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Utilization of Dried Rice Distiller's Grains and Solubles (Rice Cake) on Growth Performance of Growing Male Calves

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ABSTRACT

Thirty two (32) no. of 6 to 9 months of age average body weight 88 kg were brought from a private dairy farm and were grouped into four (4 x 4). The treatment groups calf's diet were formulated on iso-caloric and iso- protein basis with the graded level of inclusion dried rice distillers grains and solubles (DRDGS) @ 0% (TD0), 5% (TD5), 10% (TD10), 15% (TD15) respectively. Both concentrate and roughages were offered as per body weight of calves. Fortnightly feed intake, body weight gain and average daily gain (ADG) were calculated. Feed intake was not significantly ($P>0.90$) differ among treatment groups but the group receiving 5% DRDGS attained highest body weight and the control group attained the least. The average daily gain (ADG) was not affected by dietary supplementation of DRDGS at graded level. The highest ADG was found in TD5 group lowest in control (TD0) group. Overall, the ADG was numerically differ in various experimental groups but statistically not significant ($P>0.07$). Again feed intake per unit gain was highest in TD0 group and better was in TD5 group. The TD10 and TD15 group did not show any significant ($P>0.05$) result. The dry matter, crude protein, crude fiber, N-free extract, neutral detergent fiber and cellulose digestibility was significantly ($P<0.05$) affected by dietary inclusion of graded level of DRDGS in the ration and values were always in higher side but ether extract and hemi-cellulose digestibility was not statistically significant.

Keywords

DRDGS= dried rice distillers grains and soluble, ADG = Average daily gain

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Introduction

In India, livestock rearing is traditional and based on socio-economic considerations (Bhat and Taneja, 1998) due to dearth of enough quality feeds and poor feeding practices. Evidently, feeding alone accounts for about 60-70% of the total cost of raising the stock. Decreasing area under grass lands, combined with an increasing diversion of crop residues for fuel and industrial uses, is creating an

acute shortage of fodder supply for India's livestock. Non-availability of quality fodder in sufficient quantities, in the medium to long term, could negatively affect the health of livestock and, consequently, the production of milk, eggs and meat. However, what has occurred over the past several decades is that the abundance and generally favorable pricing of corn and soybean meal have led to a situation in which other ingredients, which may have been widely studied, have been

largely overlooked. In the south eastern United States, for example, cottonseed meal, peanut meal and local wheat are all deserving of consideration. Other alternative ingredients which may not have been fully considered in the past are the by-products of the biofuel industry, catfish meal and pearl millet.

Now-a-days microbes act as protein producers. Microbes are used as source of food either directly or as a supplement for pisciculture, livestock and poultry feeding. Of all the microbes, yeast has been commercially exploited most, for the production of alcohol, vitamins and more recently single cell protein (Nikerson and Brawn, 1965). Yeast is very rich in protein and has no toxic substance like other microorganisms like bacteria. Yeast has been used as fodder successfully for certain animals such as horses, cows and as for poultry (Rosales, 1984). Although there is significant interest among ethanol producers to find alternative uses for DDGS, the vast majority of this by-product is sold as a feed ingredient for livestock and poultry feeds. The beverage alcohol industry also produces grain by-products in the form of DDGS or brewer's grains. All of these by-products are nutritionally different and have different economic value in various types of animal & poultry feeds. In the U. S. finishing beef cattle have successfully been fed as much as 40% DDGS of ration dry matter as a replacement for corn grain, when corn DDGS to the diet at this level, it is used primarily as an energy source, and supplies more protein and phosphorus than required for finishing feedlot cattle. Feeding DDGS @ 15 to 20% can increase average daily gain in growing cattle consuming both low quality and high quality forages (Loy et. al., 2003; Morris et. al., 2005), but the reason for increased gain is not fully elucidated. Cattle consuming actively growing forages will respond to undegradable intake protein (UIP supplementation) because the protein in the forage is highly degraded in

the rumen (Klopfenstein 1996; Creighton et. al., 2003). Dried distillers grains contain 15 to 20% UIP (DM basis). However, DDG also contains 8 to 12% fat (DM basis). Thus, additional energy may also increase ADG. The relative contributions of these nutrients to the performance of cattle grazing forages remains undocumented, and their reported discoveries are important, because DDGS nutrient compositions will change as the milling industry continues to alter the manner in which it process corn (Table 1).

Keeping the view, the rice distillers grains and soluble (DRDGS), a co-product of ethanol industry from rice, was utilized in growing male calves to study its effect on feed intake, growth performance and nutrient utilization.

Materials and Methods

Animal and experimental design

Thirty two 6-9 months of age (average body weight) were brought from Ganganagar Dairy Farm, Dum Dum to Department of Animal Nutrition for experimental purpose. Upon arrival male calves were fed concentrate & roughage along with few hours grazing for fifteen days of adaptation. After adaptation period the animals were grouped into four, one is control and rests three were treatment. Each group having four animals and distribution of animal in each group was made in such a way that the average body weight of all the groups would be similar. All the animals were kept under uniform management condition by housing them in a well-ventilated shed with facilities of individual feeding & watering. Calves were treated with anthelmintics (Albendazole @ 10mg/kg body weight) before the start of experiment, with 21 days booster recommendation. Thereafter, they are provided at regular interval. They are also treated with external parasites & fungal infection in any. During the adaptation period

all the animals were vaccinated against Haemorrhagic Septicaemia, Black Quarter and Foot and Mouth Disease so as to ensure that all the animals were in apparently healthy condition and free from any disease at the onset of experiment. Male calves were fed individually according to their body weight to fulfill the nutrients requirement as per NRC (2001). Measured quantity of treatment diets were offered at 8.00 am everyday. Chopped straw in measured quantity was given twice a day in equal proportion to fill up the bulk of the rumen. Next day in the morning residual feed was collected if any and weighted for calculating the actual feed intake by each animal. Animals had access to ad libitum clean drinking water during the experimental period. Feed intake was adjusted according to mean body weight of each group as well as each animal of the same group every 15 days during the 105 days of experimental period.

Experimental Grouping:

TD₀ - Male calves supplemented with basal diet without DRDGS

TD₅ - Male calves supplemented with diet containing 5% DRDGS

TD₁₀ - Male calves supplemented with diet containing 10% DRDGS

TD₁₅ - Male calves supplemented with diet containing 15% DRDGS

Digestibility trial for nutrient utilization

A digestibility trial of 7 days was carried out during supplemental period for each group of animal to determine the efficiency of nutrient utilization by dried rice cake. During digestibility trial, each animal was offered with measured amounts of total diet (concentrate and straw) and the residues left after 24 hours were collected and weighed.

The faeces voided were collected separately at 24 hours interval for each animal and the amount was quantified. A small amount (200g) of faeces was kept daily from each animal for estimation of dry matter, and proximate components (except CP). Another small amount (50g) of faeces was preserved daily in glass jar containing measured quantity of 20% (W/V) H₂SO₄ for estimation of CP.

Analysis of feeds and faeces

Estimation of proximate principles viz. CP, CF, EE, NFE and Ash of feeds and faeces were done according to AOAC (1995).

Fiber Fraction

Fiber fraction viz. NDF, ADF, Cellulose and Hemicelluloses of feeds and faeces were done as per the method Van Soest *et al.*, (1991).

Results and Discussion

Effect on feed intake

Fortnightly feed intake (concentrate and roughage) was presented in Table 2 and 3. From the table it has been observed that concentrate and roughage intake by each animal in different experimental groups was not statistically ($P>0.05$) significant irrespective of increased level (0 to 15%) of DRDGS in the ration. Although, the group receiving 5% DRDGS in the ration, consumes less roughage and more concentrate, but the values were not significant ($P>0.05$) statistically.

Again, control group consumed more roughage (91.36 kg) during the entire experiment but result was not linearly or quadratically significant ($P>0.05$). Precisely, fortnightly or total feed intake (roughage & concentrate) was not affected by dietary supplementation of DRDGS.

Larson *et al.*, (1993) reported that feed intake was linearly ($P < 0.01$) decreased when level of wet distiller's was gradually increased in finishing calf trial.

Ham *et al.*, (1994) reported that when ethanol replaced dry rolled corn at 0, 5 or 10%, no linear ($P > 0.10$) or quadratic effect was detected for dry matter intake in a lamb trial.

Similar observation was also reported by Lodge *et al.*, (1997) who used sorghum and corn distillers grains and soluble in finishing yearling and found no significant difference in dry matter intake per day. Al-Suwaiegh *et al.*, (2002) also reported no difference in dry matter intake in yearling finishing steer using wet corn and sorghum distiller grains and soluble at 35.4% of DM in the diets. Martin *et al.*, (2007) found no difference in DM intake by beef heifer receiving dried distillers grain.

Effect on body weight and body weight gain

Fortnightly average body weight (kg), average weight gain (kg) and average daily gain (ADG, in g) were presented in Table 4, 5 and 6. Initial average body weight of TD₀, TD₅, TD₁₀ and TD₁₅ groups were 89.90, 87.13, 88.20 and 87.50 kg respectively and final body weight were 127.13, 134.60, 129.67 and 129.10 kg respectively. From the table it has been noted that TD₅ attained the least body weight. Though the body weights were numerically different but statistically ($P < 0.05$) not significant. Similarly fortnightly average body weight gain in different treatment and control groups were not statistically significant ($P > 0.05$). Although the DDGS supplemented groups (TD₅, TD₁₀ and TD₁₅) gained more body weight but these values were not linearly or quadratically significant ($P > 0.05$).

Average daily gain (ADG) gm/day, on fortnight basis was not affected by dietary

supplementation of DRDGS at graded level. The overall ADG (g/day) on 105 days of growth period were 354.95, 452.09, 394.95 and 396.19 respectively for TD₀, TD₅, TD₁₀ and TD₁₅ respectively. The TD₁₀ and TD₁₅ groups showed almost similar result and TD₅ showed better result.

The highest ADG was found in TD₅ group & the lowest was in control (TDO) group. All the above values did not bring forth any significant difference ($P > 0.05$) among treatment groups as well as with control group.

Daily gain was not affected by increasing graded level of wet distiller's by product as shown by Larson *et al.*, (1993).

Ham *et al.*, (1994) reported no significant (linear or quadratic) difference of ethanol co-product on lamb growth trial when used at 0, 5 or 10% in the ration and no significant ($P > 0.10$) affect in daily gains when averaged across protein levels with different distiller's by product. Lodge *et al.*, (1997) also found no difference in daily gain of yearling finishing cattle using corn and sorghum distiller's grains plus soluble. Al-Suwaiegh *et al.*, (2002) reported more daily gain in yearling finishing steers using corn and sorghum distiller's grains and soluble on wet basis (35.4% of DM) than control group. Martin *et al.*, (2007) observed no difference in final weight or average daily gain in developing beef heifers using dried distiller's grain.

Effect on feed: gain

The feed: gain in growing male calves by feeding graded level of dried rice cake was depicted in Table 7. Feed and weight gain were analyzed as a completely randomized design according to the GLM procedure of SPSS (Version 10.0). Animal was used as the experimental unit in all statistical evaluation.

Table.1 Ingredients & chemical composition of different experimental rations for growing male calves (kg/100 kg ration)

Ingredients	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅
Maize	27.0	28.4	29.3	31.3
Soya-DOC	10.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
MOC	20.0	18.0	13.0	2.2
RDGS	0.0	5.0	10.0	15.0
DORB	40.0	41.6	44.7	48.5
Salt	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Mineral Mixture	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chemical Composition:				
Moisture	9.78	9.81	9.75	9.74
CP (%)	18.83	18.84	18.84	18.85
TDN (%)	66.54	66.54	66.53	66.55
CF (%)	9.27	9.08	8.79	8.37
EE (%)	2.73	2.86	2.81	2.48
NFE (%)	49.48	49.31	49.58	50.2
ADF (%)	16.58	16.21	15.56	14.43
NDF (%)	28.23	27.97	27.31	26.06
Hemi cellulose (%)	11.65	11.76	11.75	11.63
Cellulose (%)	14.21	13.18	12.08	10.92
Ash (%)	9.91	10.10	10.23	10.36
DM (%)	90.22	90.11	90.25	90.26

Table.2 Fortnightly average concentrate intake (kg)/animal by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0-15	28.06	27.20	27.55	27.29	4.05	0.917	0.943
16-30	29.40	29.01	29.22	29.18	4.23	0.982	0.968
31-45	31.26	31.37	31.15	31.11	4.37	0.974	0.986
46-60	32.97	33.24	32.81	32.65	4.57	0.948	0.964
61-75	34.70	35.93	34.63	34.27	4.75	0.905	0.871
76-90	36.29	37.95	36.35	36.07	4.95	0.921	0.850
91-105	38.03	39.83	38.37	38.38	5.04	0.987	0.863

Table.3 Fortnightly average roughage intake (kg)/animal by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0-15	10.93	10.36	10.81	10.89	1.58	0.964	0.842
16-30	11.90	10.76	11.47	11.57	1.59	0.971	0.707
31-45	12.45	12.02	12.18	12.30	1.59	0.970	0.868
46-60	13.09	13.30	12.77	12.85	1.71	0.873	0.971
61-75	13.72	13.71	13.47	13.51	1.73	0.914	0.988
76-90	14.32	14.59	14.30	14.06	1.79	0.897	0.890
91-105	14.95	15.13	14.93	14.94	1.84	0.982	0.960

Table.4 Fortnightly body weight (kg) by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0	89.90	87.13	88.20	87.50	13.05	0.919	0.939
15	94.17	92.93	93.60	93.57	13.58	0.986	0.966
30	100.07	100.60	99.80	99.77	13.99	0.979	0.984
45	105.60	107.53	105.00	104.67	14.65	0.937	0.940
60	111.10	115.13	111.00	109.97	15.21	0.915	0.872
75	116.27	121.70	116.50	115.70	15.82	0.925	0.847
90	121.43	127.27	123.00	123.03	16.26	0.935	0.807
105	127.13	134.60	129.67	129.10	16.57	0.990	0.815

Table.5 Fortnightly body weight gain (kg) by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0-15	4.27	5.80	5.40	6.07	0.817	0.208	0.610
16-30	5.90	7.67	6.20	6.20	0.626	0.845	0.196
31-45	5.53	6.93	5.20	4.90	0.888	0.339	0.403
46-60	5.50	7.60	6.00	5.30	0.900	0.600	0.159
61-75	5.17	6.57	5.57	5.73	0.733	0.840	0.448
76-90	5.16	5.97	6.43	7.33	0.638	0.070	0.743
91-105	5.70	6.93	6.67	6.07	0.696	0.572	0.158

Table.6 Fortnightly average daily gain (g) by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0-15	284.44	386.67	360.00	404.44	54.46	0.208	0.610
16-30	393.33	511.11	413.33	413.33	41.74	0.845	0.196
31-45	377.78	462.22	346.67	326.67	59.18	0.339	0.403
46-60	366.67	506.67	400.00	353.33	60.03	0.600	0.159
61-75	344.44	437.78	371.11	382.22	51.51	0.845	0.448
76-90	366.67	397.78	428.89	488.89	42.51	0.070	0.743
91-105	357.78	462.22	444.44	404.44	46.40	0.572	0.158

Table.7 Fortnightly feed: gain ratio by feeding of sun dried rice cake at graded level (DRDGS) in growing male calves

Day	TD ₀	TD ₅	TD ₁₀	TD ₁₅	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
0-15	9.29	6.37	7.08	6.67	0.91	0.116	0.202
16-30	7.07	5.08	6.54	6.70	0.72	0.915	0.174
31-45	7.84	6.33	8.35	9.01	0.88	0.197	0.255
46-60	8.98	6.07	7.51	8.76	1.08	0.878	0.092
61-75	9.62	7.58	8.65	8.28	0.78	0.424	0.314
76-90	9.84	8.65	7.88	6.79	1.18	0.097	0.968
91-105	10.13	7.84	9.07	9.03	1.22	0.715	0.385

Table.8 Effect on nutrient utilization by feeding graded level of dried Rice cake in growing calves

Particulars	CD0	TD5	TD10	TD15	Pooled SE	Significant Effect of DRDGS	
						Linear	Quadratic
Dry matter							
Intake (kg)	3.319	3.319	3.234	3.248	0.434	0.892	0.461
Outgo (kg)	1.372	1.372	1.301	1.284	0.162	0.796	0.848
Digestibility (%)	58.02	58.55	59.64	60.49	0.589	0.012	0.797
Crude Protein							
Intake (g)	499.84	527.73	512.13	514.89	71.72	0.887	0.835
Outgo (g)	184.36	186.22	177.72	173.52	24.49	0.718	0.904
Digestibility (%)	63.12	65.02	65.15	66.38	0.607	0.007	0.594
Crude Fiber							
Intake (g)	525.85	545.39	525.94	516.37	67.88	0.931	0.815
Outgo (g)	213.85	207.61	190.89	189.87	25.13	0.453	0.920
Digestibility (%)	59.33	61.94	63.77	63.36	0.579	0.001	0.031
Ether Extract							
Intake (g)	96.44	104.80	100.77	92.71	13.47	0.869	0.555
Outgo (g)	30.11	30.06	29.14	26.77	3.89	0.547	0.773
Digestibility (%)	68.77	71.52	71.11	71.21	0.789	0.086	0.132
Nitrogen Free Extract							
Intake (g)	1700.51	1783.76	1743.49	1765.96	234.33	0.869	0.871
Outgo (g)	627.62	640.48	598.54	593.95	75.32	0.547	0.911
Digestibility (%)	63.08	64.14	65.55	66.26	0.507	0.086	0.739
Neutral Detergent Fiber							
Intake (g)	1442.35	1496.58	1445.46	1417.14	187.89	0.955	0.797
Outgo (g)	557.41	576.39	526.62	510.77	69.90	0.561	0.810
Digestibility (%)	61.34	61.73	63.53	63.91	0.465	0.002	0.992
Acid Detergent Fiber							
Intake (g)	861.59	892.68	855.86	829.04	111.29	0.855	0.782
Outgo (g)	447.78	445.79	414.75	402.81	52.09	0.496	0.926
Digestibility (%)	48.02	50.07	51.59	51.42	0.214	0.000	0.001
Hemi cellulose							
Intake (g)	573.58	603.89	589.51	588.10	76.59	0.900	0.820
Outgo (g)	111.53	122.42	111.87	107.96	15.32	0.764	0.642
Digestibility (%)	80.56	79.99	80.85	81.51	0.767	0.310	0.446
Cellulose							
Intake (g)	758.12	750.99	721.71	693.67	88.45	0.667	0.879
Outgo (g)	313.47	300.11	278.83	269.05	32.49	0.319	0.958
Digestibility (%)	58.66	60.00	61.35	61.24	0.340	0.000	0.066

From the table it has been revealed that feed intake per unit of gain was highest in control (TD₀) group followed by TD₁₀, TD₁₅ and TD₅ i.e. the performance was better in group receiving 5% dried rice cake in ration and the poor result was seen in control group. The groups receiving 10% and 15% dried rice cake in experimental diets showed almost similar result. The results as fortnightly or as a whole was not statistically significant (P>0.05), though in all the groups showed numerically variable results.

Larson *et al.*, (1993) used wet distillers byproducts @0, 5.2, 12.6 and 40% of DM in finishing ruminant and showed no significant (P=0.61) effect on gain: feed at 45th day but significant (P=0.01) effect at the end of (105 days) trial. Ham *et al.*, (1994) reported no significant effect (P>0.05) on gain: feed on finishing cattle using low, medium and high quality DDGS. Lodge *et al.*, (1997) used wet and dry sorghum distiller's grains plus soluble in finishing cattle and found better feed: gain in dry distillers grains than that of wet distiller's grain. Similar observation was also reported by Al-Suwaiegh *et al.*, (2002) where they used wet corn and sorghum distiller's grains and soluble resulted improved gain: feed efficiency in yearling finishing steer.

Nutrient utilization through digestibility trial by feeding dried rice cake at graded level in growing calves

A digestibility trial was conducted in growing calves by feeding graded level of dried rice cake to evaluate the nutrient utilization. The digestibility of nutrients namely dry matter (DM), crude protein (CP), crude fiber (CF), ether extract (EE), nitrogen free extract (NEF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), neutral detergent fiber (NDF), cellulose and hemicellulose was present in Table 8. From the table it was found that DM, CP, CF, and NFE digestibility were differed significantly

(P<0.05) on linear basis but there was no linear (P=0.086) or quadratic (P=0.132) effect on EE digestibility. Again NDF, ADF and cellulose digestibility were varied significantly (P<0.05) by dietary treatment of dried rice cake but there was no significant (P>0.05) change in hemi cellulose digestibility. The digestibility of nutrients in treatment groups always towards the higher side. The increased CP, CF, NFE, ADF, NDF and cellulose utilization in sun dried rice cake supplemented groups may be due to presence of higher concentration of live yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) which alters the rumen fermentation (Carro *et al.*, 1992).

The present findings corroborated with the findings of Peter *et al.*, (2000), Birkelo *et al.*, (2004) and Morghany *et al.*, (2005) who showed positive effect of ADF, NDF, cellulose and hemicellulose and CF digestibility by feeding wet corn distillers grain or live yeast supplementation. Again, Harrison *et al.*, (1988) reported no significant improvement in apparent nutrient digestibility by feeding yeast culture in lactating cows. The similar observation was also reported by Hannah *et al.*, (1990), Arambel *et al.*, (1990) and Ham *et al.*, (1994). Again the contrary observation also reported by Lodge *et al.*, (1997) who observed lower organic matter, true and apparent nitrogen digestibility in lambs by feeding wet sorghum or corn distillers grain in lamb.

Feed intake was not affected by dietary supplementation of DRDGS. The final average body weights in different experimental groups were numerically better but statistically not significant. The same trend was also noticed in case of ADG. Effect on feed: gain either fortnightly or cumulative was not significant among various experimental groups. The better digestibility of organic nutrients was found in DRDGS treatment groups.

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