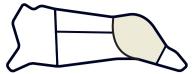
Knuckle



Overview of Raw Meat

The knuckle is spherically-shaped and consists primarily of lean meat. It consist of four parts: the inside knuckle muscle, slightly deep in color and tender; the knuckle main muscle that has muscle running into the center, is fine textured and tasty; the outside knuckle that is deep in color and slightly tough; and the tri-tip that has some marbling but is not as tender as would be expected from the appearance.



Culinary Applications

Barbecue

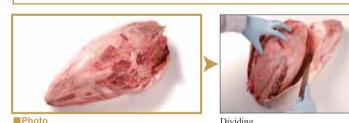








PRIMAL CUT









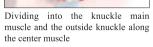
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Removing the inside knuckle muscle



Inside knuckle muscle

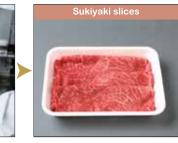






RETAIL CUT

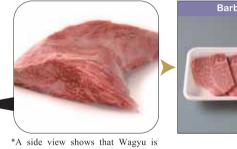




Slicing the whole cut allows for larger slices



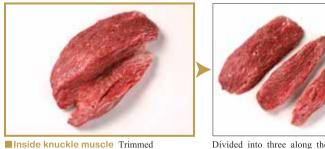




Tri-tip Trimmed

*The muscle fibers fan out in a radial pattern

significantly thick

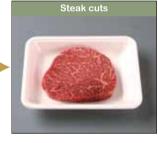




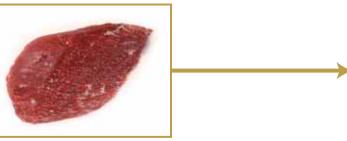
Divided into three along the center muscle







*Marbling is clearly visible in a crosssectional view from the back



■Outside knuckle Trimmed



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How to slice Wagyu to achieve maximum value

In addition to general cutting methods, there is a technique to slice Wagyu and optimize its fine texture and tenderness with a special slicer. Following are some guidelines to using the slicer and arranging the sliced meat effectively.

Slices and Off-cuts

Slices are thin slices taken from large blocks of one particular cut. Off-cuts are smaller pieces or slices from a combination of differing cuts and are used in accordance with the cooking method and the particular cut. Slices are ideally suited to dishes like shabu-shabu and sukiyaki while off-cuts are perfect for stewing. Off-cuts in particular produce a full-bodied flavor in just a short time making them convenient for use in quickly prepared meals such as stews.

Guidelines for arranging sliced meat







Fold the top and bottom edges under the

Examples of effective arrangement





Guidelines to using the slicer



Lean cuts and fatty cuts are placed Seen from above: uniform cuts



alternately. This will help to achieve The topmost front side of the meat will form the "face" of the product so it is best to use attractive looking cuts.





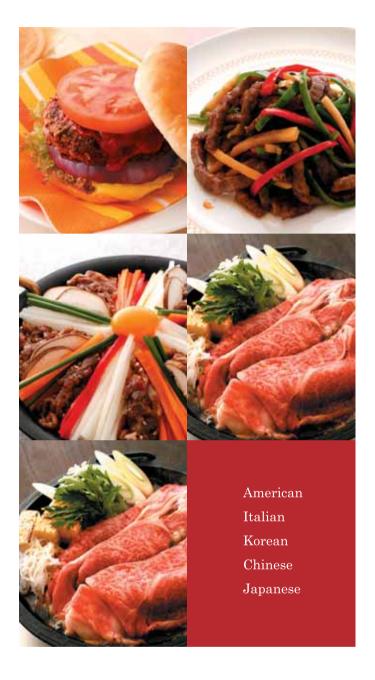
Lean cuts and fatty cuts are placed in groups. This will result in inconsistent lean and fatty cuts in the finished retail



Be careful not to try and slice too much meat at one time. The blocks in the photo to the left have also been placed with the muscle fibers sitting parallel to the blade. This will result in an unfavorable texture when eating. (The meat will be tough)







Tasty Suggestions for Wagyu in Cuisine from Around the World

■American Cuisine ■Italian Cuisine ■Korean Cuisine ■Chinese Cuisine ■Japanese Cuisine

The following pages introduce recipes incorporating Wagyu into signature dishes from around the world.

In particular, recipes take a diverse approach to incorporate relatively unused cuts, expanding your possibilities in the kitchen giving rise to a new dimension of flavor.

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