## **Dried Venison Quality Parameters Changes during Storage**

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**Abstract :** The aim of the current research was to determine quality parameters changes of dried venison during storage. Protein, fat and moisture content dynamics as well microbiological quality was analyzed. For the experiments the meat  $(0.02\times4.00\times7.00\text{ cm})$  pieces were marinated in "teriyaki sauce" marinade (composition: teriyaki sauce, sweet and sour sauce, taco sauce, soy sauce, American BBQ sauce hickory, sesame oil, garlic, garlic salt, tabasco red pepper sauce) at  $4\pm2^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature for  $48\pm1\text{h}$ . Sodium monophosphate (E339) was also added in part of marinade to improve the meat textural properties. After marinating, meat samples were dried in microwave-vacuum drier MUSSON-1, packaged in vacuum pouches made from polymer film (PA/PE) with barrier properties and storage for 4 months at  $18\pm1^{\circ}\text{C}$  temperature in dark place. Dried venison samples were analyzed after 0, 35, 91 and 112 days of storage. During the storage total plate counts of dried venison samples significantly (p<0.05) increased. No significant differences in the content of protein, fat and moisture were detected when analyzing dried meat samples during storage and comparing them with the chemical parameters of just dried meat.

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