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### EFFECT OF LESNOV'S FERMENT SUPPLEMENTED DIET ON ISA BROWN CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTION

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#### ABSTRACT

Present study investigates the effect of Lesnov's ferment supplemented diet on meat production in ISA Brown chickens. The experiments were carried out on 28 to 44 weeks old ISA Brown chicken of Khrabraya Ptitsa LLC of Tattinskiy Ulus of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). For the experiment, two groups (control and experimental) were formed, each group has 200 animal units. Animal of control group fed on basic diet while animals belong to experimental group fed on the basic diet supplemented with Lesnov's ferment. The control slaughter was made on the age of 40 weeks, 5 animals from each units. The preslaughter weights, slaughter weight, the weight of internal organs were taken into account. Further, organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics of meat have been studied. Result of study revealed that addition of the Lesnov's ferment had positive effect on the dynamics of the live weight. Thus, at the age of 44 weeks, the absolute growth in experimental group chickens was 15.1% higher than that of the control group. Further, the pre-slaughter live weight of the experimental group chickens was reported 9.6% higher than that of the control one. By total weight, the muscle tissues of the chickens fed on experimental diet have 10.9% higher than that of the herd mates. At cooking, the broth of both groups was transparent and rich but in case of animals fed on Lesnov's ferment supplemented diet broth was more contrast. Overall assessment of meat quality was 7.1 points in the

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experimental group while this was only 6.8 points in the control group. Similarly, overall quality of broth for the experimental group was 7.3 and for the control group it was reported only 6.6. The content of glycogen in the chicken liver was 4,001 mg in the experimental group while it was reported only 3,893 mg in the control group. In the end, it was reported that feeding chickens on the ferment preparation allowed to increase the profitability of the experimental group by 7.3%.

## 1 Introduction

Poultry production plays important socioeconomic roles in the economy of the developing countries. In Republic of Yakutia poultry production is an important part of routine livestock production, cash income generation and to fulfill their meat and egg demand. In case of agro-industrial complex development in the Republic of Yakutia, extreme climatical conditions became most important obstacle (Gavrilova, 1962; Grigoriev et al., 2014). In order to increasing the productivity of farm and poultry animal under harsh environmental condition of Yakutia, feed additives can be use as an alternative (Pankratov et al., 2016).

In order to increasing the biological value of poultry products, now in these days new feed additives are being used in Yakutia (Nikolaeva et al., 2015). Further, in poultry industry feed additives have been widely used as tool to increase animal performances. Now in these days, use of Lesnov's ferment as an feed additives very common in Yakutia (Lesnov & Lesnova 2003). This Lesnov's ferment preparation is a combination of elk ruminal fluid and specific plants extract with high biological activity (Lesnov, 1998; Lesnov & Lesnova 2002; Lesnov & Lesnova 2003; Popova 2009). It has been well reported that that broilers fed on fermented diets have higher BW and improved feed conversion as compared to the traditional broilers feed (Brand et al., 2018).

Further, it is known that the production of agricultural poultry is characterized by live weight and meat qualities at the slaughter age, as well as the food value of meat. Poultry meat is characterized by high food value, excellent dietary and taste qualities. Low feed costs per unit of growth, early ageing, and the high quality of meat are of particular importance for the development of poultry meat production (Rogov et al., 2000). Further, chemical composition of poultry meat varies and depending on the age and breed of poultry, live weight, fatness, feeding conditions, degree, and the fattening intensity (Zhitenko, 1989).

The availability of literature on the use and effect of the Lesnov's ferment feed on meat productivity, quality of meat, food and biological value of poultry meat in Yakutia are in scarcity. Therefore, present study has been carried out to estimate the influence of the Lesnov's ferment on the meat productivity of ISA Brown chickens in the conditions of Yakutia. Further, meat

quality, organoleptic and physicochemical characteristics of Brown chickens meat was also estimated in present study.

## 2 Materials and Methods

Present experiment was carried out in randomized complete block design on ISA Brown chicken crosses aged from 28 to 44 weeks on the basis of the Khrabraya Ptitsa LLC of Tattinskiy Ulus of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Studied organisms were divided in two groups (control and experimental), each group have 200 animal units. In addition to the basic commercial diet, the experimental group diet is supplemented by the Lesnov's ferment. For comparison, each month, birds were weighed by random sampling of 5 animals from each group.

In present study, full-feed mixed fodders were imported from the Novosibirsk feed mill and have been used to feed ISA brown chickens. The main diet was PK-1 fodder and sprouted grain (made by Combi-Korm Russia). the composition of the feed is presented in Table 1. This economic diet corresponded to the

Table 1 Characteristics of mixed feed PK-1 for laying hens

Composition	In the recipe
Wheat	62.5 %
Bone flour	4.0 %
Sunflower oil	2.3 %
Yeast	2.5 %
Bicarbonate of soda	0.070 %
Salt	0.101 %
Tricalcium phosphate	1.95 %
Limestone flour	7.50 %
Sun flower meal	17.5 %
L-threonine (98%)	0.118 %
L-lysine monochlorohydrate	0.301 %
DL-methionine (98.5%)	0.100 %
Choline chloride B4	0.06 %

biological needs of birds and was compiled taking into account as per the standard recommendations (Kalashnikov et al., 2003; Yegorov, 2007). The feeding was performed twice a day.

The consumption of the Lesnov's ferment depends on the feed volume, for example, 5 g of dry raw material is sufficient for 1 ton of powder (Lesnov & Lesnova, 2002; Lesnov & Lesnova, 2003; Lesnov & Lesnova, 2004). Experimental animal fed the Lesnov's ferment once a day. The feed eatability in the experimental groups was 97.5% versus 95% in the control one.

Five animals from each group were slaughtered at the age of 40 weeks to study the process of nutrients' accumulation in the body of chickens. At the same time the preslaughter weight, slaughter weight, and the weight of internal organs were taken into account with the help of laboratory balance. Sampling and study of poultry meat were performed as per the guide line of GOST 7702.2.0-95 and GOST 7702.1-74. Further, for the chemical analysis of meat, existing standards protocol of GOST 9793-74, GOST 23042-86 and GOST 25011-81 were used in present study. Mineral composition of poultry meat was determined by using an atomic absorption spectrophotometer (Perkin Elmer device, USA). The organoleptic parameters were studied as per the guide line of GOST 7702.0-74.

The samples had been taken from the hip muscles, and the extracts were prepared for the physicochemical and biochemical studies. Hydrogen ion concentration (pH), amino-ammonia nitrogen, volatile fatty acid levels, peroxidase and primary protein

decay products in broth, acid and peroxide number of fat were determined by the method given by Rogov (2000).

The experiment data allowed defining the amount of revenue generated from the sale of adult chicken meat, thus resulting in determining the economic efficiency of using the ferment preparation in the poultry production. The digital material that had been obtained in the experiments was processed using the Microsoft Excel computer program and biometrically using the method of Plokhinsky (1969), where the estimated indicators as the average value and its error are denoted by  $M \pm m$ , with the criteria of reliability for Student's t-distribution.

### 3 Results and Discussion

Effect of Lesnov's ferment supplemented diet on live weight of the ISA Brown laying chickens has been given in Table 2.

Result of live weight gain was not significantly different which suggested that Lesnov's ferment did not have any significant effect on the weight gain of ISA Brown laying chickens. At the age of 36 weeks, the absolute growth in the chickens of the experimental group was 336 g compared to 224 g in the control group. By the end of study period (44 weeks), the absolute growth in the chickens of the experimental group was 791 g, which was 15.1% higher than that in the control group ( $P > 0.95$ ).

The chickens were slaughtered to assess meat production at the age of 40 weeks. Indicators of meat production of chickens and morphological composition of carcasses are presented in Table 3.

Table 2 Dynamics of the live weight of the ISA Brown chickens ( $M \pm m$ )

Age	Weight (g)		Absolute growth (g)		Growth over control (g)	
	Control Diet (n=5)	Experimental Diet (n=5)	Control Diet (n=5)	Experimental Diet (n=5)	Control Diet (n=5)	Experimental Diet (n=5)
28 weeks	1664±10.78	1679±9.84	-	-	-	-
36 weeks	1881±18.81	2015±18.72*	224	336	672	791
44 weeks	2336±19.06	2470±17.22**	100	106.7	100	105.7

Note: \* $P > 0.95$ ; \*\* $P > 0.99$

Table 3 Meat production and morphological composition of chicken carcasses ( $M \pm m$ )

Indicators	Groups	
	Control (n=5)	Experimental (n=5)
Preslaughter weight (g)	2,336±19.06	2,470±17.22**
Weight of pan-ready carcass (g)	1,709.9±11.35	1,812.9±9.89**
Slaughter yield (%)	73.2	73.4
Edible parts (g)	1,343.2±8.33	1,499.3±9.14**
Edible parts in % to pre-slaughter weight	57.5	60.7
Edible parts in % to the carcass weight	78.5	82.7
Muscle mass (g)	876±6.17	983.06±4.45**
including chest muscles (g)	268.3±4.67	305.70±3.86
Muscle yield to preslaughter weight (%)	37.5	39.8
Muscle yield to the carcass weight (%)	51.2	54.2

Note: \* $P > 0.95$ ; \*\* $P > 0.99$

Result of study revealed that the pre-slaughter live weight of chickens kept on the experimental diet was 9.6% higher than that in the control group. At the same time, the weight of pan-ready carcass of chickens in the first group (ferment) was 1,812.9 g while chickens fed on the normal diet, the weight of pan-ready carcass was 1,709.9 g. Further, chicken carcasses from the experimental group were 5.7% heavier than that of the analogues ( $P > 0.99$ ).

According to the total weight of muscle tissue, chickens from the experimental group produces 10.9% more than their peers ( $P > 0.99$ ). At the same time, the largest amount of edible weight was 13.2% higher than the control ( $P > 0.95$ ). Consequently, the ferment preparation facilitated the production of a heavier carcass with the largest amount of edible muscle tissue.

The chemical composition of poultry is one of the most objective indicators of the nutritional value. The change in the chemical composition of meat is of great importance, it help to judge the physiological ageing, energy value, peculiarities of the conversion of nutrients and the energy of fodder into meat production. The results of chicken chest muscles chemical composition are presented in Table 4.

Like other parameters, weight of chest muscles also not significantly differs between two groups. Although, the chickens in the experimental group have higher fat content (1.13%) but it was not significantly differ from the control one ( $P > 0.99$ ). At the same time, the protein content was reduced by 1.7% ( $P > 0.95$ ). Apparently, the increase in the body weight of chickens from the experimental group occurs due to the largest deposition of fat tissue in the body.

Subcutaneous and internal fat tissue of carcasses from the control group was slightly yellow while it was bright yellowish in the experiment group. The muscles on the incision were slightly moist and did not leave stains on the filter paper. When cooking, the broth of both groups was transparent and rich, but more contrast indicator was observed in the broth of experimental group (Table 5).

According to the nine-point system, the overall assessment of meat quality was as according to GOST 7702.0-74 nine point scale. Result of study revealed that total score was 7.1 points for the experimental group while it was reported that 6.8 points for the control group. While, overall broth quality was 7.3 and 6.6 points for experimental and control group respectively.

Therefore, the feeding of chickens with Lesnov's ferment improved the organoleptic characteristics of meat (appearance, aroma, taste) and broth quality (appearance, aroma, richness), and also increased the overall assessment of meat and broth quality.

The ageing of meat supposes a complex set of processes. The ageing stage of poultry meat (stiffness, softening and deep autolysis) begins and ends earlier (after 12-24 h) than in other animal species (Table 6).

Table 4 Chemical composition and quality of poultry ( $M \pm m$ )

Indicators	Groups	
	Control (n=5)	Experimental (n=5)
Water (%)	67.7±0.737	68.2±0.065
Protein (%)	25.9±0.666	24.2±0.159*
Fat (%)	4.84±0.181	5.97±0.020**
Ash (%)	0.95±0.087	0.95±0.029

Note: \* $P > 0.95$ ; \*\* $P > 0.99$

Table 5 The results of tasting chicken broth and boiled meat, an organoleptic scale rated at points

Indicators	Groups	
	Control (n=5)	Experimental (n=5)
Broth		
Color	6.8	7.3
Taste	7.0	7.6
Smell	6.7	7.3
Strength	6.3	7.0
Richness	6.5	7.2
Total score	6.6	7.3
% of total score	73.3	81.1
Cooked meat		
Taste and smell	7.3	8.0
Hardness	6.3	5.9
Juiciness	7.0	7.4
Total score	6.8	7.1
% of total score	75.5	78.8

Table 6 Physicochemical parameters of chicken carcasses

Indicators	Groups	
	Control	Experimental
Meat pH	5.8-6.0	5.6-5.7
Amino-ammonia nitrogen, mg.	1.09	1.02
Volatile fatty acids, mg.	4.02	3.75
Reaction to peroxidase	positive	positive
Reaction to the primary breakdown of proteins	negative	negative

The pH value after a 24-hour ageing in the meat of chickens that had been fed with the Lesnov's ferment was in the range of 5.6-5.7, and in both chickens that had not administered the Lesnov's ferment, it was reported 5.8-6.0. The reaction to peroxidase in all samples had confirmed that the meat of the experimental chickens met the criteria of the control ones.

The content of amino-ammonia nitrogen in the meat of chickens, which had received the ferment diet was slightly less (1.02 mg.) than in the control group (1.09 mg.). Further, the results of the reaction of the meat broth of both groups of chicken with copper sulphate showed a negative result.

Processes of meat ageing are mainly associated with glycolysis, the glycogen in the muscles and liver of chickens was also determined in present study. The content of glycogen in the liver of chicken fed with the ferment was 4,001 mg while in the chicken fed on normal diet, this value was 3,893mg. On average, the level of glycogen in the liver in the first case was 198 mg higher than in the liver of chicken of the control group (Table 7).

The glycogen content in the muscles of the chickens in the experimental group ranged from 826 to 2,582 mg while in case of control group this value ranged from 491 to 2,146 mg. On average, it was 335-436 mg. higher in the experimental chickens as compared to control.

The determination of the number of volatile fatty acids indicated the freshness of meat in both groups. Peroxide and acid number were also determined in fat. The study of internal fat was conducted to determine the effect of ferment on the indicators of its good quality.

In the modern conditions of market relations' development, the main criterion for evaluating a particular technology or systems of meat production is the economic efficiency indicators that determine the choice of the priority direction and the option of the animals' growing technology. Calculations of the ferment effectiveness for the cultivation of rearing flocks are presented in Table 8.

In the experimental group of chicken's total, 1,940 rubles additional income was generated by selling meat at prices of 2009. At the same time, the cost of 1 kg of meat decreased by 5.0 rubles (difference 6.3%). In the control group of chickens kept on an economic diet, the level of profitability of poultry production was 7.7%. Feeding of the ferment preparation allowed increasing the profitability of the experimental group by 7.3% and amounted to 15%.

Comparison with similar studies revealed that experimental diet supplemented with Lesnov shows superiority over the traditional

Table 7 The content of glycogen in the liver and muscles of experimental chickens (mg)

Indicators	Groups	
	Control (n=5)	Experimental (n=5)
Liver	3,893	4,001
Muscles	491-2,146	826-2,582

Table 8 The efficiency of feeding a feed additive for the production of poultry

Indicators	Groups	
	Control	Experimental
Preservation of groups (%)	92.0	96.0
Cost of gross meat production (in rubles)	26,743	29,580
Selling price of 1 kg of poultry (in rubles)	85.0	85.0
Total costs for meat production (in rubles)	24,819.0	25,716.0
Cost of 1 kg of meat (in rubles)	78.9	73.9
Total profit received (in rubles)	1,924.0	3,864.0
Profitability (%)	7.7	15.0

mixed fodder (Dadashko & Kuznecova, 2003). Similar results were reported by Volkova (2006) when they tried popular enzyme preparation Avizim 1200.

## Conclusion

At the end of the study (at 44 weeks of age), the growth in the chickens of the experimental group was 15.1% higher ( $P > 0.95$ ) than the control diet animals. They produced heavier carcasses (5.7%), muscle tissue (10.9%), edible mass (13.2%), and fatty tissue (2.49%) ( $P > 0.99$ ). In case of chest muscle characteristics, chickens of the experimental group have higher fat content (1.12%) and lower protein content (1.6%) compared to the control. Like other characteristics, feeding of chickens with the Lesnov's ferment improved the organoleptic characteristics of meat (appearance, aroma, taste) and broth quality (appearance, aroma, richness), and also increased the overall assessment of meat and broth quality. Further, feeding on Lesnov's ferment was also reported cost effective and beneficial under the climatic conditions of Yakutia. This study opened great possibilities of using the ferment preparation in poultry and processing enterprises.

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