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## **Effect of Feeding of Bypass Fat Mineral Mixture on Productive Performance and Quality of Milk of Buffaloes in Armori Tahsil**

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### **A B S T R A C T**

The present investigation was carried out at Armori Tahsil of Gadchiroli Dist. during the year 2016–17 under sanctioned project by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology, New Delhi entitled as “Hope generation in livestock owners of tribal area under two blocks of Gadchiroli district through training and demonstration of scientific livestock management practices” to the Section of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Science, College of Agriculture, Nagpur. Dairy Farming Practices Adopted For Buffaloes Around Armori Tahsil, were evaluated in project implementing areas of Armori Tahsil of Gadchiroli Dist. Five villages namely, Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur were randomly selected. The data on productive performance and quality of milk was collected by contacting with 200 buffalo owners and chemical quality in terms of fat, SNF and TS percentage in milk of buffaloes were evaluated and analysed statistically to see the productive performance and to know the chemical quality of milk. Average maximum weekly milk yield was recorded in Thanegaon village ( $59.28 \pm 0.69$ ) and minimum in the Akapur village ( $58.87 \pm 0.84$ ) buffaloes supplemented with Bypass fat mineral mixture. Average maximum weekly milk yield performance showing increasing trend with respect to weekly milk yield for a period of eight weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> week with peak milk yield was (63.60 lit.). Thereafter declining trend was upto 12<sup>th</sup> week of lactation. In relation to chemical quality the overall fat, SNF and TS were recorded as 8.44 %, 9.59% and 18.02% respectively. These three components in milk of buffaloes were greatly affected due to supplemented with Bypass fat mineral mixture in different selected villages. The results indicated that the milk production increased all selected village due to supplementation of Bypass fat mineral mixture. The chemical quality of milk of buffaloes in terms of fat, SNF and TS percentage also improved.

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### **Introduction**

Energy density of the diet can be increased by fat supplementation but high dietary fat results in the reduction of fibre digestion in the rumen and a decline in milk fat percentage

(Palmquist and Jenkins, 1980). Bypass fat supplementation in the ration of lactating animal, enhances the energy intake and reduces the adverse effect of NEBAL during early lactation (Drackley, 1999) without affecting rumen cellulolytic bacterial activity (Thakur and Shelke, 2010). Unprotected fats

cause physical and chemical changes in the microbial fermentation of feed and depress rumen cellulolytic microbial activity (Palmquist, 1991). So the feeding of rumen inert fat is partially resistant to biohydrogenation by the rumen microbes and reduces risk of metabolic acidosis (Naik, 2013). Adding protected fat to dairy rations can positively affect the efficiency of dairy cows through a combination of calorific effect and non-calorific effects (Tyagi *et al.*, 2010).

Most of the animals in developing countries including India are fed on agriculture by-products and low quality crop residues, which have got low inherent low nutritive value and digestibility. High producing buffaloes in early lactation do not consume sufficient dry matter to support maximal production of milk (Goff and Horst, 1997). Demand for energy is very high during early stage of lactation but supply is not commensurate with demand due physiological stage or limited intake may affects production potential of animal in the whole lactation length (Sirohi *et al.*, 2010).

The beginning of lactation is one of the most crucial periods in the lactation cycle of dairy animals. Despite having access to high energy diet ad-libitum, most dairy animals go through a period of negative energy balance, particularly during the first trimester of lactation. The process allows much higher production by changing energy flow so as to partition more energy to milk and less to body reserves for a longer period during lactation. Therefore nutritional management during this period is crucial for the productivity of dairy animals. Dairy animals mobilize large amounts of fatty acids, also known as non-esterified fatty acids (NEFA), from adipose tissue to meet their energy requirement during early lactation, resulting in increased circulating concentrations of NEFA in the bloodstream. Supplementation with calcium salts of long chain fatty acids is a good

method for increasing energy density of the diet to improve productive performances (Garg *et al.*, 2012).

Bypass fats are commonly referred to as ruminal inert fat, protected fat and escape fat and are more expensive per unit of energy provided compared to commodity fats. Calcium salts of fatty acids increase milk yield and fat contents but partially degrade in the abomasum. Prill fat, a bypass fat is available in different forms and augments productive performance of lactating animals by getting digested in the small intestine (Sing *et al.*, 2015).

Cereal grains and fats plays an important role as source of energy in the ration of high yielding dairy animals for optimum productivity but due to use of cereals for human consumption and monogastric animals the alternate source of energy in dairy ration is supplemental fat (Saijpaul *et al.*, 2010).

Bypass fat comprises fatty acid associated with calcium ions, instead of a glycerol backbone. When calcium is associated with fatty acids, the fat supplement thus formed is rumen inert. Bypass fat has low solubility in the rumen and is less susceptible to biohydrogenation. However, in abomasum at acidic pH it dissociates and set free fatty acids and calcium for absorption. Feeding bypass fat to early lactating animals increases milk and fat yield and ensures early conception. Keeping this in mind the above revelations an attempt was made to effect of feeding of bypass fat mineral mixture on productive performance and quality of milk of buffaloes in Armori tahsil

## Materials and Methods

The study was carried out in Armori tahsil of Gadchiroli district during the year 2016 – 17 under sanctioned project by the Ministry of

Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology entitled as “Hope generation in livestock owners of tribal area under two blocks of Gadchiroli district through training and demonstration of scientific livestock Management practices” to the Section of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Science College of Agriculture, Nagpur. Five villages from Armori tahsil namely, Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur were randomly selected. The list of buffalo owners was prepared for each village with the help of Gramsevak and Livestock Development officers of Armori Panchayat Samiti. These buffalo owners were contacted from each village and accordingly total buffalo owners contacted were 200 i.e. 40 buffalo owners from each village contacted from Armori tahsil of Gadchiroli dist.

With a view to determining the chemical quality of milk of buffalos from selected villages, milk samples were collected from morning milking of buffalos. The first milk sample from each village per buffalo was collected after the period of colostrum milk period after calving was over. Thereafter, five samples of morning milk were collected at an interval of 5 days. Thus, in all 5 samples per buffalo were collected during each village and used for analysing various constituents of milk. The fat content in the milk during each village was determined by Gerber's method as described in IS: 1224 (part-I), (Anonymous, 1977). SNF content was calculated by using ISI lactometer and Total Solid content was calculated by addition of fat and SNF content in milk.

The data collected in respect of all above parameters were tabulated and subjected to statistical evaluation by adopting the standard technique prescribed by Panse and Sukhatme (1985). To find out mean, standard deviation and coefficient of variation so as to estimate the central value and the extent at variability

in the data. The standard deviation and coefficient of variation was calculated by adopting the following formula.

$$\sigma = \frac{\sqrt{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}}{n}$$

Where,

$\sigma$  = Standard deviation

$X_i$  = Values of the variables

$\bar{X}$  = Mean

N = No. of observation of the series

Coefficient of variation was used to compare the magnitude of relative dispersion among the data of different variations.

S. D.

$$C.V. = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{X}} \times 100$$

Where,

C.V. = coefficient of variation

S.D. = Standard Deviation

$\bar{X}$  = Mean

## Results and Discussion

It is evident from the table 1, that the overall average weekly milk yield of 26 buffaloes over a period of experimental period i.e. upto 12<sup>th</sup> week of lactation was  $46.31 \pm 0.68$  lit before feeding of bypass fat mineral mixture (BFMM). The corresponding figure of weekly average milk yield after supplementation of BFMM was  $59.06 \pm 0.79$  lit.

Maximum milk yield was recorded in Thanegaon village ( $59.28 \pm 0.69$  l.) followed by Deulgaon village ( $59.14 \pm 0.80$  l.), Shivani village ( $59.06 \pm 0.80$  l.), Waghada village ( $58.98 \pm 0.91$  l.) and Akapur village ( $58.87 \pm 0.84$

l), respectively with coefficient of variation 4.04, 4.72, 4.69, 5.33 and 4.90 respectively.

It was observed that average weekly milk yield of buffaloes before supplementation of BFMM was very less as compared the average weekly milk yield of buffaloes supplementation with BFMM over a experimental period.

It was noticed that average weekly milk yield showed inclined performance upto 8<sup>th</sup> week of lactation in overall Armori tahsil. Maximum weekly milk yield recorded in village of Thanegaon ( $59.28 \pm 0.69$  l.) while minimum milk yield recorded in village of Akapur ( $58.87 \pm 0.84$  l.)

After attaining the peak yield, the productive performance found as more or less constant for a period of four weeks i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> week with respect of average weekly milk yield in all selected villages (Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur in Armori tahsil).

It was further noticed that in selected villages peak milk yield did recorded as more or less similar due to supplementation of Bypass fat mineral mixture. Pertaining to average weekly milk yield after supplementation BFMM after attending peak milk yield period, it was noticed that overall average milk yield increases up to 11<sup>th</sup> week of lactation and thereafter declined (59.42 l.) during 12<sup>th</sup> week of lactation over an experimental period.

Garg *et al.*, (2008) reported that feeding by pass fat supplement improved supply of amino acids in the presence of sufficient metabolizable energy, might have also improved the protein –energy balance and created a better balance of precursors for milk synthesis, resulting in increased milk production. The significant improvement in milk production performance could be due to

the increased supply of amino acids at the tissue level. These findings are in line with the present investigation.

Garg *et al.*, (2012) reported that on supplementing with bypass fat alone or with RPC in lactating Jaffarabadi buffaloes, the average increases in milk yield (kg) were 1.26 ( $p<0.05$ ) and 1.55 ( $p<0.01$ ) in groups 2 and 3, as compared to the control.

With increase in the unsaturation of the dominant fatty acids in Ca salts, milk yield increased linearly in early lactation of cow (Chouinard *et al.*, 1998). Supplementation of bypass fat to lactating buffalo not only increases energy intake but also increase unsaturated fatty acid content of buffalo milk and more economic returns to dairy farmers (Parnerkar *et al.*, 2010). Diets containing supplemental fat often stimulate increased milk production because of increased energy intake, improved efficiency of utilization of energy, or both (Maiga and Schingoethe, 1997).

On supplementation of bypass fat in the diet of dairy animals, the milk yield is increased by 5.5-24.0% (Naik *et al.*, 2009b; Tyagi *et al.*, 2009a; Thakur and Shelke, 2010; Sirohi *et al.*, 2010; Gowda *et al.*, 2013; Parnerkar *et al.*, 2011; Wadhwa *et al.*, 2012). It was noticed that average weekly milk yield showed that Bypass fat supplementation at 1.4% of DMI ( $200\text{ g day}^{-1}$ ) increased the milk production and feed efficiency in lactating Murrah buffaloes (Ranjan *et al.*, 2012). There was an improvement of 6.02% in milk yield of early lactating crossbred cows fed  $75\text{ g day}^{-1}$  per animal PF (Rajesh, 2013). Likewise Similar amount of prill fat (PF) feeding to Murrah buffaloes resulted in 10% increase of milk yield in organized herd (Singh *et al.*, 2015). These studies are in line with the result of present study.

**Table.1** Effect of feeding of BFMM on mean weekly milk yield (lit) of buffaloes

Weeks	Selected Villages					Average
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	44.17	43.20	44.25	44.50	43.30	<b>43.88</b>
	(56.26)*	(55.20)	(52.44)	(54.66)	(53.16)	(54.34)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	42.22	42.56	41.70	42.62	41.55	<b>42.13</b>
	(57.24)	(56.35)	(56.42)	(56.75)	(56.10)	(56.57)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	43.50	43.72	43.80	44.15	43.50	<b>43.73</b>
	(58.62)	(57.77)	(58.30)	(58.52)	(57.65)	(58.17)
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	44.27	44.50	44.36	43.86	44.24	<b>44.25</b>
	(56.33)	(56.66)	(56.87)	(56.48)	(57.11)	(56.69)
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	45.23	46.15	45.66	46.21	45.81	<b>45.81</b>
	(57.65)	(56.22)	(57.88)	(56.95)	(57.16)	(57.17)
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	46.25	46.50	46.78	46.25	46.51	<b>46.46</b>
	(58.12)	(58.54)	(58.11)	(58.50)	(57.94)	(58.24)
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	46.26	46.35	47.14	47.25	47.40	<b>46.88</b>
	(59.23)	(59.55)	(59.10)	(58.90)	(59.78)	(59.31)
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	48.55	48.62	48.86	48.25	49.55	<b>48.77</b>
	(63.55)	(64.29)	(64.14)	(63.84)	(62.19)	(63.60)
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	49.28	49.36	49.85	50.11	49.68	<b>49.66</b>
	(62.32)	(61.59)	(61.49)	(62.18)	(62.41)	(62.00)
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	47.51	47.36	47.52	48.11	47.14	<b>47.53</b>
	(62.18)	(62.25)	(63.14)	(62.45)	(62.22)	(62.45)
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	48.57	48.24	48.81	49.14	49.22	<b>48.80</b>
	(60.15)	(60.45)	(60.44)	(61.41)	(61.55)	(60.80)
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	47.45	47.62	47.86	48.17	48.12	<b>47.84</b>
	(59.67)	(59.83)	(59.45)	(58.99)	(59.15)	(59.42)
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>46.11</b>	<b>46.18</b>	<b>46.38</b>	<b>46.55</b>	<b>46.34</b>	<b>46.31</b>
	(59.28)	(59.06)	(58.98)	(59.14)	(58.87)	(59.06)
<b>S.E. (±)</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.68</b>
	(0.69)	(0.80)	(0.91)	(0.80)	(0.84)	(0.79)
<b>C.V.</b>	<b>4.89</b>	<b>4.84</b>	<b>5.29</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>5.81</b>	<b>5.14</b>
	(4.04)	(4.69)	(5.33)	(4.72)	(4.9)	(4.65)

\* Denote Average milky yield after supplementation BFMM

BFMM: By pass Fat Mineral Mixture

**Table.2** Chemical quality of milk in terms of fat % in milk of buffaloes under different selected villages

Sr.	Selected	Fat %		S.E. ( $\pm$ )		C.V.		S.D.	
No.	Villages	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final
1	Thanegaon	7.67	8.15	0.14	0.15	4.18	3.94	0.318	0.324
2	Shivani	7.80	8.17	0.09	0.099	2.58	2.655	0.2	0.217
3	Waghada	7.81	8.30	0.16	0.19	4.59	5.31	0.36	0.445
4	Deulgaon	7.92	8.68	0.06	0.22	1.88	5.66	0.14	0.499
5	Akapur	8.48	8.88	0.30	0.20	7.79	5.248	0.66	0.468
<b>Overall average</b>		<b>7.94</b>	<b>8.44</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.172</b>	<b>4.204</b>	<b>4.563</b>	<b>0.336</b>	<b>0.391</b>

(Mean based on 5 milk samples)

**Table.3** Chemical quality of milk in terms of SNF (solids not fat) % in milk of buffaloes under different selected villages

Sr. No.	Selected	SNF %		S.E. ( $\pm$ )		C.V.		S.D.	
	Villages	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final
1	Thanegaon	9.32	9.44	0.09	0.14	2.2	3.42	0.207	0.329
2	Shivani	9.71	9.54	0.087	0.077	1.9	1.68	0.18	0.16
3	Waghada	9.69	9.62	0.089	0.05	2.071	1.30	0.20	0.123
4	Deulgaon	9.65	9.59	0.084	0.062	1.913	1.494	0.183	0.147
5	Akapur	9.83	9.75	0.04	0.201	1.071	4.727	0.102	0.46
<b>Overall average</b>		<b>9.64</b>	<b>9.59</b>	<b>0.078</b>	<b>0.106</b>	<b>1.831</b>	<b>2.524</b>	<b>0.174</b>	<b>0.244</b>

(Mean based on 5 milk samples)

**Table.4** Chemical quality of milk in terms of TS (Total solid) % in milk of buffaloes under different selected villages

Sr. No.	Selected	TS%		S.E. ( $\pm$ )		C.V.		S.D.	
	Villages	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final	Control	Final
1	Thanegaon	16.98	17.59	0.19	0.2	2.55	2.66	0.44	0.46
2	Shivani	17.51	17.71	0.152	0.107	2.03	1.285	0.35	0.22
3	Waghada	17.5	17.92	0.212	0.164	2.785	2.06	0.489	0.37
4	Deulgaon	17.57	18.27	0.103	0.249	1.358	2.97	0.238	0.54
5	Akapur	18.31	18.63	0.3	0.19	3.75	2.395	0.68	0.44
<b>Overall average</b>		<b>17.57</b>	<b>18.02</b>	<b>0.191</b>	<b>0.182</b>	<b>2.495</b>	<b>2.274</b>	<b>0.439</b>	<b>0.406</b>

(Mean based on 5 milk samples)

### Chemical quality of milk

#### Fat (%)

It is seen from table 2, that the fat percentages in average weekly milk yield in Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur in Armori tahsil with their standard error were

recorded as  $8.15 \pm 0.15$ ,  $8.17 \pm 0.10$ ,  $8.30 \pm 0.19$ ,  $8.68 \pm 0.22$  and  $8.88 \pm 0.20$  per cent, respectively. The overall average fat per cent in milk of buffaloes were recorded as  $8.44 \pm 0.17$  per cent. The result showed that there was the increased in fat percentage in milk of buffaloes after supplementation BFMM, in Armori tahsil, while studying the effect of feeding bypass fat

supplement on milk production and constituents of milk.

Garg *et al.*, 2008 reported that significant effect of supplementing bypass fat on average weekly milk yield in lactating crossbred (HF x Jersey). The fat content increased from  $3.90\pm0.65$  to  $4.33\pm0.58$  ( $p<0.05$ ) crossbred cows supplemented with bypass fat. Likewise significant effect of supplementing bypass fat on milk production and dairy fat yield in Holstein Frisian cows has been reported by past workers (Garg and Mehta 1998 and Garg *et al.*, 2002a).

It is well known that, among all milk components fat is the most sensitive variable to dietary changes. An increase in the proportion of LCFA (C18:1, C18:2, C18:3) takes place due to more uptake of preformed LCFA from blood (Mishra *et al.*, 2004). The supplementation of bypass fat increases milk fat in lactating cows (Fahey *et al.*, 2002; Purushothaman *et al.*, 2008; Rajesh, 2013; Yadav *et al.*, 2015). These findings are in line with the present investigation.

There was significant ( $p<0.001$ ) improvement in milk fat percent and fat yield due to feeding of calcium salt of palm oil fatty acids. The milk fat percent was  $7.75\pm0.02$  in BYFAT group which was more compared to that of  $7.18\pm0.03$  in CON animals (Vahora *et al.*, 2013).

#### **SNF (solids not fat-%)**

It is evident from table 3, that the SNF per cent in milk of buffaloes in selected villages namely, Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur in Armori tahsil were recorded as  $9.44\pm0.14$ ,  $9.54\pm0.08$ ,  $9.62\pm0.05$ ,  $9.59\pm0.06$  and  $9.75\pm0.20$  per cent, respectively. The overall SNF percentage in milk of buffaloes was recorded as  $9.59\pm0.11$  with standard deviation 0.24 and coefficient of variation 2.52. Average maximum SNF per cent ( $9.75\pm0.20\%$ ) was recorded in Akapur village followed by Waghada village ( $9.62\pm0.05\%$ ), Deulgaon ( $9.59\pm0.06\%$ ), Shivani ( $9.54\pm0.08\%$ ), and

Thanegaon ( $9.44\pm0.14\%$ ), respectively. From table 3, the SNF content of milk is not altered by supplementing BFMM to lactating buffaloes. Naik *et al.*, 2009b reported that SNF content of milk of crossbred dairy cows not altered by feeding indigenously prepared rumen protected fat. The present investigation are also in line with Thakur and Shelke, 2010; Sirohi *et al.*, 2010. However, the total SNF yield is increased due to the increase in milk production (Naik *et al.*, 2009b).

#### **TS (Total solids) %**

From table 4, it is seen that the total solid percentage in milk of buffaloes in Thanegaon, Shivani, Waghada, Deulgaon and Akapur in Armori tahsil was as  $17.59\pm0.20$ ,  $17.71\pm0.11$ ,  $17.92\pm0.16$ ,  $18.27\pm0.25$  and  $18.63\pm0.19$  per cent respectively. Average maximum TS per cent ( $18.63\pm0.19\%$ ) was recorded in Akapur village followed by Deulgaon village ( $18.27\pm0.25\%$ ), Waghada village ( $17.92\pm0.16\%$ ), Shivani village ( $17.51\pm0.11\%$ ) and Thanegaon village ( $17.59\pm0.20\%$ ), respectively.

Atkare and Khupse, 2016 reported that feeding of bypass fat mineral mixture fed to lactating crossbred cows have greater milk yield than control feed while pertaining to milk quality they notice that feed supplement was no effect on milk quality but supplementation leads to increase the components in milk such as fat and Total solids while SNF remains unaffected. These findings are supportive to the results of present study.

The present investigation revealed that the chemical composition in terms of fat and TS percentage was significantly affected due to supplementation of Bypass fat mineral mixture. Supplementation of bypass fat improves the energy balance of lactating buffaloes and significantly increase milk volume as well as modify composition of fat and TS of milk in buffaloes on feeding of bypass fat mineral mixture on productive performance and quality of milk of Buffaloes.

SNF percentage in milk of buffaloes remained unaffected by the lactation numbers. Therefore, the results from present study suggested that the buffaloes should be provided feeding of bypass fat mineral mixture (BFMM), quality nutrition and protection from the environmental condition for maintaining calving pattern, rate of milk production in every lactation and chemical quality of milk.

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