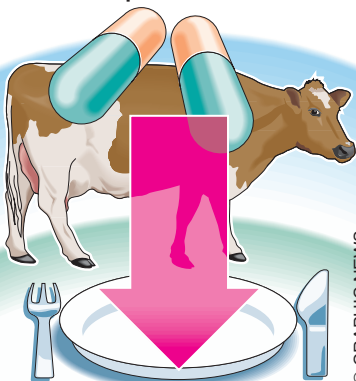


Hormones in meat

Meat treated with illegal growth-promoting substances has been found throughout Europe, according to new tests. A ban on the use of growth-promoting hormones in beef cattle was imposed in the EU in 1988



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Percentage of meat samples found with hormone residues

| | Synthetic hormones found in steak | Clenbuterol found in beef liver |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Belgium | 6.7 | 23 |
| Netherlands | 4.0 | 10 |
| Germany | 3.3 | 2 |
| Ireland | 2.7 | 2 |
| Greece | 1.4 | 5 |
| UK | 1.3 | 3 |
| Portugal | 1.3 | 7 |
| Spain | 0.9 | 38 |
| Italy | 0.7 | 8 |
| France | 0.7 | 13 |
| Denmark | — | — |