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COMPOSITION OF THE ANIMAL BODY AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS.

Investigators have found that the bodies of animals, as well as animal products, are mainly made up of the following group of substances: Water, ash, protein, and fat. These substances occur in the animal body in somewhat varying proportions, depending upon the age, condition, treatment and other factors. Water is an essential constituent of the animal body, and composes from 40 to 60 per cent. of the live weight. Ash occurs mostly in the bones, and forms from 2 to 5 per cent. of the live weight. The fat occurs in greatly varying proportions, but rarely constitutes less than 6 per cent, or more than 30 per cent. Protein includes most of those substances which contain nitrogen in their composition. It is an important group, and is largely present in lean meat. The white of eggs also consists mainly of protein and water. In its pure state protein contains about 16 per cent. of nitrogen. The flesh, internal organs, brains and nerves, contain a large proportion of it.

COMPOSITION OF FEEDS.

Plants also contain water, ash, fat and protein. In addition to these the plants which compose the food of herbivorous animals contain a group of substances called carbohydrates (starches, sugars, etc.) which may be converted into fat or energy.

WATER.—All food-stuffs, no matter how dry they may seem, contain a considerable amount of water. In grains and dry feeds the water ranges from 3 to 15 per cent. of the material; in green forage and silage it is about 80 per cent.; while in some tubers and fleshy roots the water reaches as high as 90 per cent. Water