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Effect of Supplementation of Multi Enzymes on Production Performance and Egg Quality Traits in White Leghorn Layers

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Abstract

The present study was conducted to assess the effect of supplementation of Multi-enzymes with lysophospholipids on production performance of pure line White Leghorn layers. Body weights before and after the experiment did not differ significantly across the experimental diets. Irrespective of the dietary treatments, the birds gained 3.83 per cent of live weight relative to its initial body weight. Mean per cent Hen housed egg production was significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher in diet supplemented with 0.10 MEC-L than other groups. Mean egg weight and average daily feed consumption during 25 to 35 weeks of age indicated no significant effect of enzyme supplementation. Average daily feed consumption per bird in control, 0.05 % and 0.1% multi-enzyme supplemented groups was 108.13, 105.66 and 107.67 g respectively and birds offered control diet recorded numerically more feed intake than enzyme supplemented groups. Comparatively low feed per egg was observed in 0.10 per cent group followed by 0.05 per cent group which offers economic benefits than control diets. However, the egg quality traits between different dietary enzyme supplementation groups showed no significant difference.

Key Words : Multi-enzymes Complex, Supplementation, Production Performance and egg quality traits, White Leghorn.

Introduction

The primary ingredients of poultry diets are of plant origin especially seeds. The Non-Starch Polysaccharides (NSP) in plants *viz.* cellulose, hemicelluloses, pectins, glucans and arabinoxylans affect nutritive values of feed ingredients in many ways (Souffrant, 2001) as the NSP compounds can not be digested by chicken due to lack of NSP hydrolyzing enzymes. Dietary NSP inhibits digestion of starch, fat and protein (Choct, 2001). Review of literature reveals that the combination of Lysophospholipids along with exogenous enzymes complex have positive effects on nutrients digestibility and absorption which is reflected on feed efficiency and production performance (Santos *et al.*, 2004). Hence the present study was carried out to investigate the effect of combination of multi-enzymes with lysophospholipids on production performance in White Leghorn Layers.

Materials and Methods

An experiment for a period of 10 weeks duration was conducted to study the effects of supplementation of multi-enzyme in combination with lysophospholipids (MEC-L) on production performance of pure line White Leghorn (Forsgate strain) layers at Poultry Research Station, TANUVAS, Chennai in the year 2014. A total of 180 WLH pullets at 25 weeks of age were weighed individually, randomly divided into three groups (T1, T2 and T3) with three replicates of 20 birds each. *Isonitrogenous* and *isocaloric* experimental layer diets were formulated as per recommended nutrients level and supplemented with multi-enzyme at the rate of 0, 0.05 and 0.1 per cent respectively (Control diet- 0, T1- 0.05 and T2-0.10 per cent). Diets were offered *ad libitum* for 10 weeks and the birds were maintained in cage system of rearing with standard managerial condition. The parameters such as Hen Housed Egg Production (HHEP), feed intake, egg quality traits were recorded and feed intake per egg, feed cost per egg and net receipt over total feed cost were calculated. The data were analyzed as per standard statistical procedure described by Snedecor and Cochran (2004).

Results and Discussion

The effect of different levels of multi-enzymes with lysophospholipids supplementation on production performance and egg quality traits of WLH is presented in Table.

Table. Effect of multi-enzymes with lysophospholipids supplementation on Production Performance and egg quality traits of Pure line WLH layers (Mean±SE)

1	Body weight at 25 weeks of age (kg) ^{NS}	1.182 ± 0.01	1.180 ± 0.02	1.061 ± 0.01
2	Hen Housed Egg Production (%) [*]	61.47 ^b ± 1.52	62.97 ^b ±1.73	67.32 ^a ±1.62
3	Egg Weight (g) ^{NS}	46.32±0.76	46.23±0.63	48.60±0.57
4	Average Feed Consumption/bird/day (g) (25-35 weeks) ^{NS}	108.13±7.22	105.66±7.57	107.67±7.20
5	Feed/Egg(g) ^{NS}	193.65±17.57	183.23±15.92	179.65±19.52
6	Cost of feed /Egg (Rs) ^{**}	3.53 ^a ±0.02	3.35 ^b ±0.06	3.30 ^b ±0.02
7	Net Receipt over Total Feed Cost (%) ^{**}	12.9 ^c ±0.10	18.89 ^b ±0.28	20.70 ^a ±0.14
8	Body weight at 35 weeks of age(kg) ^{NS}	1.226± 0.02	1.223±0.01	1.103±0.01
1	Yolk percentage ^{NS}	33.14±0.43	31.94±0.49	33.99±1.56
2	Albumen percentage ^{NS}	57.19±0.23	59.78±0.25	61.24±1.44
3	Yolkindex ^{NS}	0.40±0.002	0.41±0.003	0.42±0.004
4	Yolk colour ^{NS}	8.0±0.12	8.35±0.22	8.05±0.19
5	Albumen index ^{NS}	0.081±0.005	0.13±0.005	0.12±0.007

Means bearing different superscript in the same row differs significantly

** (P<0.01), * (P<0.05), NS- Not significant

There was no significant difference in body weight among the treatment groups. Irrespective of the dietary treatments, the birds gained 3.83 per cent of live weight relative to their initial body weight. Mean per cent Hen housed egg production was significantly ($P < 0.05$) higher in diet supplemented with multi-enzyme at 0.10 per cent (67.32 ± 1.62 %) than other two groups. This was in line with the reports of increased egg production in commercial layers due to dietary multi enzyme supplementation (Scheideler *et al.*, 2005 and Malekian *et al.*, 2013). The improved performance of layers with enzyme supplementation might be due to increased in ileal digestibility and released bound or entrapped dietary nutrients (Rama Rao *et al.*, 2009). No significant effect of multi-enzyme supplementation on mean egg weight and average daily feed consumption was observed. Average daily feed consumption per bird in control, 0.05 % and 0.1% multi-enzyme supplemented groups were 108.13, 105.66 and 107.67 g respectively and birds offered control diet recorded numerically more feed intake than multi-enzyme supplemented groups. Similar trend was observed by Rama Rao *et al.* (2009) in commercial layers. Comparatively low feed per egg (179 g) was observed in 0.10 per cent group followed by 0.05 per cent group (183 g) which offers economic benefits than control diets.

The cost of feed per egg was significantly low (Rs. 3.30) in diet with 0.10 per cent followed by 0.05 per cent (Rs.3.35) enzyme supplemented group. A net receipt over total feed cost was better in enzyme supplemented groups (18.89 to 20.70 %) than control group (12.9 %). These findings are in agreement with the reports of Cook *et al.* (2000); Gonzales *et al.* (2001) and Saleh *et al.* (2006). The egg quality traits namely, egg weight, yolk percentage, albumin percentage, Yolk index and Albumen index showed no significant difference among different enzyme supplemented groups. However, numerically better egg quality performances were observed in 0.05 % and 0.1% enzyme supplemented group than control. The study indicated that the supplementation of multi-enzyme with lysophospholipids to WLH layer diet at 25-35 weeks of age is beneficial in terms of higher egg production, reduced feed intake there by showing better relative cost economics in feeding of commercial layers.

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