



Environmental Product Declaration of **Coop Beef Meat**



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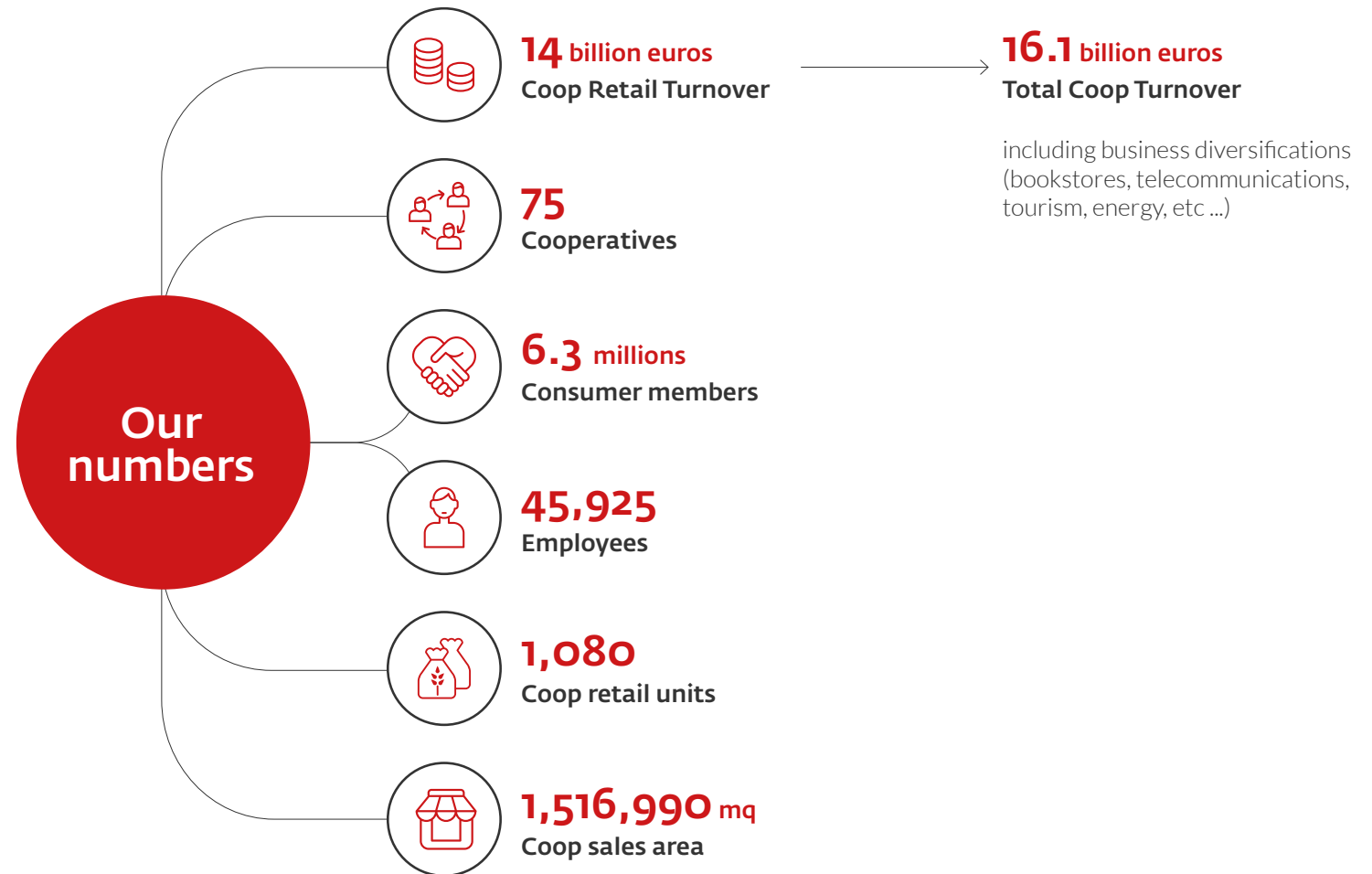
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Coop

Coop is one of the biggest retailer in Italy, with a turnover of almost 14 billion Euros in 2022.

The Coop system is based on 6.3 million consumer members and includes 1,180 retail units.

Coop Italia is the Marketing and Buying central of the consumer cooperatives: it is responsible for negotiating with industries and producers, “Coop brand” products development, quality and safety policies and marketing strategy.



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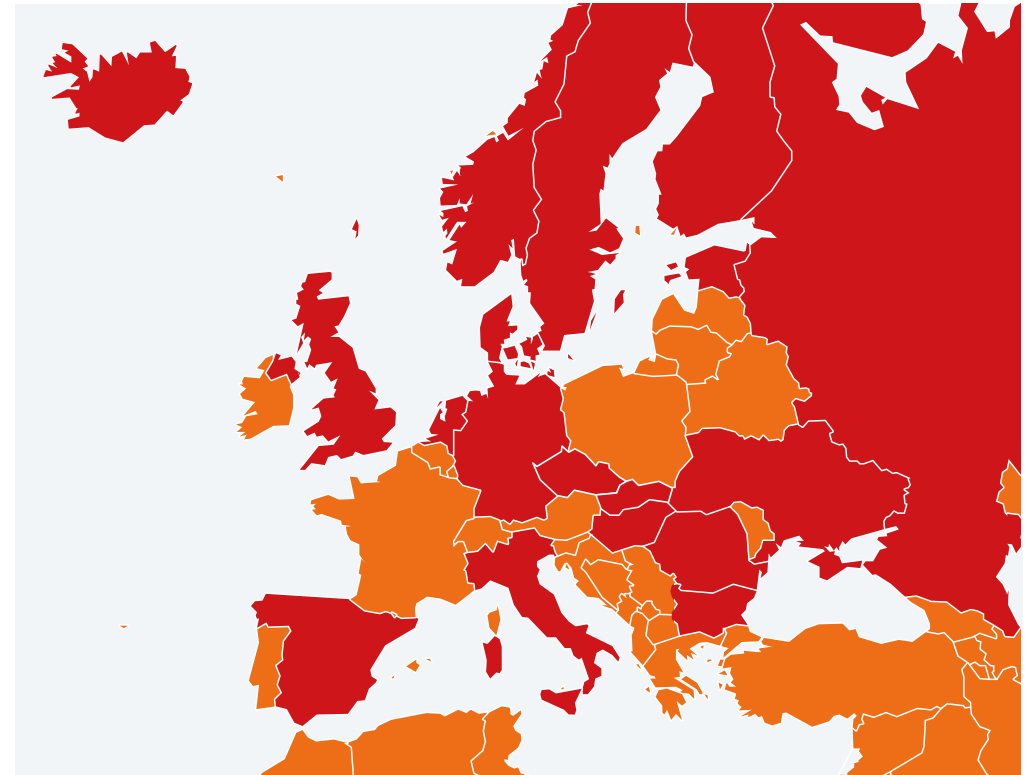


Euro Coop is the European Community of Consumer Co-operatives, whose members are the

national organisations of consumer co-operatives in 20 European countries. Founded in 1957, Euro Coop represents more than 7,000 local and regional co-operatives, whose members count more than 34 million consumers all over Europe.

Consumer co-operatives are companies belonging to the Consumers, which mainly operate in food distribution and trade. The total annual turnover has amounted to more than 79 billion Euro, with 76,000 retail stores and 700,000 employees.

The Secretariat is based in Brussels. Coop Italy participates in all of Euro Coop's working groups, which address priorities like food and retail policy, sustainability policy and co-operative distinctiveness.

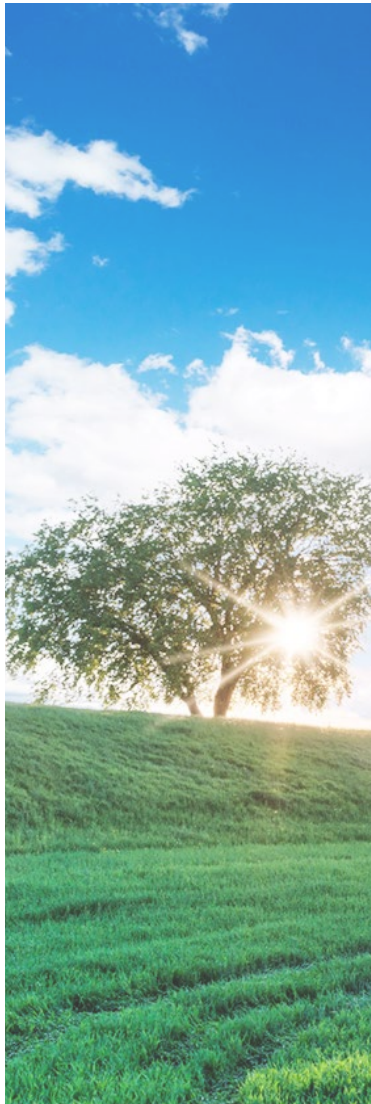


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Coop branded product is:



Safe

Guarantee is based on a careful selection of suppliers, the definition of rigorous technical specifications, often more restrictive than law, as well as the implementation of audits and checks along the entire supply chain. This is also due to scientific collaborations with authoritative institutional and non-institutional third parties.

Ethical

All Coop branded products are made in compliance with people and workers fundamental rights. The suppliers of the branded products shall contractually respect Coop Italia ethical code based on the contents of the SA 8000, ILO and WEP, involving and making their upstream supply chain responsible in compliance with the same rules, accepting also inspections at all stages of the supply chain.

Ecological

Coop branded products contribute to respect the environment, thanks to more sustainable raw materials and production methods, packaging with the lowest environmental impact as well as important awareness actions towards its stakeholders and suppliers.

Transparent

Consumers have access to information regarding raw materials origin, production processes, finished products and supply chains, both through labels as well as web pages or other means.

Good

Coop branded products are the result of an effective partnerships with industrial or artisan producers, they are designed and tested to guarantee product quality and performance aspects: lastly, also assessed with the involvement of the Members Consumers through the tool *Member Approved*.

Cheap

The large purchasing volumes guarantee the best possible quality/price ratio in order to protect the purchasing power of consumers. In the most consumed categories, Coop branded products allow you to save up to 25% compared to similar branded products, reaching up to 40% as an average saving for Coop branded medicines.

Coop brand products

Coop brand products are **produced by selected suppliers** who must comply with specifications and project requirements that have been designed according to **"Coop values"**.

The Coop brand product offers a complete range of products to satisfy the everyday needs of a family, including 11 different products' lines designed to meet the specific needs of consumers.



COOP brand
The mainstream supply



ORIGINE brand
Total traceability, quality chain



FIORFIORE brand
The best of gastronomic culture



VIVI VERDE brand
Nature would choose ViviVerde products



CASA brand
Cheap and functional products



BENE.SÌ brand
Delicious to eat, useful for the body's wellness



AMICI SPECIALI brand
Being friends pays off. Always



SOLIDAL brand
A world of fairness and quality.



CRESCENDO brand
Your child is in very good hands.



IO brand
Beauty and well-being



D'OSA brand
Easy cooking!

Beef meat

This document is referred to the beef meat from adult bovine (bull or heifer) grown and slaughtered in Italy and sold by Coop at its stores. Beef meat, sold by Coop, but raised and / or slaughtered abroad is excluded from the scope of this EPD. The environmental impacts were calculated taking into account the entire production chain starting from the animal’s birth until meat consumption as specified on reference PCR 2012:11 Meat of mammals.

Time coverage

Data are related to beef meat purchased by Coop during 2022.

Declared unit

The information is related to 1 kg of fresh edible bone-free beef meat from adult bovine, ready to be bought by customers in plastic packs or served at the store butcher’s counter.



Energy value	547.5 kJ (131 kcal)
Proteins	21 g
Carbohydrates	0.0 g
Fats	5.2 g
Dietary fibres	0.0 g
Sodium	49 mg
Potassium	313 mg
Cholesterol	63 mg
Iron	1.5 mg
Phosphorus	185 mg

*Nutrition facts per 100 g of beef meat (edible portion).
Average data considering front and hind cuts – CREA.*

Introduction to Coop beef production chain

The Coop Italian beef supply chain, founded in 1990, consists of meat from adult bovine (beef and heifer) produced using animals born in France (mainly) and in Italy and then raised in Italy in conventional farms. The production chain is based on the complete knowledge acquired during the production,

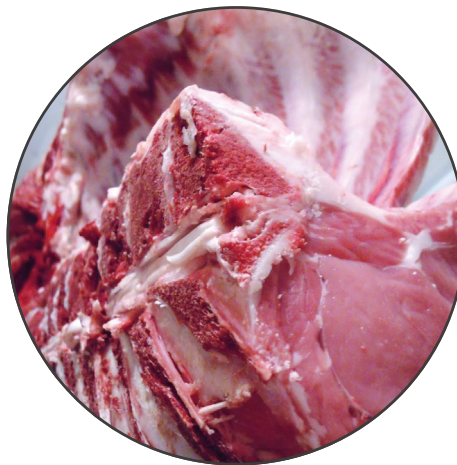
from the animal's birth to the raising phase in Italy and it continues with the slaughtering phase and any subsequent processing steps, until the retail phase.

In 2022 about 98,000 adult bovine were purchased by Coop.

In 2022 Coop beef production chain is based on:



more than **150** FARMS



12 SLAUGHTERHOUSES



3 DISTRIBUTION CENTERS
2 TRANSIT POINT



General System Boundaries

Almost all of the adult cattle belonging to Coop supply chain come from France, where the calves are weaned and usually spend the first 10-12 months of their life. The information needed for the assessment of this phase was collected from 11 farms of different sizes, 7 in France (**Gaec de Fontbonnat, Parrot, Laguigue, Jardoux, Depresle, Landrieve, Gaec Bonnefont Guillot**) and 4 in Italy (**Castrogiovanni Giuseppe, Biazzo Rosario, Maca.do, Az. Agr. Lucana**).

After this period, the calves are moved and raised in Coop supplier Italian farms for about 6 months. For the scope of this EPD, 5 different sized farms have been analysed.

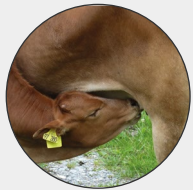
Once the animals reach the weight of about 600 kg, they are slaughtered. In order to assess the environmental impacts of this phase, data were collected from the 3 main slaughterhouse plants involved in Coop supply chain: **Inalca** in Castelvetro di Modena, **Colomberotto** in Moriago della Battaglia

(Treviso) and **Clai** in Faenza (Ravenna). After slaughtering, the half-carasses are transported to the processing platforms where they are deboned, the meat is divided into pieces of different sizes and weights (depending on the anatomical cut) and finally sent to the retail stores, vacuum-packed (for those retail stores equipped of butcher's section) or in skin/MAP trays (ready for purchase).

For evaluating the environmental burden connected to the meat processing phase, primary data were collected at the **Coop Centrale Adriatica** processing platform in Reggio Emilia and at the **IperCoop Bologna Centro Lame** store, equipped with butcher's section.

Detailed information about the animals' origin, places in which they were raised and slaughtered are also available, on packaging labels, for customers' benefit.

UPSTREAM



Mother cow management



1.000 km



Farm management

CORE



350 km



Slaughterhouse



250 km



Meat processing

DOWNSTREAM



200 km



Retail store

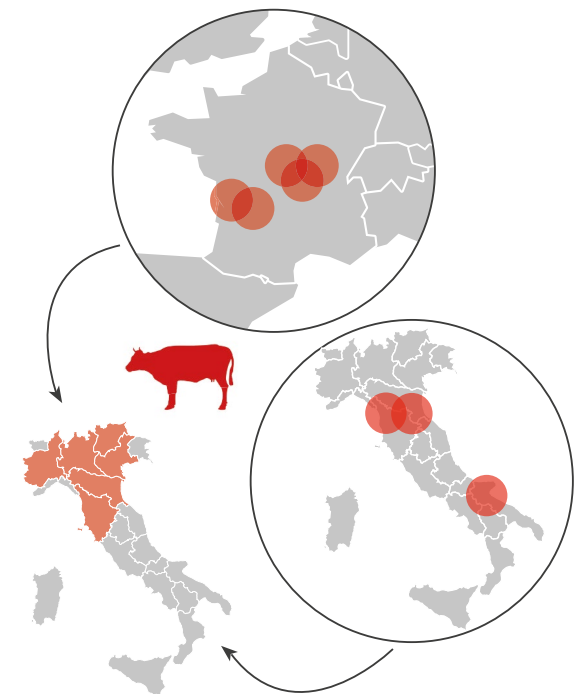
Calves birth and weaning

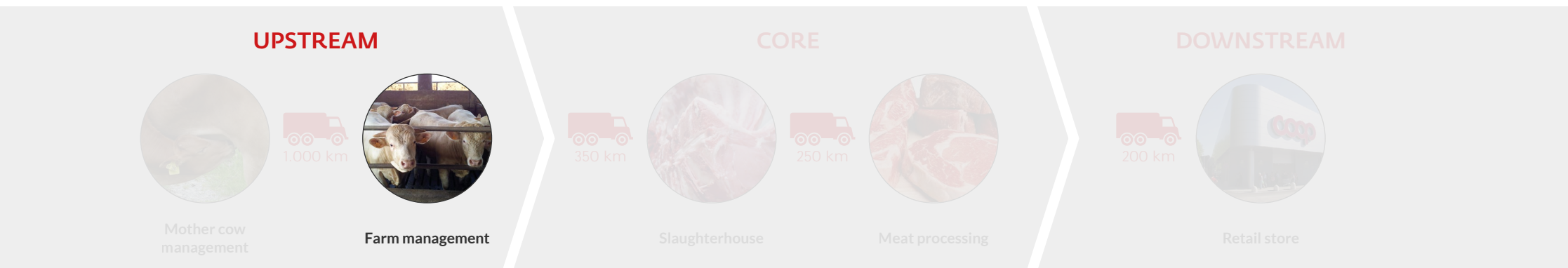
Beef calves come from both France and Italy. They are usually born in farms located in the central regions of France or in Italy, where they stay about a year, reaching the weight of approximately 350 kg. During this phase, the calves stay grazing apart from a brief period in which they stay inside the stable due to winter temperatures.

As regards the calculation of impacts during this phase, the main hypothesis are about the food given to the animals and in particular: **when the animals are grazing** they are fed exclusively grass (10 kg/day for the calf and 20 kg/day for the mother cow).

During the winter period, **spent in the stable**, the feed given to the cow is mainly composed of hay (80%), barley and soy bean while the calf is fed only with cow's milk.

Data collected from the involved farms, concern stables' energy and water consumption, waste production, amount of feed given to the mother cow and the quantity of manure produced (by both the cow and the calf). At the end of the weaning period, the calves are moved to Italy: the impacts associated with transportation has been estimated assuming a distance equal to 1,000 km.





Cattle breeding

After weaning, cattle are raised according to the contract agreement between Coop and the farmers. Coop regularly checks its application with strict verification procedures. In order to develop the calculation model, data from 5 different sized farms have been collected.

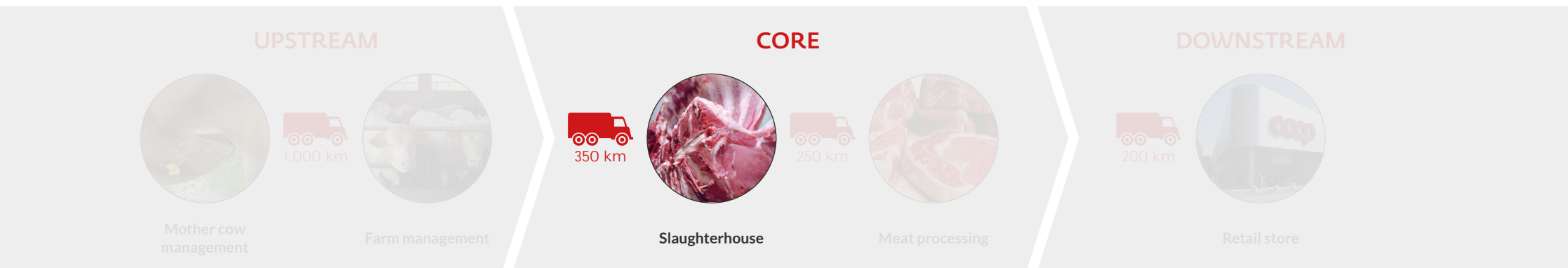
The whole fattening period takes place inside the stable and feed is made of different types of food including corn in various forms, which is considered to be the most important, along with various other cereals.

Farmers could independently manage feed as long as they respected the specifications laid down by Coop.

In order to evaluate the impacts of this phase, the whole farm management process was considered, including the cultivation of food, energy and water consumption, manure management and enteric fermentation produced by cattle.

The impact of bovine transportation to the slaughterhouse plants was calculated on a 350 km-distance basis.





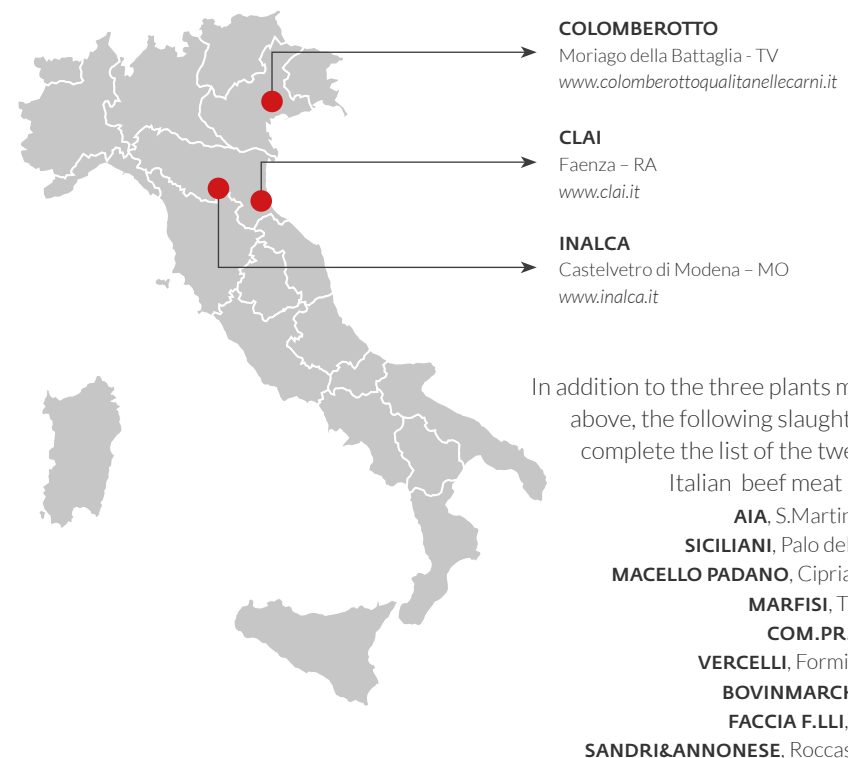
Slaughterhouse

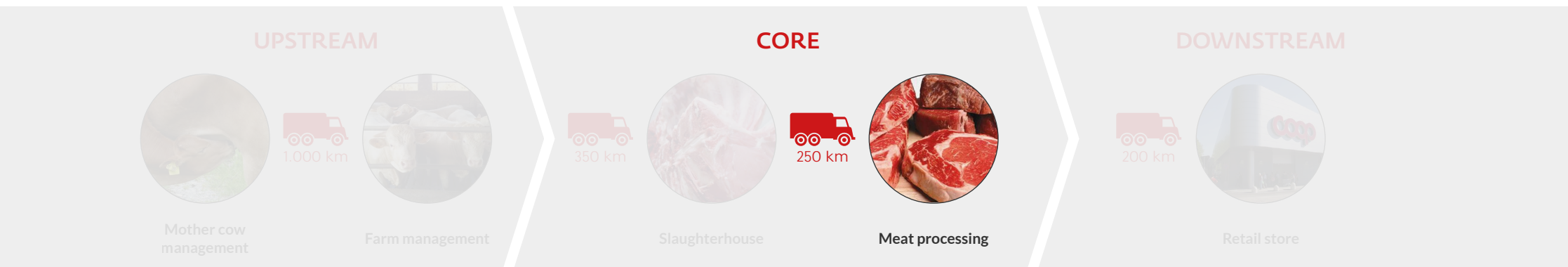
The impacts of this phase were calculated using information derived from 3 plants chosen between the main coop suppliers; these ones slaughtered 70% of adult cattle sold by Coop in 2022. The main environmental impacts are related to energy and water consumption, in addition to the management of slaughtering residues.

An important hypothesis is meat production efficiency (yield). In particular, in 2022 the average slaughtering weight and yields were updated and the following data were considered:

- **Adult bovine weight:** 604 kg;
- **Dressed yield:** 60%;
- **Boneless meat yield:** 80%.

The economic values used to calculate the allocation factors related to the co-products come from confidential information of the involved companies and refer to the years 2020-2022.





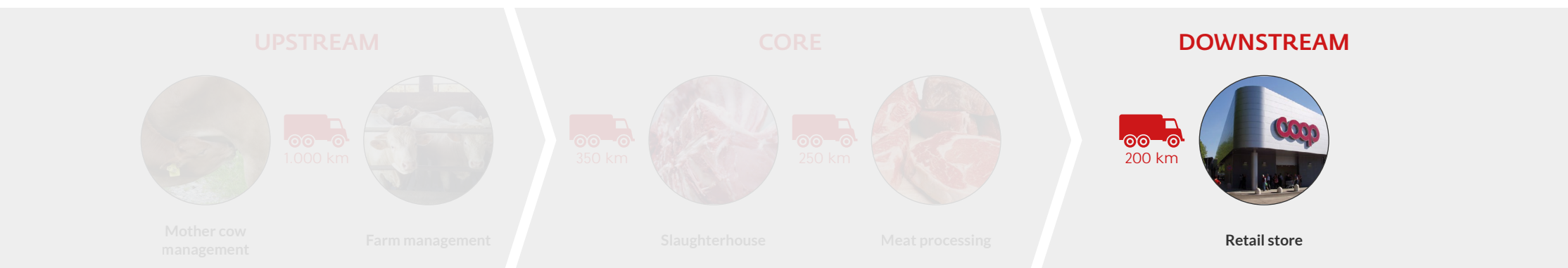
Transformation and preparation

After the slaughtering phase, half-carcases were moved to processing platforms where the meat was packaged in two different ways:

- **Vacuum packaged** (in PE bags) and then dispatched to the retail stores equipped with butcher's counters, where the beef cuts are further portioned, packaged and sold over the counter;
- **In SKIN/MAP trays:** in this case the packaged product is distributed to retail stores ready to be sold to the final customer.

For EPD purposes, Reggio Emilia's logistical-processing platform was chosen because it is one of the main platforms that works and sorts products for Coop. Data about Reggio Emilia's platform are primary refer to the year 2022.





Retail store



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After beef meat processing at platforms, the product is sent to retail stores, ready for being sold (packaged in trays made in PET / PE) or, if necessary, it is subsequently processed.

In retail stores equipped with butcher's counters, as the one analysed for this EPD (**IperCoop Bologna Centro Lama**), about 60% of bovine meat product comes in trays from logistical platforms and the remaining 40% is vacuum-packaged so it is further portioned and sold over the butcher's counter, on customer requirements' basis.

In order to assess the environmental aspects related to this phase, energy, water and packaging material consumption were collected. Cold chain electricity consumption - i.e. for cold storage and department's temperature maintaining - were also included.

Transports' impacts have been calculated on 200 km distance basis that is an average value between platforms and retail stores.

Use phase: packaging and domestic food losses end-of-life, home cold storage and cooking

Phases subsequent to slaughter and meat processing require an increase in the number of hypotheses to obtain precise results. This consideration is even more important for phases such as home cold storage and cooking. The environmental impacts estimation associated with these two phases follows what is suggested in the PCR reference document.

Packaging and domestic food losses end-of-life

Secondary packaging (*distribution packaging*) is represented by the vacuum bag, disposed of at the points of sale; the primary one (*consumer packaging*) is made up of a PET/PE tray or the paper wrapping used at the butcher's counter at the retail store (paper bag, polythene paper and PE sheet). To develop an end-of-life scenario, public data relating to the most recent Italian average scenario (2022) were used. To estimate the impact of domestic food losses,

reference scenario for meat-based products reported on PCR was used (5%).

Home cold storage

It was estimated that beef meat, after being purchased by the customer, may be stored in the refrigerator for 3 days; energy consumption has been evaluated following the PCR instructions.

Cooking

Regarding cooking phase, the choice depends on the taste and habits of the consumer so the impact of this phase represents an estimate. For EPD purposes, the complete environmental impacts results relating to cook a beef cutlet in a pan are presented, assuming that it is the one most used and widespread way to prepare meat.



Results, part I

1 kg of adult bovine boneless meat

PRIMARY ENERGY RESOURCES		UPSTREAM					CORE		DOWNSTREAM		TOTAL	TOTAL WITH COOKING
DATA REFERRED TO 1 KG OF ADULT BOVINE BONELESS MEAT		MOTHER COW MANAGEMENT	FEED	MANURE AND ENTERIC FERMENTATION	FARM MANAGEMENT	PACKAGING PRODUCTION	SLAUGHTERING ACTIVITIES	MEAT PROCESSING	HOME CONSERVATION	PACKAGING AND FOOD LOSSES END-OF-LIFE		
RENEWABLE (MJ)	Used as energy carrier	3.7E+01	3.9E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	6.6E-01	1.0E+01	6.2E-01	1.3E-01	8.7E-04	5.3E+01	5.4E+01
	Used as raw materials	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	2.4E+01	3.6E-01	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	2.5E+01	2.5E+01
	TOTAL	3.7E+01	3.9E+00	0.0E+00	2.4E+01	1.0E+00	1.0E+01	6.2E-01	1.3E-01	8.7E-04	7.7E+01	7.8E+01
NON-RENEWABLE (MJ)	Used as energy carrier	4.7E+01	3.3E+01	0.0E+00	9.7E+00	6.1E-01	2.4E+01	1.2E+01	4.8E+00	3.9E-02	1.3E+02	1.5E+02
	Used as raw materials	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	1.7E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	0.0E+00	1.7E+00	1.7E+00
	TOTAL	4.7E+01	3.3E+01	0.0E+00	9.7E+00	2.3E+00	2.4E+01	1.2E+01	4.8E+00	3.9E-02	1.3E+02	1.5E+02

NOTE – The numbers reported in the table above and those in the next pages, are the outcome of rounding. For this reason total results could slightly differ from the sum of contributions of the different phases.

Results, part II

1 kg of adult bovine boneless meat

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS		UPSTREAM					CORE		DOWNSTREAM		TOTAL	TOTAL WITH COOKING
DATA REFERRED TO 1 KG OF ADULT BOVINE BONELESS MEAT		MOTHER COW MANAGEMENT	FEED	MANURE AND ENTERIC FERMENTATION	FARM MANAGEMENT	PACKAGING PRODUCTION	SLAUGHTERING ACTIVITIES	MEAT PROCESSING	HOME CONSERVATION	PACKAGING AND FOOD LOSSES END-OF-LIFE		
Global Warming Potential - GWP (kg CO ₂ eq.)	Fossil	6.2E+00	3.7E+00	7.5E-01	6.8E-01	1.0E-01	1.6E+00	7.3E-01	2.5E-01	6.5E-02	1.4E+01	1.5E+01
	Biogenic	6.4E+00	4.2E-02	4.4E+00	7.8E-03	3.9E-03	3.1E-03	1.1E-02	1.6E-05	1.3E-02	1.1E+01	1.1E+01
	Land use and LU change	1.6E+00	6.8E-01	0.0E+00	1.3E-01	3.5E-04	2.5E-01	8.7E-03	1.4E-07	8.1E-07	2.6E+00	2.6E+00
	TOTAL	1.4E+01	4.5E+00	5.1E+00	8.2E-01	1.1E-01	1.8E+00	7.5E-01	2.5E-01	7.9E-02	2.8E+01	2.9E+01
Ozone depletion potential, ODP (kg CFC 11 eq.)		1.5E-07	1.1E-07	0.0E+00	2.6E-08	2.6E-07	7.1E-08	2.9E-08	2.5E-08	1.2E-10	6.6E-07	6.9E-07
Acidification potential, AP (kg mol H ⁺ eq.)		8.6E-01	5.4E-02	3.5E-01	3.5E-03	4.4E-04	5.0E-03	2.2E-03	8.7E-04	2.9E-05	1.3E+00	1.3E+00
Eutrophication potential, EP	Aquatic freshwater (kg P eq.)	5.5E-03	1.3E-03	1.2E-03	2.2E-05	6.8E-06	9.5E-05	2.0E-05	1.2E-05	1.2E-07	8.2E-03	8.2E-03
	Aquatic marine (kg N eq.)	1.1E-01	5.4E-02	3.4E-02	2.2E-03	1.1E-04	3.0E-03	8.6E-04	1.3E-04	4.0E-05	2.1E-01	2.1E-01
	Terrestrial (mol N eq.)	3.9E+00	2.4E-01	1.6E+00	1.4E-02	1.1E-03	1.6E-02	6.4E-03	1.4E-03	1.4E-04	5.8E+00	5.8E+00
Photochemical ozone creation potential, POCP (kg NMVOC eq.)		6.7E-02	1.2E-02	3.9E-02	2.5E-03	3.5E-04	4.6E-03	2.4E-03	3.9E-04	4.2E-05	1.3E-01	1.3E-01
Abiotic depletion potential*, ADP	Minerals and metals (kg Sb eq)	3.9E-06	1.2E-05	0.0E+00	2.9E-07	1.1E-08	6.1E-07	4.2E-08	2.7E-10	9.4E-10	1.7E-05	1.7E-05
	Fossil (MJ)	4.5E+01	3.3E+01	0.0E+00	9.0E+00	2.0E+00	2.0E+01	1.0E+01	3.9E+00	3.6E-02	1.2E+02	1.4E+02
Water deprivation potential*, WDP (m ³ eq.)		1.2E+00	3.4E+01	0.0E+00	1.5E+00	9.9E-02	8.0E-01	1.2E+00	8.3E-01	3.5E-03	4.0E+01	4.0E+01

* The results of these environmental impact indicators shall be used with care as the uncertainties of the results are high and as there is limited experience with these indicators.

Differences versus previous version of the EPD

Compared to the previous version of the EPD document, beyond the updating of the number of cattle purchased by Coop in 2022 and data about the 3 main slaughterhouses involved as suppliers, data relating to French and Italian farms were updated, too. Data collection involved 7 French and 4 Italian farms where the calves are born and weaned and a sample of 5 Italian farms, among Coop suppliers, where data regarding the finishing phase were collected such

as feed quantity and typology, energy consumption, the average amount of manure per head and the type of management.

Moreover, data relating to the Reggio Emilia Coop platform, where the carcasses from the slaughtering plants are processed and packaging materials were updated and data relating to a sample retail store (IperCoop Bologna Centro Lama) were collected.



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Glossary

MALE CATTLE	<i>Male cattle aged over 12 and under 24 months, raised for meat production. For Coop, the age range is between 16 and 22 months.</i>
FEMALE CATTLE	<i>Female cattle aged over 12 and under 24 months, who has not given birth yet. For Coop, the age range is between 13 and 22 months.</i>
ADULT BOVINE	<i>It generically means the beef cattle, both male and female, more than 12 months old.</i>

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