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1. **Introduction**

It is widely known that meat is a rich source of nutrition for all people. It is a commonly sought-after source of protein in supermarkets and is a highly versatile meat for cooking. Figure 1 below shows how, over the last 50 years, global meat production has expanded dramatically, more than quadrupled since 1961 (Ritchie and Roser, 2017). To attend to this continuously increasing demand of meat in general, it is vital that producers and distributors plan accordingly to increase efficiency of production and reduce waste as to avoid environmental impacts.

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Figure 1

Understanding how different types of meat impact each other in terms of demand can be useful information for farmers and companies within the agricultural sector, as this can lead to more efficient planning for raising livestock and production within slaughterhouses. Previous studies in Turkey have shown that there is a direct correlation between the price of beef and other meats, such as chicken. With this finding, it was possible to predict the price of beef using regression models, with an accuracy rate of 91.4%. (AKIN et al., 2019).

This study aims to understand how the production of adult cattle is impacted by the production of other types of meat and determine an estimation rate of slaughtering (in tonnes) by analysing monthly data of pig meat, lamb, and chicken, using machine learning regression algorithms. Geographically, this study focuses on analysing the Irish market and comparing its findings with findings from the Italian market.

1. **Experimental setup**
   1. *Dataset*

The dataset used for this study can be found on the [Eurostat website via this link](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/APRO_MT_PWGTM__custom_2616459/default/table?lang=en). Eurostat is the official statistical office of the European Union with the mission to provide high quality statistical data on European countries (Eurostat, n.d.). The data consists of monthly slaughtering in slaughterhouses measured in thousands of tonnes for adult cattle, pig meat, lamb, and chicken. The scope of the data covers Ireland and Italy, from January 2004 until February 2022. For a preview of the dataset, refer to Table 1 in the appendix.

* 1. *Exploratory data analysis and preparation*

As the first step, a profile report of the dataset was created using the DataPrep python library. DataPrep is a python open-source library that allows you to prepare and analyse your data with a few lines of code (Dey, 2021). The profile report is a method of this library, which generates a report within the Jupyter notebook cell with a variation of useful information for each of the features of a Pandas DataFrame such as data types, unique values, missing values, quantile statistics, descriptive statistics, and correlations. All of this is generated with visualisations and text (DataPrep, 2020).

After initial analysis, redundant features were excluded – ***DATAFLOW***, ***LAST UPDATE***, ***freq***, ***meatitem***, and ***unit***. Although these features held some details for the observations, each of them had only one unique value, therefore being repeated throughout all observations in the dataset (refer to Annex 1, these features are labelled as constant).

The next step was to transpose the ***meat*** feature from observations to features (see Figure 2 below). This was achieved by using the pandas.DataFrame.pivot method, which returns a reshaped DataFrame organized by the given index or column values (The Pandas Development Team, n.d.). The ***meat*** feature contains the different types of meat, identified by codes from the Eurostat database, which in next steps they will be converted to the actual meat names, such as chicken, pork, etc. The purpose of this reshaping is to setup the DataFrame in a way that each meat type is a feature. As it will be presented in further sections of this study, this reshaping is necessary to apply a regression model which uses independent and dependant variables (or features). In this case, the dependent variable is B1200 (adult cattle) and the independent variables are B3100 (pork), B4110 (lamb), B7100 (chicken), and B7200 (duck).

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Figure 2

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* 1. *Machine learning algorithm selection*
  2. *Model performance comparison*

1. **Conclusion**
2. **References**
3. **Appendix**
   1. *Annexes*

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Annex 1

* 1. *Tables*

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