

THE EFFECT OF SILAGE FEEDING ON THE PROPERTIES OF RAS CHEESE

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ABSTRACT

Two types of milk, namely milk from cows fed on straw, hay and concentrate (control) and silage milk (from cows fed on silage) were used during this study. Silage milk was divided into three equal parts, The first (control) raw milk without potassium sorbate (A). The second part was heat treated to 63°C for 30min., and cooled to 37°C (B). 0.5% potassium sorbate were added to the third part (c). Normal milk was divided into 2 parts, unheated (D) and heated (E). The above 5 parts were individually processed into Ras cheese. Samples of green cheese were chemically, microbiologically and sensory evaluated throughout the ripening period, extended for 6months. Results showed that feeding cows on silage raised the yield of Ras cheese from 9.2% to 11.6%, also silage heat treated milk resulted in higher yield than raw silage milk. The addition of 0.5% potassium sorbate decreased the acidity, SN and N.P.N of the matured cheese. Clostridia and Spore forming bacteria were higher in silage milk cheese, as compared with control milk. The addition of 0.5% potassium sorbate sharply decreased T.C, LAB, coliform, clostridia, spore forming and yeasts and moulds. Silage milk Ras cheese gained the highest scoring point, especially, raw milk cheese, the lowest was for potassium sorbate treatment.

Keywords: Ras cheese, Silage, Clostridium, Potassium sorbate.

INTRODUCTION

Ras cheese is the most popular hard cheese in Egypt because of its sharp and peppery flavour (El-Shikh. M., *et al.*, 1994). It is known as Cephalotyre cheese in Greece and most of Mediterranean countries (Hofi, *et al.*, 1970). The name Cephalotyre means in Greece language "head" and so the Greece name is translated into Arabic language into Ras Cheese. In Egypt Ras Cheese is processed from cow's milk, sometimes 15% buffalo's milk as a maximum are added to the cow's milk for cheese making. In Egypt feeding system of milking cows and buffaloes depends mainly on multicut clover during Winter and Spring, while straw, hay and concentrates were fed during Summer season.

Because of malnutrition of animals during Summer season, the production of milk is very low in quantity and quality. Silage is anaerobic fermented feed from green fodder crops resulting during the storage and fermentation under anaerobic condition, It is well known in the developed countries. It is made from green fodder crops containing carbohydrates like corn silage, and molasses were added to poor carbohydrates containing crops like clover. Feeding on silage in European countries creates the problem of late-blowing defect to hard and semi-hard cheese caused by anaerobic spore-forming bacteria such as species of *Clostridium*. Now the use of silage in cow's and buffalo's feeding is increased in Egypt, especially,

in Summer season, because of its low price and its effects on increasing of the yield of milk:

So the aim of this investigation is to elucidate the following topics: The effect of silage feeding on the quality of Ras cheese, the effect of heat treatment on the presence of anaerobic bacteria group (*clostridium*) and the addition of potassium sorbate to improve the physicochemical and microbiological properties of Ras cheese.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fresh evening and morning cow's milk used during this study was obtained from El-Serw Animal Production Research Station, having T.S (10.9-12.50%), Fat (3-3.5%) and total protein (2.9-3.4%). Two types of milk were used for Ras cheese making:

a) milk from cow's fed on silage for 15 days, b) milk from cow's fed on traditional feed (rice straw, hay and concentrates).

Local Commercial liquid rennet obtained from local market, was used to coagulate the cheese milk in 45 minutes. Yoghurt starter culture containing *Streptococcus thermophilus*: *Lactobacillus delbrueckii spp. bulgrisus* (1:1) obtained from Hansan Company/Denmark. Dry Commercial food grade sodium chloride was obtained from El-Naser Salines Company, Alexandria was used during this investigation. Analytical grade calcium chloride being obtained from El-Gomhoria, Chemical Company, Egypt, were used. potassium sorbate food grade type, was brought from El-Gomhoria Chemical Company, Cairo. Admixture of bees'wax + paraffin wax and vaslin at a ratio of 1:1:0.25 was prepared for coating the Ras cheese. Waxes and Vaslin were obtained from Chemical Company, Egypt. Cheeses were rubbed by 3% potassium sorbate solution before waxing. Leucerne silage prepared in El-Serw station for 60 days. Silage made by admixing 80% multicut clover +15% rice straw with 5% molasses and fermented together. A layer of rice straw followed by a layer of clover then moistened by diluted molasses. The layers are repeated and followed to have 2m. height heap. The heap is well preseed to have anaerobic media then tightly covered with plastic. A layer of soil (40cm.) was placed cheet on the Plastic sheet to expel the air. Silage left 70 days to complete fermentation before cow's feeding. Rase cheese was manufactured followed the method by (Tawab, 1963). 40 and 60 days old samples of clover silage were collected from different depth of the pitch, and thoroughly mixed together, then representatives 10 gm were mixed well in the blender with 100 ml 2% sodium citrate, the bottles were left 20 minutes, for 1 ml from the upper layer of the emulsion was taken and poured in 1 ml distilled water having the dilution of 1:100. Straw and hay were well chopped, while samples of concentrates was ground and similar to silage. Samples were prepared for micro biological assays. Fresh cheese and cheese samples after 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 months were taken and analysed chemically, microbiologically and sensory evaluation. Samples were threshed before performing the tests. For microbiological analysis 10gm of cheese were well threshed and added to 100ml sterilized of 2% sodium citrate solution and well mixed 1ml of this emulsion represented dilution of 1 : 10. Total solid, fat, total

protein content and soluble protein, titratable acidity of milk, curd, whey and cheese were estimated as lactic acid % according to (AOAC, 2000). The pH values of all sample of milk, curd, whey and cheese were measured using a glass electrode pH meter type GG710, Germany. The Volhard's method as described by (Richardson, 1985) was used to determine the salt content of cheese.

The NPN was determined as described by (Ling, 1963). T.V.FA was determined according to (Kosikowski, 1978). Panel tests were carried out by 10 persons, who evaluated the organoleptic properties of cheese samples. The panelists scored the cheese for flavour (50 points), body and texture (35 points) and color and appearance (15 points) as described by (Scott, 1981). Total counts of different milk, whey, curd and cheese samples were enumerated on nutrient agar medium being prepared according to (Difco, 1971). Enumeration of lactic acid bacteria was done on (MRS) medium being prepared according to (Difco, 1971). MacConkey agar plate count medium was followed to enumerate the coliform group using the method described in (The Standard Methods for Examination of Milk and dairy products, 1970). Reinforced Clostridium Medium (RCM) as prepared by (Gibbs & France, 1965) was used for enumerated anaerobic bacteria. The medium has the following composition:

Yeast extract	3.0 g
Lab-Lemcopowder	10.0 g
Peptone	10.0 g
Soluble starch	1.0 g
Glucose	5.0 g
Cysteine hydrochloride	0.5 g
Sodium Chloride	5.0 g
Sodium acetate	3.0 g
Agar	0.5 g
Dist. Water	1000.0 ml
	pH 6.8 ±0.2 at 25°C

Nutrient Agar medium was used for enumeration of spores. The tube of dilution 1:1000 is heated in water bath to 80°C for 10 minutes before inoculation then cooled and poured for plate count enumeration according to (Chalmers, 1962). Moulds and Yeasts were counted on Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA) medium according to (Difco, 1971).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The effect of silage feeding on properties of Ras cheese:

Table "1" shows the enumeration of certain group of microorganisms grown on different media for 30 and 60 days old silage of multicute clover and (straw, hay and concentrates) prepared for feeding.

From table "1" it is clear that silage has higher T.C as compared with the concentrates. It could also be observed that both of lactic acid bacterial numbers and coliforms were lower in the concentrates, and no colonies of clostridia were detected on the RCM. The concentrates were also found completely free of spore forms. On the other hand, colonies of mold and

yeast grown on P.D.A are slightly lower (0.12×10^6) c.f.u/g in concentrates, compared with silage samples. Silage feeds, however, contained higher number of total bacterial counts and coliforms, whereas their content of clostridium and spore formers were very low.

The Presence of many colonies of anaerobic bacteria in silage is normal because the environmental anaerobic conditions for the growth of anaerobic bacteria (such as *Clostridium*) is available.

Table (1): Microbiological analysis of silage, straw, hay, and concentrates No. of Bacteria ($\times 10^6$) c.f.u/g.

Media Age of silage	T.C	Lactic acid Bacteria	Coliforms bact.	Clostridia	Spore forming	Yeast and moulds
	45 days silage	138	82	10.5	0.85	0.25
60 days silage	130	71	8.9	0.71	0.22	0.48
Straw + hay + concentrates	15	0.002	4.1	-	-	0.12

From Table “2” it is clear that the yield of fresh Ras cheese obtained from silage milk is higher (11.65%) than control milk cheese (9.23%). Gukov (1994) found that feeding cows on silage, increased the yield of cheese and improving their quality. Heating the milk before cheese making raised the yield of the cheese by (11.70 and 9.52%) for control and silage milk, respectively.

Table (2) :Effect of silage feeding on fresh Ras cheese yield

Treatment	Control milk		Silage milks		
	A	B	C	D	E
Yield	9.23%	11.70%	11.65%	12.67%	12.81%

A: Control milk (raw)

B: Control milk (Heat treated)

C: Raw silage milk

D: Heat treated silage milk

E: Heat treated silage milk + 0.5% Potassium sorbate

Table (3 and 4) show the chemical composition of different cheeses as affected by silage feeding throughout 6months of ripening. For all treatments, as ripening period progressed, T.S, fat, protein and salt contents also increased. This apparent increase is owing to the evaporation of moisture from the cheese surface. This increase might also be due to the salting process during the first month of ripening at room temperature. Hofi, *et al.* (1970) stated that there is an increase of T.S, fat, protein and salt in Ras cheese during the ripening period, because the moisture content was decreased.

Coating the cheese decreased the losses in moisture content. Similar results are also obtained by Abdou, *et al.* (1977), who found that cheese coated with paraffin wax blends and plastics suspensions resulted in differences rates of moisture loss. our obtained results are higher than those

obtained by Hagrass, *et al.* (1984) who found that moisture content were 41.47 and 33.91% for fresh and 6 months old ras cheese, Respectively.

As ripening period progressed T.S, fat and protein gradually increased. The gradual increase in the fat content of the cheese is due to the progressive loss in moisture occurring during ripening period. These trend was reported by Omer and Buchheim (1983) and Hofi, *et al.* (1991) . Stated that the decrease of Ras cheese moisture content was sharp during first month, followed by gradual decrease during the rest of ripening period.

Table (3): Effect of ripening on the moisture, acidity, pH, salt and salt/moisture in Ras cheese made from silage milk

Treatments		Ripening period (month)	Moisture	Acidity	pH	Salt	Salt/moisture
Control Milk	A	0	47.18	0.98	0.21	1.80	3.83
		1	42.09	1.22	4.91	2.29	7.81
		2	40.90	1.36	4.83	2.20	8.19
		3	38.79	1.08	4.71	2.00	9.02
		4	38.09	1.94	4.72	4.00	10.23
		6	37.97	1.82	4.73	4.10	11.07
	B	0	40.44	0.87	0.72	1.94	4.27
		1	41.88	1.12	0.11	2.21	7.90
		2	39.99	1.24	0.01	2.82	9.00
		3	37.87	1.41	4.77	2.98	10.01
		4	37.19	1.76	4.02	4.10	11.10
		6	36.93	1.64	4.72	4.22	11.72
Silage milk	C	0	44.80	0.90	0.30	2.11	4.70
		1	40.97	1.31	0.10	2.41	8.22
		2	38.79	1.38	0.00	2.00	9.02
		3	37.10	1.60	0.00	2.70	9.82
		4	37.80	1.82	4.90	2.91	10.21
		6	30.97	1.70	4.90	4.10	11.03
	D	0	44.90	0.82	0.20	2.21	0.09
		1	39.80	1.27	0.20	2.00	8.79
		2	38.00	1.32	0.14	2.80	9.87
		3	37.78	1.08	0.02	2.90	10.70
		4	30.82	1.70	0.00	4.12	11.49
		6	30.12	1.60	4.89	4.20	12.24
	E	0	43.29	1.02	4.80	4.02	13.07
		0	44.09	0.72	0.01	2.10	4.70
		1	40.80	0.82	0.22	2.40	8.40
		2	38.77	0.97	4.91	2.72	9.07
		3	37.30	1.28	4.82	2.88	10.40
		4	37.29	1.47	4.60	4.09	11.27
	0	30.92	1.42	4.72	4.20	11.69	
	6	30.08	1.40	4.81	4.20	12.20	

From table "4" It is clear that feeding cows on silage led to an increase of T.S, fat and protein contents of fresh cheese by 2.54, 5.52 and 4.19% respectively. By the end of ripening, respective increase were 3.26, 6.36 and 4.49% for T.S, fat and protein , respectively for raw milk treatments (A and C). Pirisi, *et al.* (2001) found that fed ewes on hay, silage and concentrate increased the fat, T.S contents of the resultant cheese.

The heat treatment of milk prior cheese processing led to an increase in T.S. of both treatments by 1.37 and 2.60% for zero time control and silage milk cheese and 1.77 and 2.77 for 6months ripened cheese, respectively.

Fat and protein content of 6 months ripened cheese ranged between (36.02-33.16%) for fat and (31.83-29.81%) for protein (heat treated milk cheese). Ayad (2004) and Awad (2006) found that values for fat/protein, T.S and Salt of raw milk cheese was slightly lower than those of pasteurized milk cheeses and the acidity was higher for raw milk cheese.

Table (4): Effect of Silage feeding on T.S Fat/T.S Protein Protein /T.S content of cheese during ripening.

Treatments	Ripening period (month)	T.S	Fat	Fat/T.S	Protein	Protein /T.S	
Control Milk	A	0	03,82	24,81	47,09	22,19	41,23
		1	07,91	27,99	48,33	20,33	43,74
		2	09,10	29,18	49,37	27,12	44,19
		3	11,21	31,03	00,79	27,91	40,09
		4	11,91	31,92	01,00	28,72	47,22
		6	12,98	32,80	02,08	29,17	47,30
	B	0	04,07	20,38	47,01	22,98	42,11
		1	08,12	28,14	48,41	27,41	40,44
		2	10,01	30,28	00,40	27,30	40,07
		3	12,14	31,91	01,30	28,40	40,78
		4	12,81	32,41	01,70	29,21	47,31
		6	13,07	33,41	02,97	30,01	47,08
Silage milk	C	0	00,20	27,18	47,42	23,12	41,88
		1	09,04	29,21	49,47	27,17	44,32
		2	11,21	31,14	00,87	28,00	40,82
		3	12,80	33,04	02,07	28,91	40,99
		4	13,10	33,91	03,79	29,17	47,19
		6	14,03	34,40	03,72	30,12	47,04
	D	0	16,10	30,27	04,17	31,10	47,84
		1	17,74	27,18	40,22	24,01	42,39
		2	10,20	31,02	01,02	27,74	47,07
		3	11,00	32,39	02,09	29,20	47,31
		4	12,22	33,74	03,21	29,00	47,47
		6	14,17	34,17	03,24	30,01	47,04
	E	0	14,88	30,27	04,37	30,90	47,70
		1	17,22	37,02	04,39	31,82	48,07
		2	10,41	20,17	04,42	23,11	41,70
		3	09,20	30,12	00,87	27,17	40,87
		4	11,14	31,21	01,04	28,17	47,00
		6	12,70	32,17	01,13	28,90	47,17
	0	13,71	32,98	01,77	29,71	47,73	
	1	14,08	33,91	02,90	29,90	47,73	
	2	14,92	34,91	03,77	30,71	47,30	

- A: Control milk (raw)
- B: Control milk (Heat treated)
- C: Raw silage milk
- D: Heat treated silage milk
- E: Heat treated silage milk + 0.5% Potassium sorbate

Salt content of fresh cheese ranged between (2.21-1.80%), this salt content was gained during the addition of 3% salt in the whey. By the second month the salt content is highly increased because of the dry salting. By the

end of ripening the percentage of salt ranged between (4.52-4.30%). Ismail (2001) processed Ras cheese from buffaloes and goat's milk (1:1). The salt content ranged between (3.188% and 4.533%) for fresh and 180 days old cheese. Similarly to fat and protein, fat/protein and protein/T.S increased as ripening period progressed Fat/T.S for ripened cheeses ranged between (52.60% and 53.77%) Respective values for protein/T.S are between (47.88% and 48.06).

Table "5" show the S.N, S.N/T.N, N.P.N. N.P.N/T.N and T.V.F.A of different treatments. For all treatments (A,B,C,D and E) as ripening period progressed, S.N, S.N/T.N, N.P.N. N.P.N/T.N and T.V.F.A parallelly increased. The increase of ripening indices values were higher for raw milk cheese, as compared with heat treated milk cheese (A and C treatment). Hofi (1970), Ayad (2004), Awad (2006) found that ripening indices were higher in raw milk cheese than pasteurized milk cheese during ripening. The Lowest Values were obtained in cheese treated with potassium sorbate treatment (E). Cheese produced from silage milk (C and F treatment) had higher ripening indices, as compared with control milk (A and B treatment). Pirisi, *et al.*, (2001) fed two groups of ewes on two rations, The first included hay, silage and concentrate, The second fed on Italian ryegrass. Fat content of cheese was higher in the first group while microbiological characteristics and protein were less. By the heat treatment, values of S.N, S.N/T.N, N.P.N. N.P.N/T.N and T.V.F.A were detected in silage raw milk cheese were 0.42, 8.60, 0.085, 1.74% and 33.5% after 6months. Respective values for traditional feeding cheese were 0.37, 7.92, 0.07, 1.49% and 32.40% in the same order. The addition of 0.5% potassium sorbate to cheese milk may affect the starter activity, decreased the acidity and the ripening indices. Sakr (1998) found that the addition of preservatives to the curd of pyramid cheese highly decreased the values of S.N and N.P.N in the final cheese. This might be due to the effect of preservatives in decreasing and inhibiting the activity of starter bacteria, S.N./T.N of fresh Ras cheese were 4.32, 2.72, 5.24, 4.52% and 3.86% for A,B,C,D and E, respectively. T.V.FA gradually increased to reach 32.40, 31.00, 33.50% and 29.70% for A,B,C,D and E treatments.

Table "6" showed the count of different microbial groups of Ras cheese during storage period being extended for 3 months at 16± 2°C. For all treatments, the T.C and LAB decreased during ripening period. Although all treatments were inoculated by 1% yoghurt starter, number of T.C and LAB were different. Generally raw milk, had higher numbers as compared with heat treated milk, and silage milk contained higher numbers than control milk.

As ripening progressed, number of T.C and LAB gradually decreased to reach the lowest number by the 3 months. The addition of 0.5% potassium sorbate greatly reduced the total count and also decreased the lactic acid, bacteria count, but in less extent the number of anaerobic and aerobic colonies and strongly destroyed moulds and yeast. The presence of yeasts and moulds at the third month is owing to the recontamination, which happened during ripening, Potassium sorbate also had sharp effect on coliform bacteria. Rehm (1966) and Luck (1972) summarized the effect of potassium sorbate on different microorganisms and gave the fit al doses for destroyed the different microbial groups.

Table (5): Effect of ripening on the nitrogenous contents of Ras cheese made from silage milk

Treatments	Ripening period (month)	T.P	T.N	S.N	S.N/T.N	N.P.N	N.P./T.N	T.V.F.A	
Control Milk	A	0	22,19	3,47	0,10	4,32	0,012	0,34	10,20
		1	20,33	3,97	0,21	0,28	0,021	0,02	16,80
		2	26,12	4,09	0,24	0,87	0,030	0,73	21,90
		3	27,91	4,37	0,28	7,40	0,039	0,89	20,80
		4	28,17	4,41	0,32	7,20	0,042	0,90	27,00
		5	29,16	4,07	0,34	7,43	0,050	1,20	30,80
	B	0	22,98	3,70	0,10	2,77	0,010	0,27	9,80
		1	26,41	4,13	0,10	3,73	0,018	0,43	10,20
		2	27,30	4,28	0,20	4,77	0,020	0,47	20,30
		3	28,40	4,40	0,23	0,17	0,020	0,06	24,70
		4	29,21	4,07	0,28	7,12	0,030	0,70	27,00
		5	30,01	4,70	0,31	7,09	0,038	0,80	29,00
Silage milk	C	0	23,12	3,72	0,19	0,24	0,020	0,00	10,77
		1	26,17	4,10	0,24	0,80	0,029	0,70	17,00
		2	28,00	4,39	0,28	7,37	0,030	0,79	22,00
		3	28,91	4,03	0,31	7,84	0,040	0,88	26,00
		4	29,17	4,07	0,30	7,70	0,053	1,10	27,00
		5	30,12	4,72	0,37	8,77	0,077	1,39	31,90
	D	0	24,01	3,77	0,17	4,02	0,010	0,39	8,70
		1	27,74	4,34	0,22	0,07	0,020	0,07	10,20
		2	29,20	4,07	0,27	0,78	0,033	0,72	19,30
		3	29,00	4,72	0,29	7,07	0,038	0,82	23,10
		4	30,01	4,80	0,32	7,79	0,044	0,90	27,00
		5	30,90	4,98	0,30	7,21	0,050	1,00	29,00
	E	0	23,11	3,72	0,14	3,87	0,010	0,27	8,40
		1	27,17	4,20	0,20	4,70	0,010	0,30	14,80
		2	28,17	4,41	0,22	4,98	0,020	0,40	18,80
		3	28,90	4,03	0,20	0,01	0,020	0,00	22,70
		4	29,71	4,70	0,28	7,02	0,029	0,72	26,40
		5	29,90	4,79	0,30	7,39	0,033	0,70	28,30
6	30,71	4,81	0,31	7,44	0,040	0,83	29,70		

A: Control milk (raw)

B: Control milk (Heat treated)

C: Raw silage milk

D: Heat treated silage milk

E: Heat treated silage milk + 0.5% Potassium sorbate

Table (6): Effect of silage feeding, heat treatment and potassium sorbate addition on the microbial counts of Ras cheese during ripening

(No. of Bacteria ($\times 10^6$) c.f.u/g)

Treatments	Ripening period (month)	T.C	LAB	Coliform	Clostridia	Spore forming	Yeasts and moulds	
Control Milk	A	0	20	0,10	0,20	0,21	0,02	0,00
		1	20	0,11	0,17	0,22	0,00	0,00
		2	22	0,09	0,14	0,23	0,06	0,03
		3	20	0,07	0,11	0,30	0,08	0,02
		4	17	0,00	0,09	0,22	0,11	0,01
		5	12	0,03	0,07	0,18	0,14	0,01
	B	0	28	0,10	-	0,01	-	0,00
		1	20	0,08	-	0,02	-	0,04
		2	20	0,00	-	0,02	-	0,04
		3	17	0,04	-	0,03	-	0,03
		4	12	0,03	0,02	0,01	0,01	0,02
		5	10	0,03	0,03	0,01	0,01	0,02
Silage milk	C	0	33	0,18	0,17	0,30	0,03	0,07
		1	20	0,16	0,10	0,28	0,03	0,00
		2	20	0,13	0,13	0,24	0,02	0,00
		3	22	0,11	0,10	0,28	0,02	0,03
		4	18	0,09	0,07	0,44	0,00	0,02
		5	10	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,07	0,02
	D	0	20	0,10	0,02	0,18	0,03	0,03
		1	20	0,12	0,02	0,10	0,03	0,03
		2	23	0,09	0,03	0,11	0,02	0,03
		3	20	0,07	0,04	0,09	0,02	0,02
		4	17	0,00	0,04	0,22	0,03	0,02
		5	14	0,00	0,04	0,20	0,04	0,01
	E	0	10	0,04	0,06	0,22	0,10	0,01
		1	2	0,9	-	0,01	-	-
		2	10	0,7	-	0,03	-	-
		3	8	0,0	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,04
		4	0	0,4	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,06
		5	4	0,3	0,01	0,02	0,01	0,07

A: Control milk (raw) B: Control milk (Heat treated)
 C: Raw silage milk D: Heat treated silage milk
 E: Heat treated silage milk + 0.5% Potassium sorbate

Table “V” shows the scoring points of different cheese treatment during 6 months of ripening. For all cheese as ripening period progressed the scoring points markedly increased. The highest scoring points were for cheese made of silage milk. Going back to (table V), ripening indices of

silage milk were higher than those of control cheese. The effect of silage feeding had more pronounced effect on flavour than on body and texture. In general, raw milk cheeses gained higher scoring points than heat treated milk cheeses. Many authors pointed out that raw milk cheese characterized with better flavour than pasteurized milk cheese. Hofi. *et al.* (1970) found that raw milk cheese scored higher than pasteurized milk cheese of flavour quality (52 out of 60 points Vs. 33), but slightly lower on body and texture (28 out of 40 points, Vs. 33). Ayad (2002), Awad (2006) found that sensory data revealed that raw cheese received the highest flavour and texture score and the two pasteurized cheeses were different in taste. The lowest scoring points were for potassium sorbate cheese. It is well known that potassium sorbate could destroy many groups of microorganisms which may be responsible for ripening. Kinga, and Pirkov (1974) found that the composition of milk from cow's fed on silage was normal and hard cheese produced from it was given the highest grade.

Table (7): Effect of silage feeding, heat treatment and potassium sorbate addition on sensory evaluation of Ras cheese.

Treatments	Ripening period (month)	Color appearance (10)	Body text (20)	Flavour (30)	Total (100)	
Control Milk	A	0	13	22	28	63
		1	13	23	30	66
		2	11	20	33	64
		3	10	27	30	67
		4	9	28	38	75
		5	9	30	41	80
		6	9	32	40	81
	B	0	12	19	20	51
		1	10	21	28	59
		2	9	22	29	60
		3	9	23	33	65
		4	8	20	30	58
		5	7	27	38	72
		6	8	29	42	79
Silage milk	C	0	13	23	30	66
		1	12	23	32	67
		2	12	26	30	68
		3	11	28	37	76
		4	10	29	39	78
		5	9	31	43	83
		6	9	23	47	79
	D	0	12	19	27	58
		1	11	20	29	60
		2	10	22	32	64
		3	10	23	30	63
		4	9	27	37	73
		5	9	27	39	75
		6	8	31	42	81
	E	0	12	19	23	54
		1	12	22	27	61
		2	11	22	27	60
		3	10	23	29	62
		4	10	27	33	70
		5	9	28	37	74
		6	8	29	37	74

A: Control milk (raw)

B: Control milk (Heat treated)

C: Raw silage milk

D: Heat treated silage milk

E: Heat treated silage milk + 0.5% Potassium sorbate

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تأثير التغذية على السيلاج على خواص الجبن الراس

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يتم استخدام نوعين من اللبن . لبن ناتج من أبقار مغذاه على القش والدريس والمركزات (كنترول) ولبن ناتج من أبقار مغذاه على السيلاج خلال هذا البحث يتم تقسيم اللبن الناتج من أبقار مغذاه على السيلاج إلى ثلاث أقسام متساوية القسم الأول لبن خام بدون اضافة سوربات بوتاسيوم (A) والقسم الثانى لبن تم معاملته حراريا على درجة ٦٣° م لمدة ٣٠ ثانية (B) والقسم الثالث لبن تم معاملته حراريا مع اضافة ٠,٥ % سوربات بوتاسيوم (C) أما اللبن الناتج من أبقار مغذاه على علائق تقليدية تم تقسيمه إلى قسمين القسم الأول لبن خام غير معاملة حراريا (D) والثانى لبن معاملة حراريا مع اضافة ٠,٥ % سوربات بوتاسيوم (E) وتم تصنيع الخمس أقسام إلى جبن راس وتم تحليل الجبن الناتج كيمائيا وميكروبيولوجيا وحسباً خلال ٦ أشهر .

وقد أظهرت النتائج أن التغذية على السيلاج ترفع من نسبة التصافى من ٩,٢٣% إلى ١١,٦٥% كما أنه وجد أن اللبن المعامل حراريا أعطى نتائج أعلى لنسبة التصافى عن الغير معاملة حراريا .

إضافة ٠,٥% سوربات بوتاسيوم أدت إلى انخفاض الحموضة ومعاملات التسوية عن باقى المعاملات كما وجد ارتفاع فى وجود الكلوستريديوم والجراثيم فى الجبن الناتج من لبن ناتج من أبقار مغذاه على السيلاج كما وجد أن إضافة ٠,٥% سوربات بوتاسيوم أدت لخفض فى نسب العد الكلى ويكتريا حامض اللاكتيك والكلوليفورم والجراثيم والفتائر والخمائر .

الجبن الناتج من لبن ناتج من التغذية على السيلاج اعطى أعلى نتائج فى التحكيم الحسى وكان أقلهم الجبن الناتج من إضافة سوربات البوتاسيوم .

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