع انتشار إجمالي بنسبة 83.75% و 41.3% في الكبد والرئة على التوالي. وقد أظهرت النتائج التي تم التوصل إليها في هذه الدراسة أن رئات الأبقار والجاموس والأغنام كانت أكثر الأعضاء إصابة بالاتهابات الرئوية تليها إصابة الكبد بسبب الإصابة أدى إلى تباين أسباب الاصابات المرضية مما أدى في النهاية إلى زيادة الخسارة في صناعة اللحوم. الكلمات المفتاحية:

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