



FOOD - IN BRIEF

Smart Phone App

In conjunction with a digital organisation Meat & Livestock Australia have recently developed & released a smartphone application allowing customers to obtain details on the purchase, preparation and cooking of red meat.

This includes:-

- Cuts of meat
- Preparation based on thickness and desired flavor or tenderness
- Cooking times

<http://www.eatdrink.com.au/2011/11/an-iphone-app-shows-to-cook-meat-just-right/>

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/beef-essentials/id467563689?mt=8>

Dairy Herd Feed Stocks

Recent research by the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have demonstrated that the traditional use of grape wine marc as a feed stock for dairy cows has multiple benefits.

Cows fed with winery marc increased fatty acid content and milk production by 5% along with decreased methane output of 20%.

The benefit to the wine industry is a relatively easy way of disposing of their waste.

Traditionally farmers in wine regions have fed cattle & dairy herds with grape wine marc, the waste seeds, skins & stalks, but there's a limit to the use of such feed supplements.

Checks on the sources & integrity of grape marc are a necessity to ensure that residues are not being transferred to the meat or milk.

<http://www.piccc.org.au/research/projects/methane>

<http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/Standard-Items/News/Dairy-News/~media/Documents/Animals-feed-and-environment/Feeding%20cows/Purchased%20Feed/Grape%20marc%20-%20advice%20to%20farmers%20DA%20DFSV%20Dec%202011.ashx>