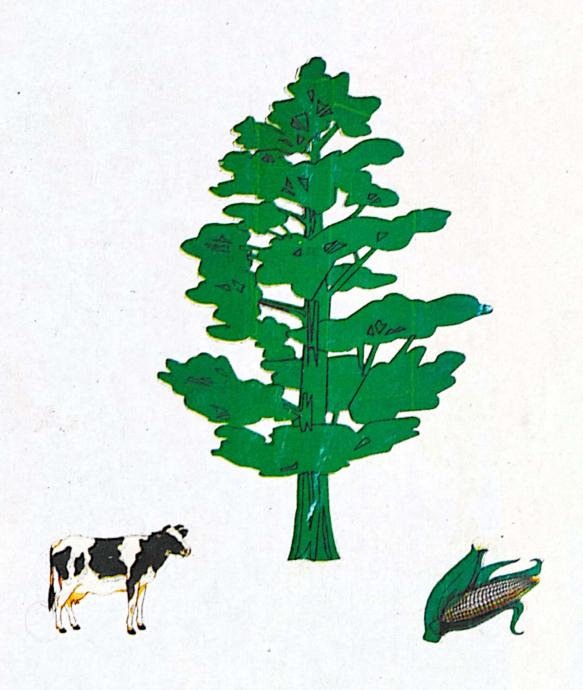
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THE EFFECTS OF EARLY FEED RESTRICTION ON THE NUTRIENT RETENTION OF BROILERS

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted to determine the nutrient retention of broilers subject to early feed restriction in varying regiments. One hundred and twenty six (Ross) broiler chicks were used in this experiments. At 7 days of age, chicks were weighed and randomly allocated to 6 treatment were fed al-libitum on a standard starter (18%), low energy (ME 2,800k cal/kg) diet for 16 days in varying regiments, alternated by feeding the standard diet during the starter phase. Whereas, during the finishing phase, all birds irrespective of the treatment groups were fed a standard finisher diet ad-libitum to market weight. Nutrient retention trial were conducted during the restriction and post restriction periods. Weighed quantities of the feed were supplied and excreta samples collected over 72 hours using total collection method. The excreta samples collected were oven dried at 700C for 24 hours. Weighed and grounded prior to chemical analysis. The results showed no significant (P>0.05) effect of varying regiments of early feed restriction on protein, fat and crude fibre retention of broilers during and after feed restriction. It was concluded that a mild form of feed restriction can be initiated as early as 7 days of age without adverse effect on nutrient retention and utilization.

INTRODUCTION

The world population is increasing at an alarming rate particularly in the developing countries of the world especially Nigeria. Increased animal protein intake can be achieved by reducing the cost of feed and consequently reducing the cost of producing poultry. The objective of this study was examine the effect of early feed restriction on the nutrient retention and utilization of broilers.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Feeding trial

One hundred and twenty six day old Ross broiler chicks were used in this experiment. All birds were fed adlibitum to 7 days of age on the control starter diet, (diet 1 (table 1). The chicks were allocated randomly to one
of the six treatments, each with 3 replicate cages of 7 chicks. Control birds were then fed diet 1 ad-libitum
throughout the starter period. Also during the starter period, birds in treatments 2 to 6 were fed a low protein
(18%), low energy (ME 2,800 kcal/kg) diet, diet 2 (table 1) for 16 days in varying regiments, all starting at 7 days
of age, alternated by feeding the standard starter diet (diet 1). In treatment 2, birds received diet 2 for 16 days
followed by diet 1 to 35 days of age. In treatment 3, birds, were fed diet 2 for 8 days, then diet 2 for a further
8 days followed by diet 1 to 35 days of age. Birds in treatment 4 received diet 2, 1 and 2 for 8, 4 and 8 days
respectively then diet 1 to 35 days of age for birds in treatment 5, diet 2 and 1 were alterative every 4 days such
that birds had 16 days of diet 2 while birds in treatment 6, were fed diets 2, 1 and 2 for 4, 2 and 4 days
respectively, such that birds had 16 days of diet 2. All birds were then offered a standard finisher diet, diet 3
(table 1) from day 35 to the end of the experiment. Feed intake body weight of the birds were measured weekly
throughout the experimental period. Weight gain and feed: gain ratio were also calculated.

Nutrient retention trial

Nutrient retention trial were conducted during the restriction and post restriction periods. Weighed quantities of the feed were supplied and excreta sample collected over 72 hours using total collection method, the excreta samples collected were oven dried at 70oC for 24 hours weighed and grounded prior to chemical analysis.

Chemical analysis

The proximate analysis of the feed and excreta samples were carried out according to the method of A.O.A.

(1980). Crude protein was determined by Kjeldal procedure. Fat determination was determined by subjecting samples to petroleum either (b.p 60 - 80 degree) extraction, using the method of Cullision (1982). Ash content was determined by combustion of sample at a temperature of 600 degrees over 3 hours in a muffle furnace. The data collected were subjected to statistical analysis using The model for completely randomized design Steel and Torrie, (1980)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results of the nutrient retention trial during and after restriction no significant effect (P>0.05) of feed restriction on protein retention of broilers however protein was efficiently utilized. Fat retention shows an improvement during the restriction period compared to the protein retention during the feeding of the nutrient restricted diet (diet 2). High fat retention was also observed after the restriction period with no significant difference among treatments (P>0.05).

Utilization of fat in the diet was maximal due largely to the fact that birds were able to restore loss in energy during the restriction period. Crude fibre retention were low during and after restriction. This is due to the fact that monogastrics are unable to digest and utilize high dietary fibre (Moran, 1982).

CONCLUSION

It is therefore concluded that a mild form of feed restriction can be embarked upon as early as 7 days of age without negatively affecting nutrient retention and utilization.

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TABLE 1: PERCENTAGE COMPOSITION OF THE EXPERIMENTAL DIETS

s were allocated randomly to one	st2 ocks, Cornel burg	arter%	Finisher%
Ingredients	Diet 1	Diet 2	roughout the starter period. Also o
Maize Maize Pila Ausmight of	42.03	42.00	60.00
Soyabean meal	29.81	15.47	17.47
Brewers dried grain	10.00	16.22	6.27,
Maize milling waste	8.00	12.45	10.45
Blood meal	3.03	3.00	2.94
Palm oil	3.58	3.44	GM 7 1510 to sain of their some m
Bone meal	2.69	2.95	b 01 bar 1.94 d fall data (1991) 26
Cyster shell	0.26	0.15	od to b 0.33
AND REPORT OF A PARTY	0.25	0.25 IdeioW	bolis 0.25 smersones and mongeton
Salt Mineral/Vitamin Premix*	0.25	0.25	0.25
	0.10	0.10	0.10 kirt neitesten innin
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Calculated analysis			maylana laner
Crude protein	23.0	18.4	18.3

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Chemical analysis		otte da dade aporte per o el amedicalecto elegano	
Moisture % Foot od a more temporal Dry matter % Crude protein % Crude fat Crude fibre %	5.87 94.13 94.13 92.51 92.51 93.3 94.13 94	Diet 2 4.96 95.04 17.49 4.8 4.75	6.86 93.14 17.30 1.7 4.42

^{*}Supply per kg of diet = Vitamin A (80001U), Vitamin D3 (1,2001U); Vitamin E (31U) Vitamin K3 - KSTAB (2mg); Vitamin B2 - riboflavin (3mg); Vitamin B3 - Nicotinic acid (10mg); Vitamin B5 - Pantothenic acid (150mg); Manganese (Mn) (80mg)., zinc (Zn) 50mg); Copper (cu) (2mg), Iodine (I), (1.2mg)., cobalt (0.2mg)., Selenium (Se) 0.1mg).

Table 3: Effect of varying regiments of early nutrient contribution on nutrient retention of broilers

Protein	Fat% Finisher-starter				Crude	Crude Fibre			
Starter-finisher gold a page until al ann					Starter-finisher				
Wayner a state of	Day 7 to 35		Day 35-63	Day 7-35		Day 35 - 63	Day 7 to 35		Day 35
Treatment	Diet 1	Diet2	Diet3	Diet1	Diet2	Diet3	Diet1	Diet2	Diet3
1 bestimmin	66.73	เลรา โลกจะกล	71.82	77.22	720) (u)	82.65	62.07	เหมาใจจ	42.53
2 bas isoni	62.04	71.39	74.1	74.47	83.83	79.34	422.19	44.62	43.34
3	61.67	68.1	78.88	78.08	83,65	81.95	42.29	43.15	5.51
4	66.82	69.11	76.10	79.11	84.85	80.46	44.14	44.49	42.34
5_112131 - 121 9.5	71.14	66.01	77.87	79.78	83.84	80.81	42.61	42.31	42.44
6	66.61	70,9	77.80	75.45	85.87	82.53	42.89	43.72	43.64
Sig. John of anob n	NS	NS Slied 1	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
EMS	1.02	1.07	0.81	0.67	0.43	0.86	0.25	0.40	0.45

NS = Not significant

EMS = Error mean square.

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