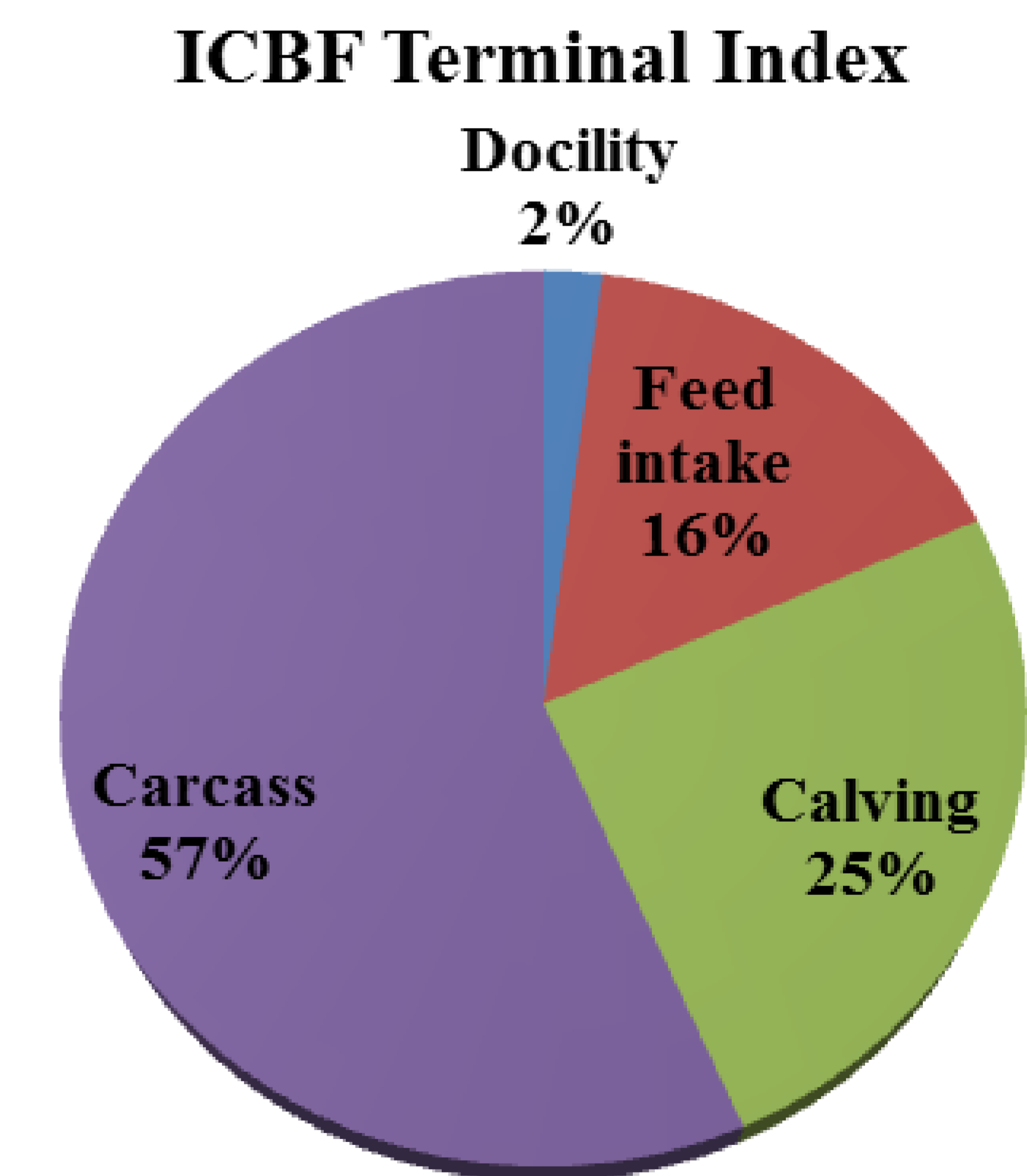


Introduction: ICBF Euro-Star Indexes (terminal and replacement) assist farmers in selecting and breeding more profitable animals. A star rating system (1-5 stars) is incorporated into the Euro-Star Index.

Table: Performance of dairy beef steers (final 100 days) based on their sire's terminal index.

Sire terminal Index	Number of progeny	Final live-weight (kg)	Average daily gain (kg)	Dry matter intake/day (kg)	Carcass weight (kg)	Kill-out %
5 Star (€106)	38	646	1.6	12.2	337	52.2
4 Star (€77)	32	656	1.7	13.1	338	51.6
3 Star (€65)	36	655	1.6	13.4	336	51.3
2 Star (€53)	35	660	1.6	13.5	338	51.2
1 Star (€31)	34	652	1.6	13.7	332	50.0



Conclusion: Dairy beef steers from 5-star terminal index sires left €65 more profit than steers from 1-star terminal index sires due to better carcass weight and feed efficiency in the final 100 days of finishing.